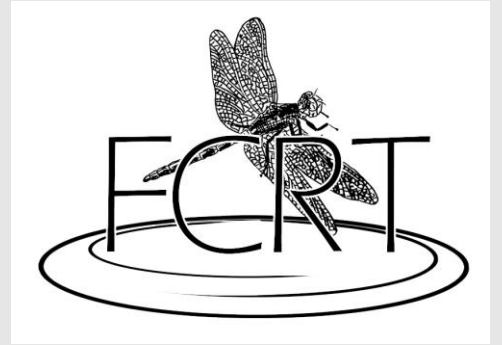


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Pink Salmon in Thurso River

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1074 km

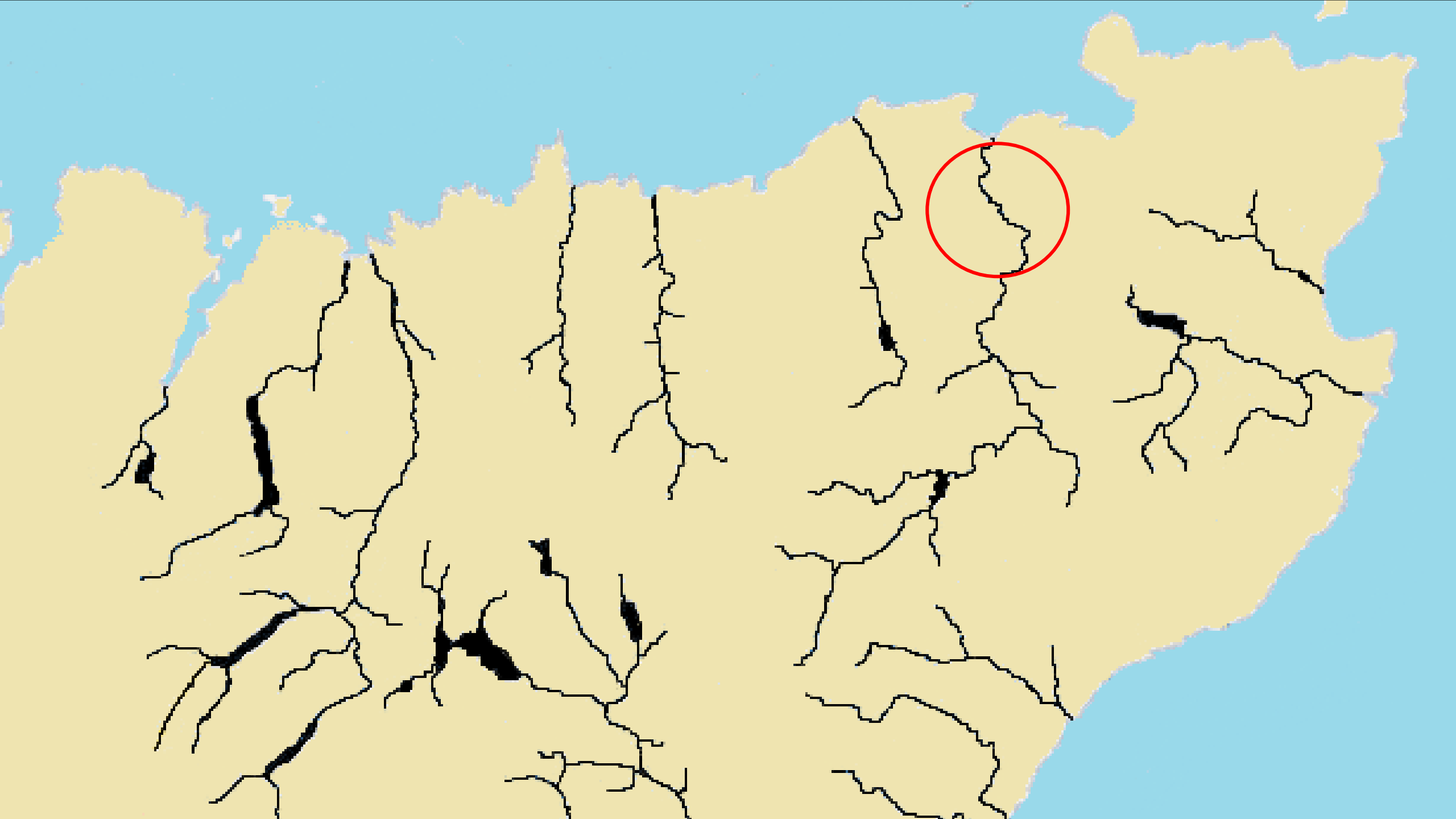
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29 km

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THURSO 4
4 Aug. 2017.





THURSO 1
22/8/21

510 mm
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2017

- 10 fish caught by rods between 24th July and 18th August.
- All males.
- All spent or part-spent after 14th August.
- +3 carcasses only. Again all males.
- Spawning from about 12th August
- In lower 5km of river only.
- 10+ redds?
- In total, 30+ fish?

2019

Zero pinks reported for Thurso

2021

- River was very low due to summer drought. Pools just above the tide were occupied by a large number of fish and the area was being closely watched.
- In July, pink salmon were observed to be present in substantial numbers among the Atlantics. (The pinks show by surface “dimpling”).
- Only six pinks were caught by anglers - mostly in July and all in the lower river.
- Pinks began spawning around 10th August and spawning petered out around the beginning of September. Around 80 fish were removed from the river by one means or another during and after spawning.
- Around 80+ redds were constructed. Redds were constructed up to 8.5km from the estuary.
- Total number of fish was probably in the range of 200-250 individuals.
- The expected post-spawning die-off of the 100+ fish estimated to remain in the river did not take place.
- There were no reports of pink salmon spawning in other, nearby rivers.

