

Salmon run record seen

CONCRETE — A record breaking silver salmon run is in the making on the Skagit River with 11,434 silvers counted at the Lower Baker Dam to date this year.

In the record year of 1935, only 4,307 silvers had been counted on this same date, and a total of 19,000 were counted for the entire season. The first silvers were reported this year on July 28, which is normal time for the start of the run. The run should continue into December.

With the peak silver run, the Puget Sound Power and Light Co. frequently operates a second "fish taxi" truck lifting the salmon around the Baker Dams and placing them in Upper Baker Lake. The trucks operate on an eight-hour shift, coinciding with the heavy period of fish migration each day.

Other salmon figures recorded this year, according to Powerhouse Supt. A. S. Miller, are Sockeyes, 450, slightly below average run; Humpies, 58, just starting; Springs, 81, above average this early in the run.

Puget Sound Power has maintained fish count records since 1929.