

**SALMON RIVER BASIN—
(LINCOLN COUNTY)**

**MASTER PLAN
FOR ANGLER ACCESS AND
ASSOCIATED RECREATIONAL
USES**



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This report details a plan that we hope can be followed to alleviate the access problems of the Salmon River. Too, we hope that all agencies that are interested in retaining existing water access as well as providing additional facilities, whether they be municipal, county, or state will all join in a cooperative effort to carry out this plan in an orderly manner. It is probable that Land and Water Conservation Funds will be available on a 50-50 matching basis. In order to acquire these funds, it will be necessary to apply through the Oregon State Highway Department.

The Salmon River is a short coastal stream originating in the western foothills of the Coast Range in Lincoln County; it curves north and westward through portions of Polk and Tillamook Counties then returns to Lincoln County where it enters the Pacific Ocean west of Otis Junction. The stream gradient is generally moderate, the water quality is good and the flows fluctuate seasonally.

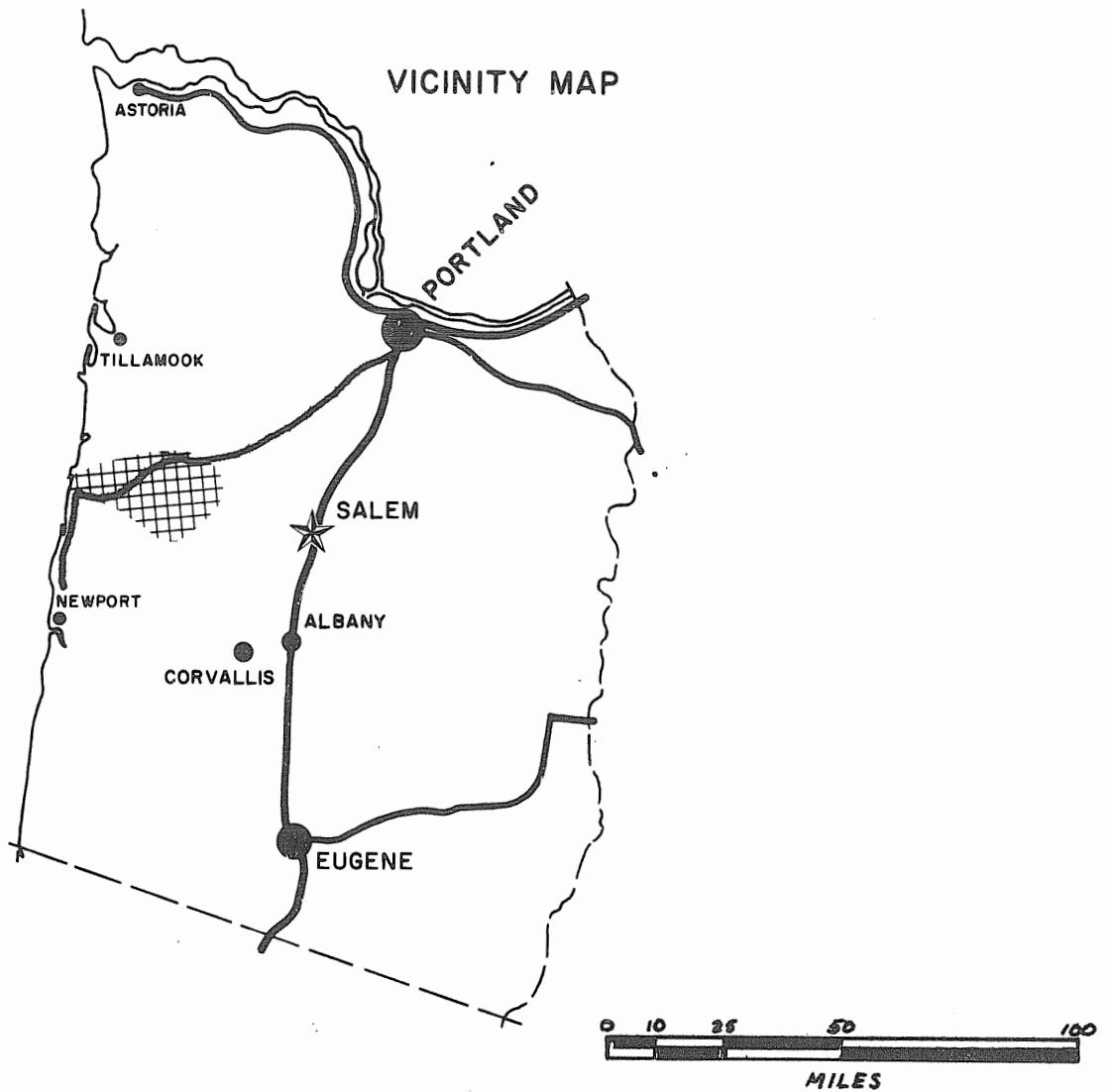
The most intensive fishery on the Salmon River is for winter steelhead. There are also active fisheries on fall salmon, and sea-run and planted trout. The Oregon Game Commission is currently undertaking a program to bolster the steelhead runs by stocking hatchery-reared fish in Salmon River.

Land ownership along the lower portion of Salmon River is almost entirely private. Most parcels are small and others are being subdivided. Public

access to the stream is now limited and will tend to become more so with the present trend in land manipulation.

Salmon River has been divided into two areas according to its access needs.

Details of the plans for these sections are given in the following pages.



Salmon River lies mainly in the northern extremity of Lincoln County. Flowing west from the coastal foothills, it enters the Pacific Ocean at the south edge of Cascade Head.

Much of Salmon River is paralleled by Oregon Highway 18, the main road between the Willamette Valley and the Lincoln County beaches. Otis Junction, at the intersection of Oregon 18 and US 101, lies 80 miles or 1.5 hours of driving time from Portland and 52 miles or 1 hour from Salem.

LOWER SALMON RIVER AREA

The lower portion of Salmon River up to river-mile 12.0 makes up this area. It includes the tidewater zone and encompasses the section of river that is open to winter fishing under present regulations. The tidal zone is downstream from Otis; the land bordering the river there is flat and grassy. Upstream, the stream sides are generally sloping with a cover of brush and trees. Occasional gravel bars provide open areas along the shoreline.

Within the tidal area, there is a troll fishery for salmon and sea-run cutthroat plus fisheries for saltwater fish and crabs. Angling from the bank is the method used along the river and upper tidewater in pursuit of steelhead, salmon and trout.

The land along the river is divided into small lots and developed mainly for homes and summer cabins. More subdivision is being done which is expected to restrict public access further. In order to provide the public with access along Salmon River, two sites are recommended for development of boat launching facilities and one site specified for bank anglers. In addition, it is suggested that river frontage or easements to river frontage be obtained along fishable waters whenever the opportunity arises.

Information about the sites within this area is included in the following evaluation sheets.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Salmon System Site No. 1
Lower Salmon Area Priority A
Name Three Rocks

Location West end of county road along Salmon River, N Bank
T 6S, R 11W, Sec. 14: River Mile 0 County Tillamook
Ownership: Public _____
Private Government 9 Lot No. 9 Number of owners 1

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Flat to sloping
Cover type Grass and conifers
Road access Three Rocks county road, Condition good
Flows Tidal Water quality good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: 2 Acres, _____ Feet of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type Concrete plank Number of lanes 2
Toilets Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area ; For _____ cars or 50 car-trailer units
This site will accommodate Boat anglers in the tidewater and bay and
offshore fishing.

AREA Lower Salmon

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Salmon and sea-run cutthroat troll fishing in tidewater and bottom fishing and crabbing in the bay. Offshore troll fishing for salmon.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium		Sa	Sa Tr	
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

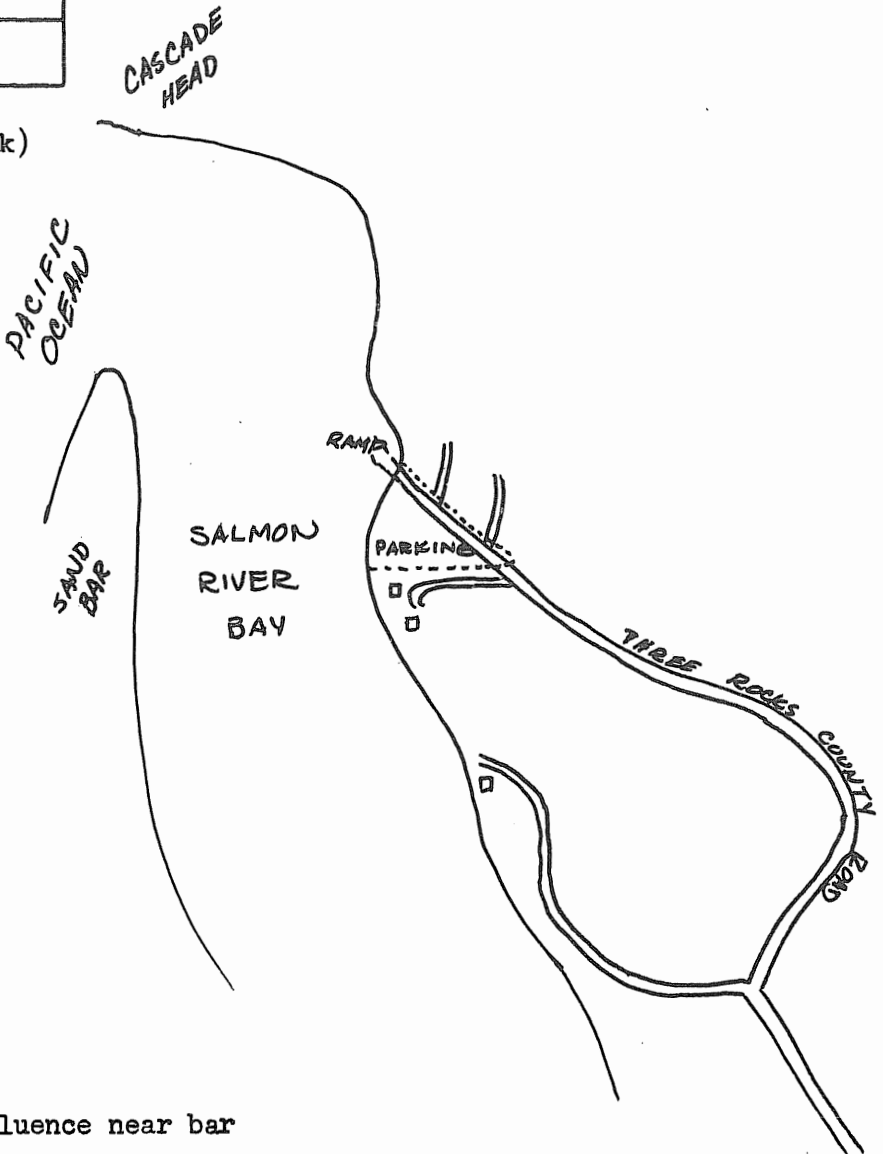
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor	X	X	X	
Boating, non-motor				
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	X
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	X
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking				
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming		X	X	
Water skiing				



OTHER

Safety Problems: Strong tidal influence near bar

Group Facilities:

REMARKS At this site, the county road right-of-way runs into Salmon River bay. It is now being used for boat launching in its present state with parking on private property. The site could be developed easily for a boat ramp and parking lot. It is vitally needed as there is no public access on the bay or tidewater at the present time.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Salmon System Site No. 2
Lower Salmon Area Priority C*
Name 101 crossing

Location At Highway 101 crossing of Salmon River, S Bank
T 6S, R 11W, Sec. 25: River Mile 2.8 County Lincoln
Ownership: Public _____
Private x Parcel 200
Tax lot No. 300 Number of owners 2

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Flat
Cover type Grass
Road access Off Highway 101, Condition Good
Flows Tidal Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ Feet of frontage
Type of conveyance Easement and/or purchase

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type Concrete Number of lanes 1
Toilets x Trails _____ Roads x
Parking area x; For _____ cars or 25 car-trailer units
This site will accommodate Boat anglers in the tidewater and bay areas.

* In the event that Site No. 1 cannot be developed, this site should
receive an A priority.

AREA Lower Salmon

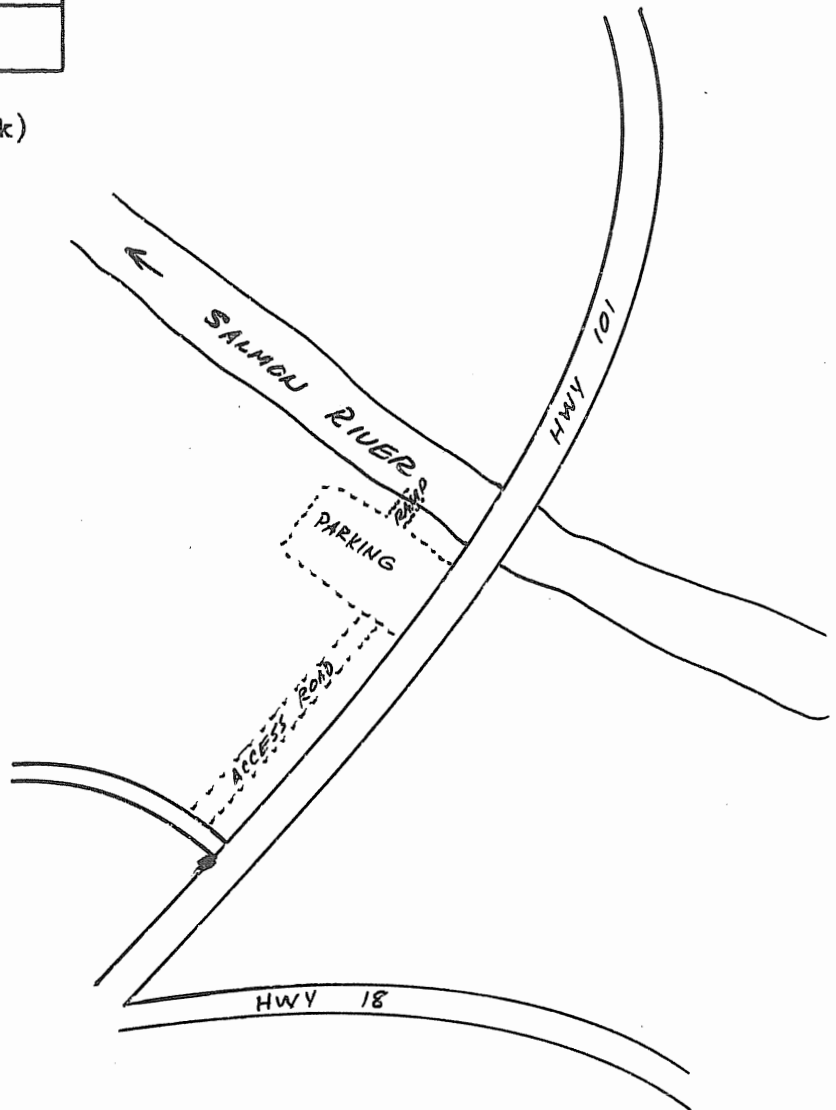
SITE # 2

FISHERY: Troll fishing for salmon and sea-run cutthroat trout, also bottom fishing and crabbing in the bay.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium		Sa	Sa Tr	
Light				

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH



Seasons (Check)

RECREATION
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor		X	X	
Boating, non-motor				
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat	X	X	X	X
Fishing, shore				
Hiking				
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
Nature study				
Picnicking				
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming				
Water skiing				

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

Access to the site would not be allowed directly off Highway 101, an access road would have to be brought in from a side road to the south. The site is located on the tidal flood plain and might require filling prior to development.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Salmon System Site No. 3
Lower Area Priority A

Name Rose Lodge Bridge

Location Rose Lodge, N & S Bank
T 6S, R 10W, Sec. 35: River Mile 8.5 County Lincoln

Ownership: Public _____
Private Parcel 500
Tax lot No. 600 Number of owners 3
700

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Sloping stream bank
Cover type Deciduous brush and trees
Road access North side road, Condition Good
Flows moderate - winter
low - summer Water quality Good
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ Feet of frontage
Type of conveyance Purchase

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets Trails Roads _____
Parking area ; For 20 cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate bank anglers along preferred stretch of stream.

AREA Lower Salmon

SITE # 3

FISHERY: Bank angling for trout, salmon, and winter steelhead.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				St
Medium	Tr	Sa	Sa Tr	
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

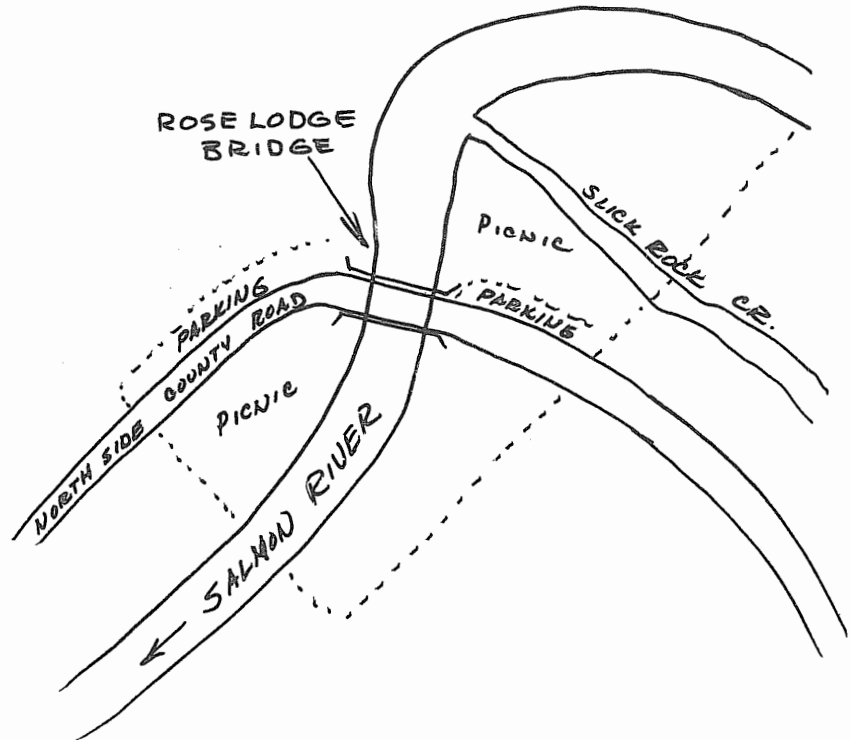
SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

RECREATION
(Check)

- Boating, motor
- Boating, non-motor
- Camping, tent
- Camping, trailer
- Fishing, boat
- Fishing, shore
- Hiking
- Horseback riding
- Hunting, big game
- Hunting, upland game
- Hunting, waterfowl
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sightseeing
- Skin and scuba diving
- Swimming
- Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	X
		X	X	



OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS This site receives the heaviest fishing pressure of any place along Salmon River.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Salmon System Site No. 4
Lower Salmon Area Priority B
Name Salmon River Banks

Location Along Highway 18 from road mile 1 through 8, Both Bank
T 6S, R 10W, Sec. : River Mile 3-12 County Lincoln
6S 9W
Ownership: Public _____
Private Tax Lot No. _____ Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Sloping river banks
Cover type Deciduous trees and brush, some conifers
Road access Oregon Highway 18
North Bank county road, Condition Good
Flows High-winter Water quality Good
Low-summer
Present stage of development None

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ Feet of frontage
Type of conveyance Easement and/or purchase

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets _____ Trails Roads
Parking area ; For 100 cars or _____ car-trailer units
This site will accommodate bank anglers along lower salmon river.

AREA Lower Salmon

SITE # 4

FISHERY: Bank angling for trout, salmon, and winter steelhead.

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				St
Medium	Tr	Sa	Sa Tr	
Light		Tr		

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout,
Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

See Map

RECREATION
(Check)

Boating, motor
Boating, non-motor
Camping, tent
Camping, trailer
Fishing, boat
Fishing, shore
Hiking
Horseback riding
Hunting, big game
Hunting, upland game
Hunting, waterfowl
Nature study
Picnicking
Sightseeing
Skin and scuba diving
Swimming
Water skiing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
	X	X	X	X

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities:

REMARKS

The land along this section of river is subdivided into small parcels, many with homes, and public access to the river is limited and becoming more restricted. It is recommended that whenever and wherever possible easements be obtained or purchases be made of parcels of land having river frontage with fishing potential.

UPPER SALMON RIVER AREA

The Upper Salmon River Area includes the headwaters of the stream from river mile 12 through 23. Most of this area is in a natural undeveloped state of forest land with brushy stream banks.

This area is closed to winter angling in an effort to protect the spawning stocks of the salmon and steelhead runs but is open during the regular trout season.

Van Duzer State Park encompasses about four miles of stream and provides parking, picnic and sanitation facilities. Public access to this upper area is considered adequate at the present time.

WATER ACCESS SITE EVALUATION

Salmon System Site No. 1
Upper Salmon Area Priority Complete
Name Van Duzer State Park

Location 9 miles east of Otis Junction, Both Bank
T 6S, R 9W, Sec. 16, 15^{29, 20, 21}: River Mile 12.25-16.5 County Lincoln
Ownership: Public State Parks Department
Private _____ Tax Lot No. _____ Number of owners _____

DESCRIPTION

Land Type Sloping forest land
Cover type Coniferous overstory with deciduous trees and brush
Road access Oregon Highway 18, Condition Good
Flows High - winter
Low - summer Water quality Good
Present stage of development Complete and adequate

ANGLER NEEDS

Acquisition: _____ Acres, _____ Feet of frontage
Type of conveyance _____

Development:

Boat Ramp: Type _____ Number of lanes _____
Toilets _____ Trails _____ Roads _____
Parking area _____; For _____ cars or _____ car-trailer units

This site will accommodate bank anglers in pursuit of trout along 4 mile
section of Salmon River.

AREA Upper Salmon

SITE # 1

FISHERY: Trout fishing

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Heavy				
Medium	Tr			
Light		Tr	Tr	

(Sa - Salmon, St - Steelhead, Tr - Trout, Sg - Sturgeon, Ww - Warm Water Fishes)

SKETCH

Seasons (Check)

See Map

RECREATION
(Check)

	Spring	Summer	Fall	Winter
Boating, motor				
Boating, non-motor				
Camping, tent				
Camping, trailer				
Fishing, boat				
Fishing, shore	X	X	X	
Hiking	X	X	X	
Horseback riding				
Hunting, big game				
Hunting, upland game				
Hunting, waterfowl				
1- Nature study	X	X	X	
Picnicking	X	X	X	
Sightseeing				
Skin and scuba diving				
Swimming				
Water skiing				

1. Flora and Fauna of the area

OTHER

Safety Problems:

Group Facilities: Picnicking, parking for buses

REMARKS

