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1. INTRODUCTION

Coded-wire tagging is widely used in New Zealand for monitoring returns at maturity of hatchery reared juvenile salmon (Unwin, Lucas and Gough 1987). The tags used are miniature lengths (1.25 mm) of fine stainless steel wire, engraved with a binary code, which are injected into the nose cartilage of the young fish. Since the tag cannot be seen externally, tagged fish are also marked by removal of the adipose fin, so returning adults can be readily identified by anglers, hatchery staff etc.

Most coded-wire tagging is carried out by MAF Fisheries, which holds two of the three tagging machines in the country. MAF also processes all tags recovered from anglers, commercial fishing vessels, surveys of spawning areas etc., as well as returns to most commercial salmon farms. The one exception is the New Zealand Salmon Company, which owns the other tagging machine and which conducts its own tag-recovery programme for salmon returning to the Coleridge and Tent Burn hatcheries. To encourage the return of tags from anglers and the general public, MAF provides a network of "Head Depots" throughout the South Island, and administers an annual lottery with a \$1000 first prize awarded to an angler drawn at random from those who have returned a tagged head over the previous year.

This report provides a summary of coded-wire tag returns and releases over the period 1 August 1989 to 30 July 1990. These include details of all tag releases and recoveries by MAF or by salmon angling interests (Acclimatisation Societies, N Z Salmon Anglers etc.). However, for releases conducted by commercial salmon farms, returns to the individual farms are not included. These data are held by MAF but, for reasons of business confidentiality, are not made available to the general public. For farms such as Tent Burn, which saw the return of approximately 25 000 salmon this season, the tag data given here represent only a small percentage of the total returns.

Throughout this report, two figures are given for tag return data. These are N , the number of tags actually recovered, and N_{ext} , the total number of returning fish for releases which included both tagged and untagged salmon. For these releases, N_{ext} represents the extrapolated return assuming the survival of the untagged fish to have been the same as for the tagged fish. Approximate 95% confidence limits have been estimated where possible. Details of the calculations involved are given by Unwin, Lucas and Gough (1987), and Unwin and Lucas (1988).

2. THE 1990 TAG RECOVERY SEASON

2.1 Tag Recoveries

A total of 793 salmon heads from the 1989/90 season were received at the tagging laboratory (Table 1). Tags were recovered from 724 heads, while 69 failed to show a tag on an X-ray and were recorded as having lost their tag.

Although the percentage tag loss varies substantially according to the mode of recovery, the figure for hatchery recoveries (6.9%) is likely to be the most accurate. A further 9 tags were lost during recovery, leaving a total of 715 which were examined and de-coded. No allowance has been made for lost tags when computing N_{ext} , so that these estimates should be increased by 6.9%.

The 715 recovered tags were from 16 release locations on 10 catchments (Table 2). The main contributions were from Glenariffe, Tent Burn, Silverstream, the Rangitata Salmon Ranch, and the Otago Harbour releases. Allowing for untagged fish, the recoveries represent an estimated $8\ 100 \pm 1000$ salmon of hatchery origin. Table 2 also emphasises the very high "expansion factor" associated with releases from Tent Burn, with each tagged salmon representing over 40 untagged fish.

The returns were dominated by two and three year old fish (Table 3), with four year old tags accounting for only 7% of the recoveries. The apparent recovery of a tag from a six year old fish (taken by a commercial trawler off Banks Peninsula) is almost certainly an error. Such errors have occurred previously when a tagged head has lain in an angler's freezer for one or more years before being handed in to the tagging laboratory. It has not been possible to confirm if this could have happened in the present instance. However, given that over 30 000 tags have now been examined over the last ten years, the prospect of one six year old fish turning up cannot be ruled out completely. In the absence of any way to settle this point, the record has been left to stand.

Anglers accounted for nearly two thirds of the recovered tags (Table 4), although the inclusion of data for tagged fish returning to Tent Burn would reduce this figure substantially. The relatively low number of tags recovered from sea-caught salmon is disappointing. Although some commercial skippers are happy to cooperate with MAF by handing in tags, attitudes within the industry have hardened since the introduction of the closed area off Banks Peninsula, and many tags are undoubtedly lost as a result. The reported 1989/90 by-catch of 11.1 tonnes represents approximately 3000 fish, of which a high proportion (at least 90%) are believed to have been of hatchery origin. The 760 ± 330 hatchery fish estimated to have been recovered represent only 20-30% of this total.

Tagged salmon caught in Otago Harbour accounted for 30% of the recoveries (Table 5). Taking untagged fish into account, however, the largest contributions came from the Rakaia River, followed by the Waimakariri and Rangitata rivers. Recoveries for these three rivers are summarised further in Table 6.

2.2 Brood Year Returns

Returns for all non-commercial releases from the 1986 to 1988 brood years are summarised in Table 7. With a few exceptions, most notably the Otago harbour

releases, the returns are disappointing. Returns for the 1986 brood year are now complete (excluding any five year old fish returning in 1991). Of the fish released from Glenariffe, only one batch (code 63/40/63, released on 19 June 1987 at a mean weight of 91 g) yielded a return exceeding 1%. The June releases produced an average survival of 0.92%, but three further groups released on 11 August 1987 produced a combined return of only 0.15%. By contrast, the two Otago Harbour releases from the 1986 brood year yielded returns of 4.2% and 3.8%

Similar results apply to the 1987 brood year returns. With four year old fish still to come, all three Otago Harbour releases have achieved a return exceeding 5%, with one group (released at Portobello) reaching 8.4%. Few other releases have exceeded 1%. Returns from Glenariffe releases are currently averaging 0.49%, although one of the main production releases (code 63/38/17) has so far yielded 1.18%, and contributed over 600 untagged fish to Glenariffe this year. The two age-cross experimental groups have performed poorly, to the extent that any differences in the age structure of the returning adults would be impossible to pick out.

Of the 1987 brood transfer releases, only the August 1988 Glenariffe - Silverstream transfer (code 63/41/07) has exceeded 1%. An earlier release in February 1988, comprising fish incubated and reared at Silverstream (code 63/27/03), has so far produced a return of only 0.12%.

Although only two year old fish have returned so far from the 1988 brood releases, the results follow much the same pattern as the 1986 and 1987 brood returns. The three Otago Harbour releases are well ahead of the remainder, with an average return of 0.73%. The two Glenariffe to Silverstream transfers (codes 63/39/19 and 63/39/24) and the Lyttelton Harbour transfer (code 63/38/62) are the only other releases for which the return currently exceeds 0.1%. As always, it is not advisable to draw too many conclusions from returns of two year olds (e.g., compare codes 63/27/03 and 63/41/07 from the 1987 brood year releases), but there is at present no reason to expect the 1988 brood to be any more successful than 1986 or 1987.

2.3 Tag Lottery

The continuing success of the Otago Harbour releases has prompted some changes to the lottery and reward system for tagged salmon. Up to 1989, all salmon caught at sea were entered into a separate marine lottery, with a \$5 reward paid for every fish. To reduce the costs to MAF (440 tagged salmon were caught in Otago Harbour last season), we decided to enter all angler caught tagged salmon into the same lottery irrespective of where they were caught. This is much simpler to administer, and leaves the marine lottery free for what it was originally intended for - tagged fish of any species caught at sea by commercial fishers. Under the new system, angler caught salmon from

places such as Lyttelton, Timaru Harbour, Moeraki, and Otago Harbour, will all go into the angler lottery.

A total of 463 fish were eligible for this years lottery, including eight late returns from the 1988/89 season. The \$1000 first prize was won by Mr A Duncan of Ashburton, for a three year old ex Glenariffe salmon (tag code 63/39/58) caught at the Rakaia mouth. Rather surprisingly, the list of winning fish did not include any from Tent Burn (Table 8).

MAF extends its thanks to all anglers who supported the tagging programme by looking for and recovering tagged fish.

2.4 Tag Releases

Tag release data for the 1989 brood year are summarised in Table 9. The table includes all releases for the 1990 season, with the exception of those from the Tent Burn and Coleridge hatcheries (for which data are not yet available).

Overall, these releases amount to 886 000 fish, of which 140 000 (15.9%) were tagged. This is equivalent to an average "expansion factor" of about 6:1. Releases from Glenariffe totalled 542 000, of which 66 000 (12.1%) were tagged. Transfers to Silverstream, the Rangitata River, and the Opihi River amounted to 135 000 fish, of which 25 000 (18.9%) were tagged. This discrepancy arose because fish scheduled for release at Glenariffe were diverted to other release points during the course of the season. Ideally, at least 15%, and preferable 20%, of the fish released from Glenariffe should be tagged.

3. DISCUSSION

Compared to the returns of a few years ago, from the 1981-1983 brood years, tag returns for 1990 continue the poor results which have been apparent since about 1986 (Table 10, Fig. 1). These results are significant because they are based only on tag returns to Glenariffe, and so are not affected by any possible non-reporting of tags from anglers, commercial fishing vessels, or spawning surveys. Returns of 2-year olds are particularly disappointing, and do not augur well for the 1991 season.

As always, the extent to which tag recoveries are under-reported is difficult to gauge. For salmon at sea, the estimated recovery rate of 20% - 30% is a maximum figure, based on the assumption that landings did not exceed the official figure of 11.1 tonnes. The recovery rate from anglers is also a matter for some speculation, bearing in mind that it may well vary from district to district. For example, the relatively high recovery rate for the Rangitata River suggests that South Canterbury anglers may be more conscientious about handing in tags than their North Canterbury counterparts.

An informal survey of about 200 randomly chosen North Canterbury anglers (conducted by Jennifer Lucas), together with an equally informal survey of head depot operators, suggests that between 60% and 70% of salmon anglers are aware of the tagging programme. This is equivalent to a "non-awareness" factor of between 30% and 40%, and is an obvious area where improvement is needed. The introduction of a tagging brochure to be issued with 1990/91 angling licences sold in Canterbury, Otago, and the West Coast, should help significantly in this respect.

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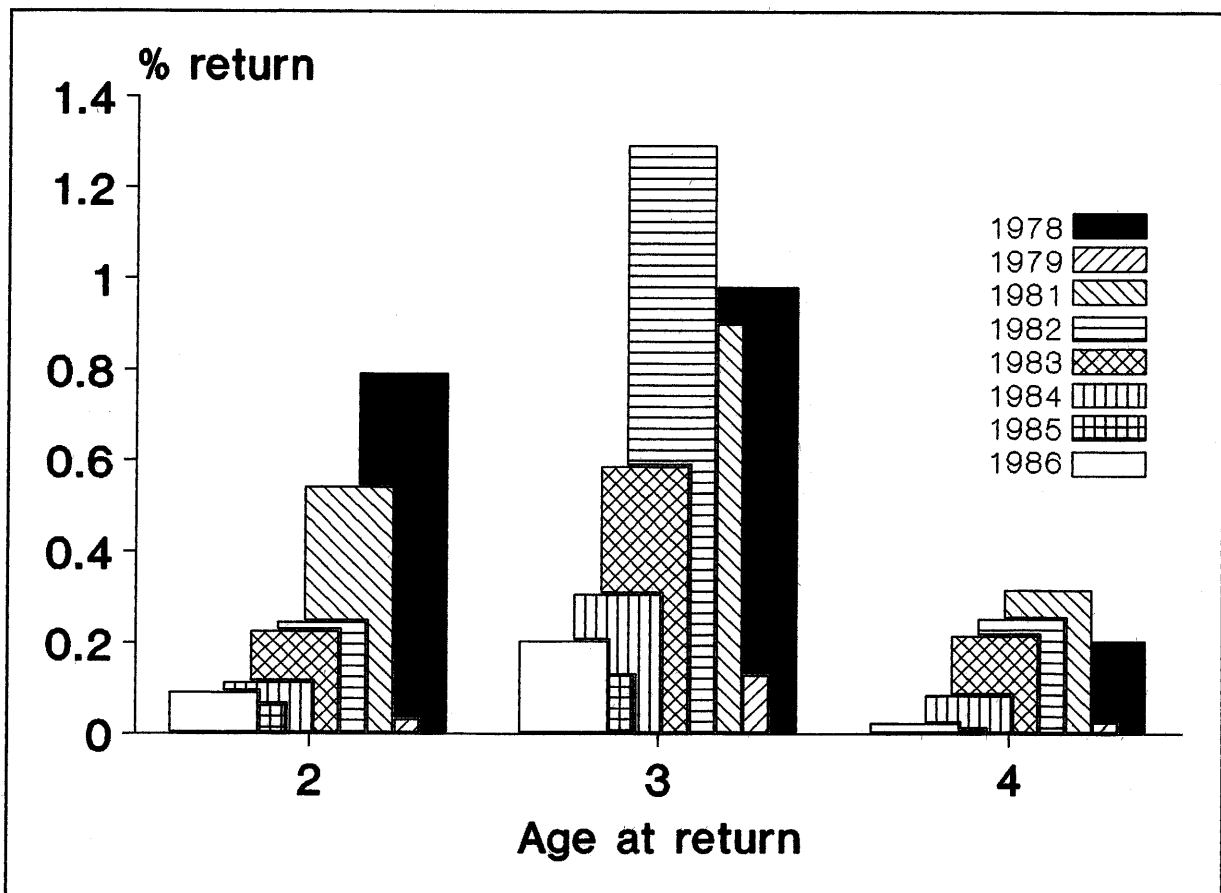


Figure 1. Returns of tagged salmon to Glenariffe by age and brood year, based on the data in Table 10.

Table 1. Salmon heads received at the tagging laboratory by method of recovery, 1989/90.

| Method of recovery | Heads examined | Tags recovered | Lost during recovery | No tag found | % tag loss |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------|------------|
| Hatchery | 217 | 200 | 2 | 15 | 6.9 |
| Angler | 512 | 455 | 7 | 50 | 9.8 |
| Carcase | 15 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 26.7 |
| By-catch | 49 | 49 | 0 | - | - |
| Total | 793 | 715 | 9 | 69 | 8.7 |

Table 2. 1989/90 tag returns by origin.

| Catchment | Release location | N | N _{ext} |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-----|------------------|
| Kahutara River | Mahunga Salmon Farm | 11 | 89 ± 53 |
| Waimakariri River | Silverstream Hatchery | 72 | 528 ± 137 |
| | Cora Lynn Swamp | 19 | 23 ± 13 |
| | Winding Creek | 18 | 51 ± 29 |
| Avon River | | 2 | 2 - |
| Lyttelton Harbour | | 9 | 19 ± 12 |
| Tent Burn Hatchery | | 78 | 3272 ± 854 |
| Rakaia River | Glenariffe Hatchery | 160 | 2393 ± 431 |
| | Coleridge Hatchery | 36 | 500 ± 167 |
| | Lake Coleridge | 15 | 41 ± 24 |
| Rangitata River | Rangitata Salmon Ranch | 51 | 131 ± 36 |
| | 1989 enhancement release | 4 | 19 ± 19 |
| Newhaven, Waitaki | | 1 | 11 ± - |
| Otago Harbour | Inner harbour | 65 | 384 ± 95 |
| | Leith Stream | 65 | 307 ± 77 |
| | Portobello | 92 | 244 ± 50 |
| Waitahuna River | | 17 | 77 ± 37 |
| Total | | 715 | 8092 ± 994 |

Table 3. 1989/90 tag recoveries by age.

| Age | N | N _{ext} |
|-------|-------------|------------------|
| 2 | 170 (23.8%) | 1027 ± 313 |
| 3 | 488 (68.2%) | 6227 ± 837 |
| 4 | 53 (7.4%) | 820 ± 433 |
| 5 | 3 (0.4%) | 17 ± 24 |
| 6 | 1 (0.1%) | 1 - |
| Total | 715 | 8092 ± 994 |

Table 4. 1989/90 tag recoveries by method of capture.

| How caught | N | N _{ext} |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| Angler | 455 (63.6%) | 4690 ± 821 |
| Hatchery | 200 (30.0%) | 2578 ± 451 |
| By-catch | 49 (6.8%) | 760 ± 327 |
| Spawning survey | 11 (1.5%) | 63 ± 57 |
| Total | 715 | 8092 ± 994 |

Table 5. 1989/90 coded-wire tag recoveries by river/area caught.

| River | N | N _{ext} |
|-------------------|-----|------------------|
| Kahutara | 9 | 73 ± 48 |
| Hurunui | 6 | 81 ± 73 |
| Waimakariri | 124 | 1374 ± 414 |
| Avon | 1 | 1 - |
| Lyttelton Harbour | 5 | 9 ± 8 |
| Tent Burn | 12 | 430 ± 305 |
| Rakaia | 159 | 2894 ± 586 |
| Lake Coleridge | 16 | 71 ± 63 |
| Rangitata | 85 | 1122 ± 415 |
| Orari | 3 | 161 ± 248 |
| Opihi | 1 | 3 - |
| Waitaki | 5 | 29 ± 28 |
| Otago Harbour | 214 | 965 ± 158 |
| Clutha | 17 | 74 ± 36 |
| At sea | 58 | 806 ± 329 |
| Total | 715 | 8092 ± 994 |

Table 6. 1989/90 coded-wire tag recoveries for the Waimakariri, Rakaia, and Rangitata rivers, by method of recovery and release location.

| Waimakariri River | | | | | | |
|-------------------|--------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Release location | Angler | | Method of recovery Silverstream | | Spawning survey | |
| | N | N _{ext} | N | N _{ext} | N | N _{ext} |
| Silverstream | 28 | 194 ± 83 | 37 | 310 ± 107 | 2 | 10 ± 14 |
| Winding Creek | 8 | 20 ± 18 | 6 | 26 ± 22 | 2 | 2 ± 3 |
| Cora Lynn | 15 | 19 ± 12 | - | - | 3 | 3 ± 3 |
| Lyttelton Harbour | - | - | 1 | 2 ± 4 | 1 | 2 ± 4 |
| Tent Burn | 12 | 584 ± 360 | 4 | 133 ± 132 | - | - |
| Glenariffe | 3 | 38 ± 49 | - | - | - | - |
| Coleridge | 2 | 29 ± 41 | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 68 | 884 ± 376 | 48 | 471 ± 171 | 8 | 17 ± 15 |

| Rakaia River | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Release location | Angler | | Method of recovery Glenariffe | | Spawning survey | |
| | N | N _{ext} | N | N _{ext} | N | N _{ext} |
| Tent Burn | 10 | 492 ± 379 | 3 | 129 ± 149 | 1 | 14 ± 28 |
| Glenariffe | 20 | 347 ± 172 | 108 | 1716 ± 369 | 2 | 32 ± 47 |
| Coleridge | 6 | 93 ± 77 | 4 | 55 ± 54 | - | - |
| Rangitata Salmon Ranch | - | - | 4 | 10 ± 10 | - | - |
| Rangitata enhancement | - | - | 1 | 5 ± 9 | - | - |
| Total | 36 | 932 ± 423 | 120 | 1915 ± 402 | 3 | 46 ± 55 |

| Rangitata River | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|------------------|--|------------------|--|--|
| Release location | Angler | | Method of recovery Rangitata Salmon | | | |
| | N | N _{ext} | N | N _{ext} | | |
| Glenariffe | 5 | 29 ± 29 | - | - | | |
| Coleridge | 20 | 275 ± 122 | 1 | 15 ± 29 | | |
| Tent Burn | 13 | 621 ± 381 | 2 | 70 ± 97 | | |
| Rangitata Salmon Ranch | 21 | 54 ± 23 | 23 | 59 ± 24 | | |
| Total | 59 | 979 ± 402 | 26 | 144 ± 104 | | |

Table 7. Release and return data for all non-commercial coded-wire tag releases, 1986-1988 brood years.

| 1986 Brood Year | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|-----|---|-------|------|
| Released by | Description | Tag code | Release weight(g) | Release date | Number tagged | Number recovered | | | | % |
| | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total | |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/40/59 | 22 | 11/08/87 | 5194 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0.06 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/40/60 | 42 | 11/08/87 | 4770 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 0.17 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/40/61 | 47 | 19/06/87 | 5180 | 9 | 31 | 4 | 44 | 0.85 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/40/62 | 74 | 19/06/87 | 5059 | 12 | 28 | 4 | 44 | 0.87 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/40/63 | 91 | 19/06/87 | 4961 | 24 | 35 | 4 | 63 | 1.27 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/41/04 | 86 | 19/06/87 | 4948 | 15 | 16 | 3 | 34 | 0.69 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/41/05 | 83 | 11/08/87 | 5054 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 12 | 0.24 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe precocious males | 63/45/01 | - | 16/07/87 | 501 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| Westland A.S. | Lake Mapourika | 63/40/33 | 48 | 11/03/87 | 5020 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 20 | 0.40 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Inner harbour release | 63/40/28 | 40 | 8/07/87 | 5203 | 87 | 124 | 8 | 219 | 4.21 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Portobello release | 63/41/06 | 50 | 1/08/87 | 5157 | 95 | 98 | 4 | 197 | 3.82 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Waitahuna River | 63/46/01 | 35 | 27/05/87 | 2341 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 0.43 |
| 1987 Brood Year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Released by | Description | Tag code | Release weight(g) | Release date | Number tagged | Number recovered | | | | % |
| | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total | |
| MAF Fisheries | Silverstream production release | 63/27/03 | 70 | 25/02/88 | 5102 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0.12 |
| MAF Fisheries | Silverstream transfer | 63/41/07 | 52 | 3/08/88 | 5030 | 3 | 50 | 0 | 53 | 1.05 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/38/17 | 70 | 28/06/88 | 5184 | 22 | 39 | 0 | 61 | 1.18 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/52 | 50 | 22/03/88 | 4987 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 0.16 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/54 | 56 | 14/07/88 | 5536 | 13 | 20 | 0 | 33 | 0.60 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/55 | 35 | 2/08/88 | 5022 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 11 | 0.22 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/58 | 46 | 2/08/88 | 5051 | 7 | 21 | 0 | 28 | 0.55 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe 4 x 4 cross | 63/39/56 | 61 | 2/08/88 | 5162 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 18 | 0.35 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe 3 x 4 cross | 63/39/57 | 34 | 2/08/88 | 4083 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 13 | 0.32 |
| NZSA (Canty.) | Avon River enhancement | 63/39/51 | - | - | 5106 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0.08 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Leith Stream release | 63/37/46 | 80 | 27/06/88 | 1939 | 53 | 51 | 0 | 104 | 5.36 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Dunedin wharf release | 63/49/01 | 80 | 30/06/88 | 2029 | 70 | 33 | 0 | 103 | 5.08 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Portobello release | 63/48/01 | 85 | 23/07/88 | 2002 | 91 | 78 | 0 | 169 | 8.44 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Waitahuna River release | 63/50/01 | 80 | 23/06/88 | 2086 | 9 | 13 | 0 | 22 | 1.05 |
| NCAS | Cora Lynn transfer | 63/37/12 | 47 | 23/08/88 | 5059 | 4 | 18 | 0 | 22 | 0.43 |
| NCAS | Lake Coleridge transfer | 63/39/53 | 80 | 14/07/88 | 5000 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 9 | 0.18 |
| NCAS | Winding Creek transfer | 63/37/11 | 43 | 23/08/88 | 5218 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0.19 |
| NCAS | Winding Creek transfer | 63/38/09 | 43 | 2/03/88 | 5111 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 14 | 0.27 |
| 1988 brood year | | | | | | | | | | |
| Released by | Description | Tag code | Release weight(g) | Release date | Number tagged | Number recovered | | | | % |
| | | | | | | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total | |
| MAF Fisheries | Silverstream transfer | 63/39/19 | 53 | 23/06/89 | 5033 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.18 |
| MAF Fisheries | Silverstream transfer (held) | 63/39/24 | 51 | 9/06/89 | 5154 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.15 |
| MAF Fisheries | Lyttelton Harbour release | 63/38/62 | 57 | 26/07/89 | 5479 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.16 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/38/39 | 51 | 27/03/89 | 10020 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.05 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/38/55 | 43 | 27/03/89 | 4995 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.04 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/38/56 | 44 | 27/03/89 | 5144 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/38/58 | 43 | 27/03/89 | 5197 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.02 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/38/61 | 54 | 31/05/89 | 4795 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/06 | 59 | 31/05/89 | 9610 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.03 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/08 | 59 | 13/08/89 | 10061 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.07 |
| MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe production release | 63/39/21 | 48 | 31/05/89 | 10247 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| MAF Fisheries | Coleridge transfer (triploids) | 63/37/47 | 60 | 3/05/89 | 7348 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.09 |
| Peacock Springs | Avon River release | 63/39/04 | 20 | 18/03/89 | 4688 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.02 |
| NZ Salmon/NCAS | Upper Waimakariri enhancement | 63/38/50 | 51 | 4/05/89 | 4900 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.02 |
| NCAS | Winding Creek transfer | 63/39/20 | 48 | 15/06/89 | 5120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| AAS/SCAS | Rangitata enhancement | 63/38/14 | 48 | 22/03/89 | 9531 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.04 |
| Waitaki comp. | Waitaki fishing competition | 63/38/10 | 36 | 22/04/89 | 3019 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |
| NZSA (Otago) | Dunedin wharf release | 63/36/50 | 56 | 20/07/89 | 3272 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0.73 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Leith Stream release | 63/38/15 | 64 | 10/07/89 | 2069 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0.68 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Portobello release | 63/37/31 | 68 | 13/07/89 | 1221 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0.82 |
| NZSA (Otago) | Waitahuna River release | 63/37/43 | 45 | 5/05/89 | 2178 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - |

Table 8. 1990 coded-wire tag lottery winners.

| 1st prize of \$1000 | Tag code | Year released | Release funded by | Where released | Where caught |
|------------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Mr A. Duncan, Ashburton | 63/39/58 | 1988 | MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe | Rakaia River mouth |
| Four 2nd prizes of \$100 | | | | | |
| Mr M. Finnerty, Dunedin | 63/37/46 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Leith Stream | Otago Harbour (entrance) |
| Mr F. Mitchell, Dunedin | 63/40/28 | 1987 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Dunedin wharfs | Portobello |
| Mr A. Wilson, Dunedin | 63/37/31 | 1989 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Portobello | Otago Harbour, city wharfs |
| Mr J. Yee, Dunedin | 63/49/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Dunedin wharfs | Port Chalmers |
| Twenty 3rd prizes of \$20 | | | | | |
| Mr B. Ashwell, Dunedin | 63/48/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Portobello | Portobello wharf |
| Mr R. Attridge, Christchurch | 63/39/53 | 1988 | MAF Fisheries/NCAS | Lake Coleridge | Harper River mouth |
| Mr G. Brown, Dunedin | 63/37/46 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Leith Stream | Otago Harbour (entrance) |
| Mr R. Christie, Christchurch | 63/41/07 | 1988 | MAF Fisheries | Silverstream Hatchery | Waimakariri River mouth |
| Mr P. Cooper, Kaiapoi | 63/39/19 | 1989 | MAF Fisheries | Silverstream Hatchery | Kaiapoi River |
| Mr R. Dunn, Christchurch | 63/39/24 | 1989 | MAF Fisheries | Silverstream Hatchery | Kaiapoi River |
| Mrs J. George, Dunedin | 63/49/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Dunedin wharfs | Otago Harbour (entrance) |
| Mr B. Gunn, Dunedin | 63/48/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Portobello | Otago Harbour (entrance) |
| Mr W. Hood, Ashburton | 63/41/53 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Company | Coleridge Hatchery | Rangitata River |
| Mr K. Hopwood, Roxburgh | 63/50/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Waitahuna River | Clutha River, Roxburgh Dam |
| Mr B. Horwood, Dunedin | 63/48/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Portobello | Otago Harbour, city wharfs |
| Mr R. Isaac, Dunedin | 63/37/46 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Leith Stream | Otago Harbour, city wharfs |
| Mr L. Norris, Dunedin | 63/37/46 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Leith Stream | Otago Harbour (entrance) |
| Mr A. Purchess, Dunedin | 63/48/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Portobello | Otago Harbour (entrance) |
| Mr C. Ratten, Dunedin | 63/37/46 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Leith Stream | Portobello |
| Mr D. Ridgeway, Christchurch | 63/39/53 | 1988 | MAF Fisheries/NCAS | Lake Coleridge | Harper River mouth |
| Mr A. Salter, Christchurch | 63/38/08 | 1988 | Mahunga Salmon Farm | Kahutara River, Kaikoura | Kahutara River |
| Mr G. Whyte, Dunedin | 63/36/50 | 1989 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Dunedin wharfs | Port Chalmers |
| Mr A. Wilson, Dunedin | 63/48/01 | 1988 | N Z Salmon Anglers | Portobello | Port Chalmers |
| Mr G. Wilson, Blenheim | 63/39/08 | 1989 | MAF Fisheries | Glenariffe | Hurunui River mouth |

Table 9: Coded-wire tag release data for the 1989 brood year. N.Z. Salmon release data (Tent Burn and Coleridge) are not yet available.

| Tag code | Funded by | Description | Release location | Number released | | Release weight | Release date |
|----------|------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|--------------|
| | | | | Tagged | Untagged | | |
| 63/40/10 | MAF Fisheries | Silverstream transfer | Silverstream | 5 137 | 32 363 | 50 | 23 Apr 90 |
| 63/38/36 | N.Z.S.A. Canty | Avon River release | University | 2 666 | 3 000 | - | 17 Mar 90 |
| 63/38/31 | N.Z.S.A. Canty | Avon River release | Wairarapa Stream | 2 591 | 3 000 | - | 17 Mar 90 |
| 63/40/08 | MAF Fisheries | Lyttelton Harbour release | Lyttelton wharf | 10 183 | 28 387 | 59 | 1 May 90 |
| 63/36/53 | MAF Fisheries | Production release | Glenariffe | 10 128 | 80 844 | 54 | 9 Mar 90 |
| 63/39/62 | MAF Fisheries | Production release | Glenariffe | 10 191 | 73 253 | 85 | 23 Jun 90 |
| 63/40/05 | S.I.C.A.S.+ | Production release | Glenariffe | 10 138 | 87 814 | 87 | 23 Jun 90 |
| 63/40/07 | MAF Fisheries | Production release | Glenariffe | 9 577 | 78 342 | 50 | 4 Mar 90 |
| 63/41/08 | S.I.C.A.S. | Production release | Glenariffe | 10 522 | 87 247 | 67 | 24 Jul 90 |
| 63/51/01 | MAF Fisheries | Production release | Glenariffe | 10 102 | 36 763 | 53 | 5 Mar 90 |
| 63/39/12 | MAF Fisheries | All female release | Glenariffe | 5 153 | 32 081 | 47 | 8 Aug 90 |
| 63/39/10 | Rangitata Salmon | Production release | Rangitata Salmon Ranch | 3 797 | 13 000 | 80 | 2 May 90 |
| 63/39/63 | S.I.C.A.S | Rangitata River transfer | Arundel Bridge | 5 100 | 38 467 | 46 | 15 Mar 90 |
| 63/40/11 | S.I.C.A.S | Rangitata River transfer | Arundel Bridge | 10 051 | 26 271 | 42 | 15 Mar 90 |
| 63/39/11 | S.I.C.A.S. | Opihi River transfer | Opihi mouth | 5 200 | 12 500 | 55 | 12 Jun 90 |
| 63/39/15 | Regal Salmon | Waitaki River release | Hakataramea confluence | 14 129 | 56 345 | 54 | - |
| 63/40/58 | N.Z.S.A. Otago | Otago Harbour release | Dunedin wharf | 13 327 | 43 200 | 94 | 30 Jul 90 |
| 63/40/13 | N.Z.S.A. Otago | Waitahuna River transfer | Waitahuna River | 2 600 | 12 500 | 50 | 6 Feb 90 |
| Totals | | | | 140 592 | 745 377 | | |

+ = South Island Council of Acclimatisation Societies.

Table 10. Returns of tagged salmon to Glenariffe by brood year, for groups of salmon weighing at least 20g at release. (No fish weighing over 20g were released in 1980.)

| Brood year | Number of groups | Number tagged | Average release weight (g) | Number of fish returning to Glenariffe | | | | Total | % |
|------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|--|--------------|-------------|------|---------|---|
| | | | | Age 2 | Age 3 | Age 4 | | | |
| 1978 | 1 | 7 333 | 35.0 | 58 (40.0%) | 72 (49.7%) | 15 (10.3%) | 145 | (1.98%) | |
| 1979 | 2 | 40 964 | 34.6 | 13 (17.1%) | 53 (69.7%) | 10 (13.2%) | 76 | (0.19%) | |
| 1980 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 1981 | 2 | 38 542 | 37.8 | 209 (30.8%) | 347 (51.2%) | 122 (18.0%) | 678 | (1.76%) | |
| 1982 | 15 | 140 450 | 39.6 | 344 (13.7%) | 1816 (72.2%) | 355 (14.1%) | 2515 | (1.79%) | |
| 1983 | 42 | 372 615 | 43.1 | 842 (21.9%) | 2187 (57.0%) | 803 (20.9%) | 3836 | (1.03%) | |
| 1984 | 31 | 151 623 | 49.0 | 171 (22.4%) | 466 (60.9%) | 127 (16.6%) | 765 | (0.50%) | |
| 1985 | 15 | 75 036 | 57.8 | 47 (31.3%) | 96 (64.0%) | 7 (4.7%) | 150 | (0.20%) | |
| 1986 | 7 | 35 166 | 63.4 | 32 (28.6%) | 72 (64.3%) | 8 (7.1%) | 112 | (0.32%) | |
| 1987 | 7 | 35 025 | 50.9 | 47 - | 91 - | - - | 138 | - | |
| 1988 | 5 | 39 883 | 52.9 | 9 - | - - | - - | 9 | - | |