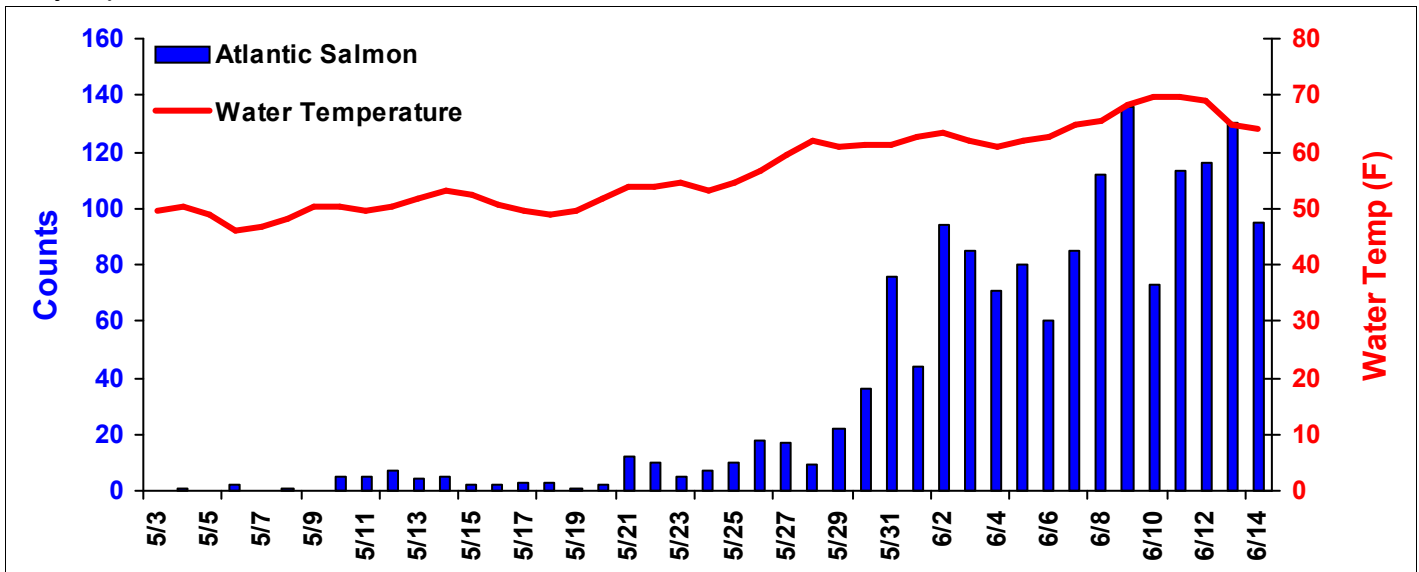
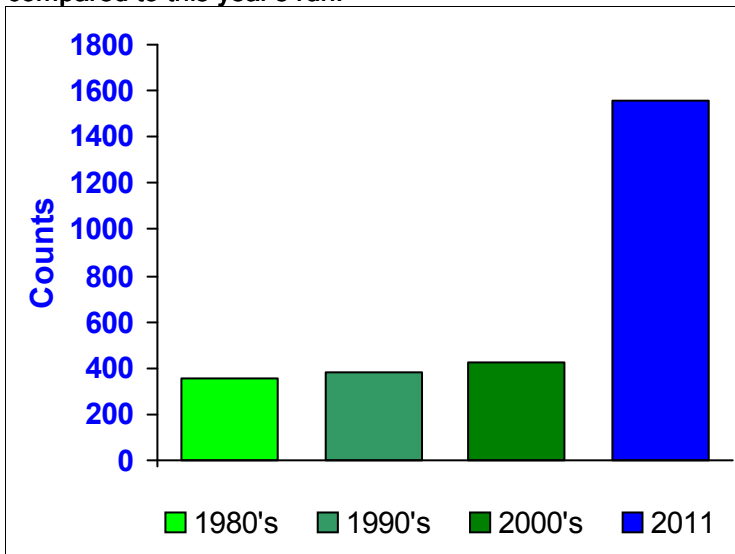


Daily trap catch of Atlantic salmon, Penobscot River, Maine



Average trap catch to date of Atlantic salmon by decade compared to this year's run.

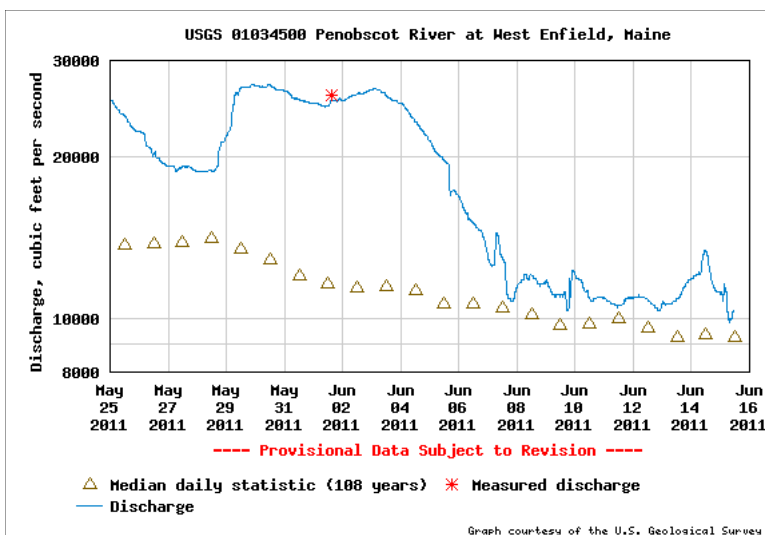


Average Atlantic salmon catch-per-trap day:

80's	90's	00's	This Year
19	20	14	35

Trap catch summary:

Species	Total Catch To Date
American shad	1
Atlantic salmon	1559
Brook trout	2
Fallfish	4
Landlocked salmon	3
River herring	2032
Sea lamprey	2081
Smallmouth bass	85
White sucker	228



The salmon just keep coming. For the last week we have average 111 new Atlantic salmon per day (range 73 – 136). The last time we handle over 100 new salmon in a single day was 1997. In 1996, there were two day with catches over 100, but you have to go back to 1990 and 1986 to find a stretch of multiple 100+ days (9 and 7 day, respectively).

Catches of other diadromous species have decline. The river herring run is over; however, we are still getting a few sea lamprey.

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