



# Trinity River mainstem redd survey update

## 09/20/2013

The [Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office](#) along with the [California Department of Fish and Wildlife](#), [Yurok Tribal Fisheries Program](#), [Hoopa Valley Tribal Fisheries Department](#), and [Shasta-Trinity National Forest](#) survey the mainstem Trinity River to recover salmonid carcasses and count and map Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) redds. The distribution of Chinook salmon redds is expected to change in response to rehabilitation efforts of the [Trinity River Restoration Program](#), and the relative run size of natural vs. [Trinity River Hatchery](#) origin fish. Redd and carcass surveys are conducted weekly on the River between [Lewiston Dam](#) and the North Fork Trinity River (Reaches 1 through 7), and are conducted every other week on the Reaches downstream of the North Fork Trinity River ([link to map](#)).

This update provides preliminary data on 2013 redd observations encountered and entered into our database as of 09/19/2013 (Table 1). Figure 1 compares preliminary 2013 cumulative redd counts for Reaches 1-10 with the previous 10 years (2002-2012). Redds constructed by Chinook and coho salmon are not differentiated. Numbers are later adjusted for Chinook salmon of hatchery and natural origin using carcass data.

**Table 1. Preliminary count of redds by logistic reach for the fall 2013 mainstem Trinity River redd survey. “NS” = not surveyed. Reach 8 and reach 11 not surveyed due to whitewater (Pigeon Point Run and Burnt Ranch Gorge). These data are preliminary and subject to revision.**

Week start	Reach														Total	
	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14		
09/02	1															1
09/09	0	0	0	0	1	0	0									1
09/16	2	0	16	7	10	0	0		0	0						35
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<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>									<b>37</b>



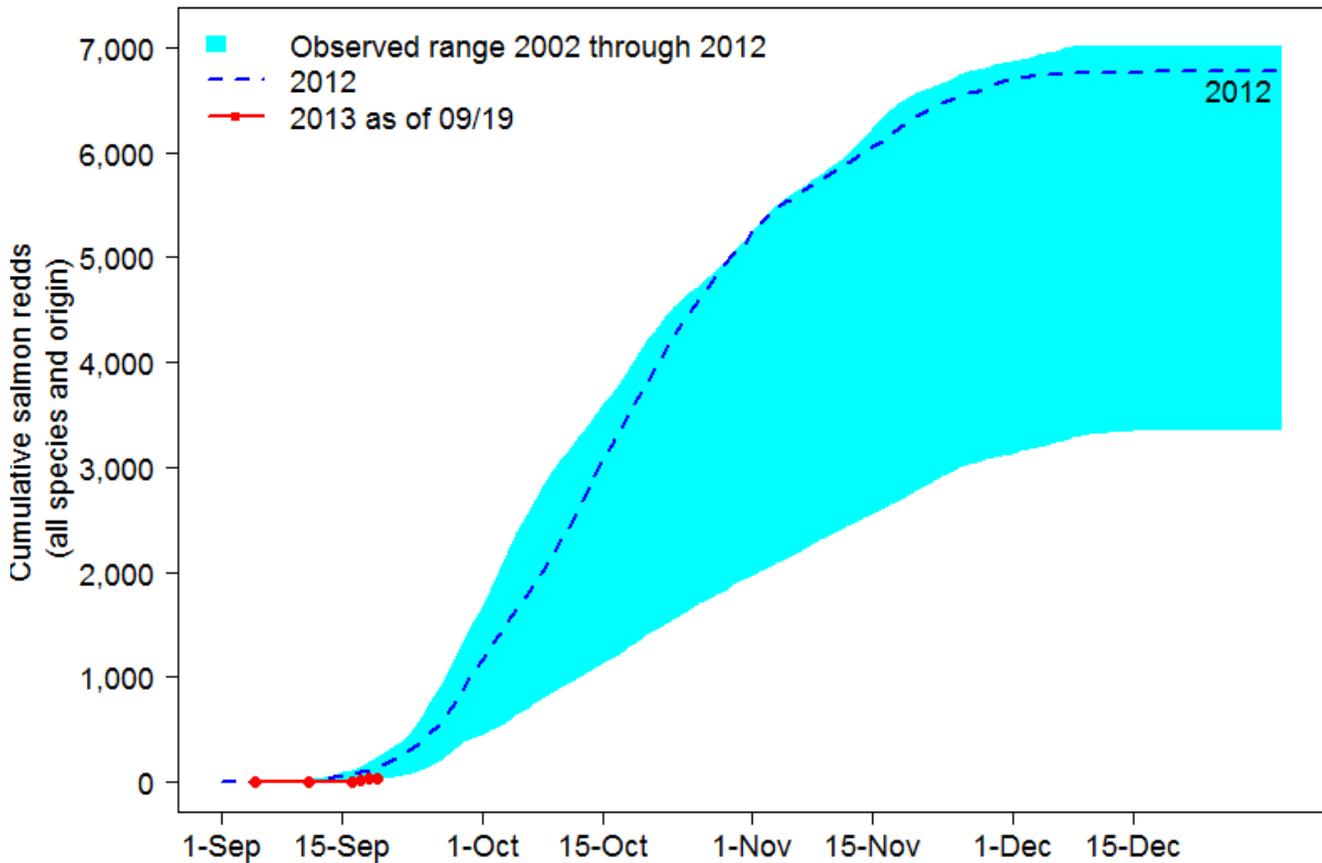


Figure 1. Comparison of fall 2013 cumulative Trinity River mainstem redd counts (Chinook and coho salmon) from Lewiston Dam to Cedar Flat as of 09/19/2013 to counts in 2012 and the range of years 2002-2012 (minus the Pigeon Point Run/Reach 8).

A Keyhole Markup Language file has been created to view redd distribution data with Google Earth.

[Redds\\_2013\\_through\\_09\\_19.kml](#)  
 (last modified September 19, 2013)

If Google Earth fails to launch automatically, the file can be used by first saving it to your computer then launching the Google Earth application. Select the menu option **File, Open**, locate the downloaded file (Redds\_2013\_through\_09\_19.kml); and click the **Open** button.

Note: Background imagery in Google Earth is sometimes not projected with perfect accuracy. Redd locations may appear to be mapped on dry ground in those cases when viewed with Google Earth, but they are indeed in the water! Likewise, the river has changed since the most recently available Google Earth imagery.

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