

MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS  
COLDWATER RESERVOIRS FISHERIES INVESTIGATIONS

MADISON/GALLATIN DISTRICT  
7/1/94 – 6/30/99

Introduction

Hebgen Reservoir

Hebgen Reservoir is a Montana Power Co. impoundment on the Madison River, located four miles north of West Yellowstone, MT. It was first filled in 1915 with the completion of Hebgen Dam. At full pool, the reservoir's surface area is 12668 acres. Its elevation at dead storage is 6473', and at full pool elevation is 6534'. Native fish species include Westslope cutthroat trout, mountain whitefish, arctic grayling. Introduced species include Rainbow trout, Yellowstone cutthroat trout, brown trout, and Utah chub. Mountain whitefish is the only native which still thrives in Hebgen Reservoir and its tributaries. Genetically pure Westslope cutthroat trout have been identified in one of Hebgen Reservoir's tributaries, the South Fork of the Madison River (FWP 2000). Dr. Calvin Kaya, Professor of Biology at Montana State University, identified the Madison headwaters inside Yellowstone National Park as potential grayling reintroduction sites (Kaya 1992), but no action has been taken on this reintroduction. Utah chubs were introduced, probably by anglers as a baitfish, around 1935 (Leik 1978). During 1980-1988, McBride strain Yellowstone cutthroat trout were planted in Hebgen Reservoir. Their inability to naturally reproduce led to the cessation of the stocking program (Herrick 1994). The current sport fishery is comprised mainly of rainbow and brown trout. Recent management efforts focus on maintaining satisfactory angler catch rates of rainbow trout by supplementing the naturally reproducing population with wild strain hatchery stock.

Hyalite Reservoir

Hyalite Reservoir is an irrigation storage impoundment on Hyalite Creek, located 14 miles south of Bozeman, MT. It was first filled in 1951 with the completion of the Hyalite (Middle) Creek Dam. In 1993, the dam was reconstructed and the lake level at full pool was raised by 8.2 vertical feet. At full pool the reservoir's surface area is approximately 260 acres. Its elevation at full pool is 6715'. The water level is subject to extreme fluctuations due to summer and fall irrigation needs in the Gallatin Valley. Westslope cutthroat trout were probably the native species present pre-dam era. Genetically pure Westslope cutthroat trout have been identified in a tributary of Middle Cr. below the dam, Wildhorse Creek. (FWP 2000). Eastern brook trout and rainbow trout likely existed (pre-dam) in the stream as introduced species, as Well's reported rainbow-cutthroat trout hybrids found in the 1970's (Wells 1976). Brook trout still inhabit the reservoir and cutthroat trout stocking likely eliminated the rainbow trout genes. Montana Department of Fish and Game began planting Yellowstone cutthroat trout in 1953. Although no records were discovered, presumably, arctic grayling (possibly from federal hatcheries) were planted during the same time period. The current sport fishery is comprised mainly of Yellowstone cutthroat trout, arctic grayling (state record was formerly from Hyalite Reservoir), and brook trout. The dam reconstruction and consequent reservoir level rise, flooded historical grayling spawning grounds in the west fork of Hyalite Cr.. The Montana Dept. of Natural Resources and Conservation constructed a new additional channel to mitigate effects of the lost footage. Recent management efforts focus on maintaining satisfactory angler catch rates of Yellowstone cutthroat trout by supplementing the naturally reproducing population with McBride strain hatchery stock. In addition, corrective measures to mitigate the loss of historical spawning habitat (due to raising dam height) are being investigated.

Objectives

Hebgen Reservoir

1. Annually monitor fish populations by conducting spring gill netting surveys.
2. Determine contribution of stocked rainbow trout to net catch.
3. Monitor fishery characteristics via statewide angler survey and angler's logbooks.

#### Hyalite Reservoir

1. Periodically monitor fish populations by conducting fall gill netting surveys.
2. Annually monitor (by spawning fish/redd counts and electrofishing) spring grayling and cutthroat trout spawning runs in east and west forks of Hyalite Cr. to assess natural reproduction.
3. Assess reservoir level fluctuation and mitigation efforts' impacts on grayling reproduction.
4. Monitor fishery characteristics via statewide angler survey and angler's logbooks.

#### Methods

##### Hebgen Reservoir

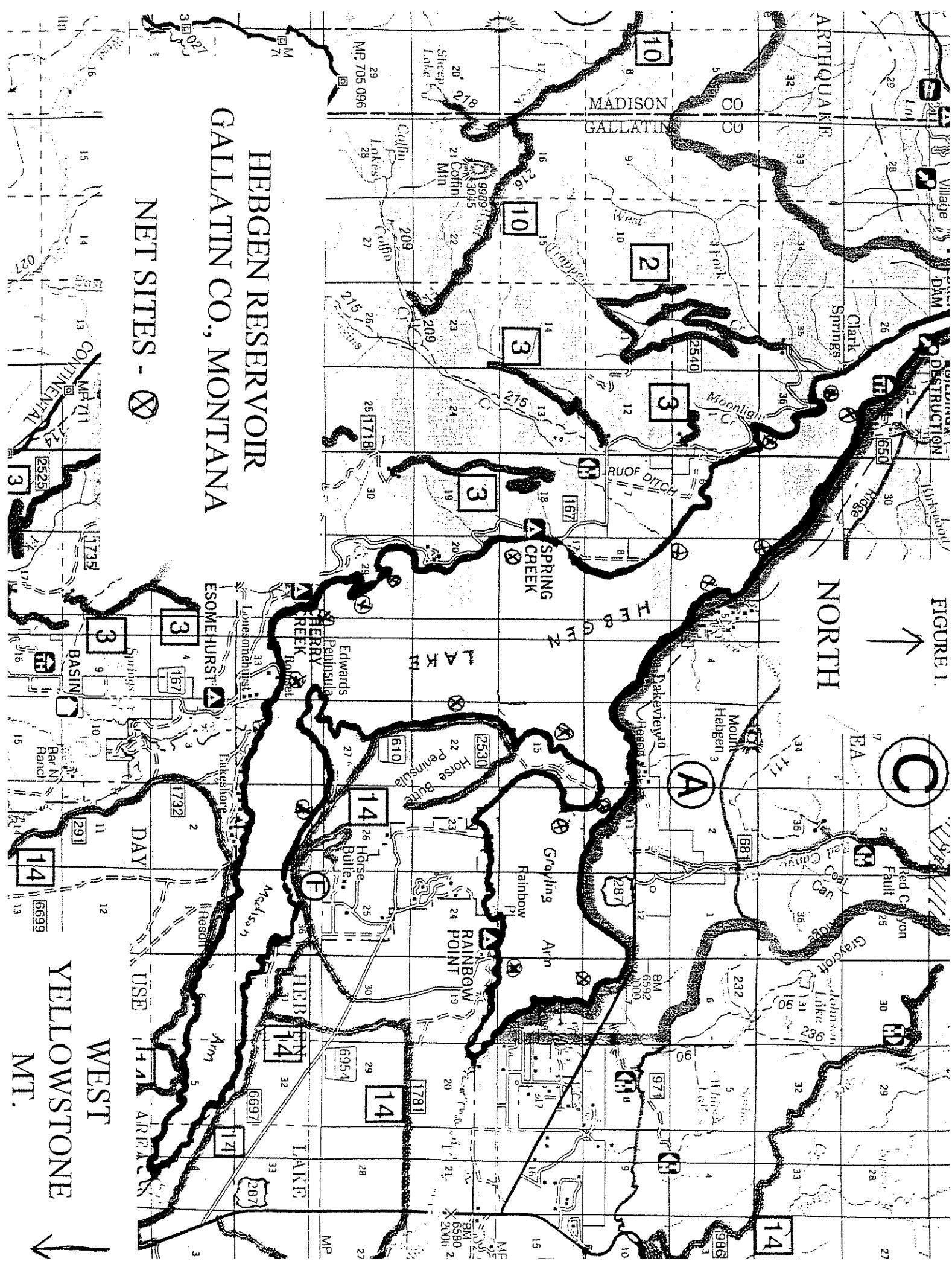
1. Hebgen Reservoir was sampled using 125' long by 6' deep experimental gill nets with a bar mesh range of 1" to 3". Annually, sampling took place from the last week of May to the first week of June. A combination of 24 to 27 bottom and surface sets were set over a three night period. Nets were set in same locations each year (some year's low reservoir levels dictated the omission of certain sets) Figure 1. Nets were set late afternoon and pulled the next morning. Fish found alive were processed and released. All trout were identified to species, measured to nearest 0.1", weighed to nearest 0.01 lb., and examined for marks, hook scars, and sexual condition. All trout had scale samples taken for age analysis.
2. Rainbow trout were examined for external hatchery characteristics and deceased specimens had vertebrae removed for tetracycline mark examination. A microscope and a blacklight were used to examine vertebrae for tetracycline marks.
3. A random sample mail survey was sent (annually) to 10000 fishing license holders (resident & non-resident). Participants were asked where they fished and number of days fished. Every odd year (ie.1995, 1997), pressure estimates are formulated for each FWP water code.

##### Hyalite Reservoir

1. Hyalite Reservoir was sampled using 125' long by 6' deep experimental gill nets with a bar mesh range of 1" to 3". Three surface sets and one bottom set were placed in standardized locations (figure 2). Nets were set overnight and pulled the following morning. Fish found alive were processed and released. All fish were identified to species, measured to nearest 0.1", weighed to the nearest 0.01 lb., and examined for marks and hook scars. Yellowstone cutthroat trout and arctic grayling had scale samples removed for age analysis. All cutthroat were examined for external hatchery characteristics.
2. In the west fork of Hyalite Cr., pre-spawn and spawning Yellowstone cutthroat trout and arctic grayling were enumerated. Spawning activity, water temperatures, redd construction, and distribution recorded. During spawning periods, backpack and mobile electrofishing were used to catch spawning arctic grayling. These had scales samples taken for age analysis.
3. Distribution of spawning arctic grayling in the west fork of Hyalite was observed. This was done to observe the level of pioneering upstream achieved by spawners. Also, the amount of spawning use the mitigation channel received was observed.

4. A random sample mail survey was sent (annually) to 10000 resident and non-resident fishing license holders. Participants were asked where they fished and number of days fished. Every odd year (ie. 1995, 1997) pressure estimates are formulated for each FWP water code.

FIGURE 1.



### SPRING GILL-NETTING SUMMARY

#### FLOATERS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>NO. OF NETS</u> | <u>RB/NET</u> | <u>LL/NET</u> | <u>MWF/NE</u> | <u>UC/NET</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1994        | 15                 | 5             | 4.5           | 0.1           | 20.9          |
| 1995        | 12                 | 15.3          | 8.4           | 1.1           | 18.9          |
| 1996        | 14                 | 5.9           | 4.3           | 0.7           | 54.6          |
| 1997        | 14                 | 5.6           | 3.9           | 0.1           | 89.2          |
| 1998        | 14                 | 9.4           | 2.6           | 1.1           | 41.1          |
| 1999        | 13                 | 7.2           | 13.3          | 1.5           | 143.2         |

#### SINKERS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>NO. OF NETS</u> | <u>RB/NET</u> | <u>LL/NET</u> | <u>MWF/NE</u> | <u>UC/NET</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1994        | 14                 | 0.7           | 8.6           | 12            | 20.4          |
| 1995        | 12                 | 0.8           | 7.1           | 18.5          | 13.4          |
| 1996        | 13                 | 0.9           | 7.5           | 16.8          | 55.5          |
| 1997        | 11                 | 0.8           | 8.5           | 16.3          | 24.5          |
| 1998        | 10                 | 1.1           | 6.5           | 12            | 60.2          |
| 1999        | 11                 | 0.8           | 11.7          | 19.4          | 26.6          |

#### AVERAGE LENGTHS AND WEIGHTS

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>RB LENGTH</u> | <u>RB WEIGHT</u> | <u>LL LENGTH</u> | <u>LL WEIGHT</u> |
|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 1995        | 14.7"            | 1.31 LBS.        | 17.0"            | 1.75 LBS.        |
| 1996        | 14.2"            | 1.19 LBS.        | 16.4"            | 1.62 LBS.        |
| 1997        | 14.0"            | 1.10 LBS.        | 15.4"            | 1.40 LBS.        |
| 1998        | 14.1"            | 1.10 LBS.        | 15.6"            | 1.43 LBS.        |
| 1999        | 13.5"            | 1.06 LBS.        | 16.0"            | 1.49 LBS.        |

#### RESERVOIR ELEVATION DURING GILL-NETTING PERIODS

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ELEV.</u> |
|-------------|--------------|
| 5/22/90     | 6533         |
| 5/28/91     | 6533         |
| 5/28/92     | 6532         |
| 6/7/93      | 6533         |
| 6/5/94      | 6533         |
| 5/30/95     | 6524         |
| 6/3/96      | 6530         |
| 6/2/97      | 6532         |
| 5/26/98     | 6532         |
| 5/24/99     | 6524         |

### FISH PLANTING SUMMARY

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SPECIES</u> | <u>STRAIN</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>TOTAL/YR</u> | <u>MARKS</u> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 6/27/94     | RB             | EAGLE         | 31318         |                 | TSorange     |
| 6/27/94     | RB             | EAGLE         | 16533         | 46851           | TSorange     |
| 6/27/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 30000         |                 | TDgreen      |
| 6/27/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 38750         |                 | TDgreen      |
| 8/15/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 33128         |                 |              |
| 10/6/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 1350**        |                 |              |
| 10/6/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 1480**        |                 |              |
| 10/6/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 710**         |                 |              |
| 10/6/94     | RB             | DESMET        | 84**          | 105502          |              |
| 6/21/95     | RB             | EAGLE         | 26312         |                 | TD           |
| 6/21/95     | RB             | EAGLE         | 23225         | 49537           | TD           |
| 8/22/95     | RB             | DESMET        | 55315         | 55315           | TS           |
| 7/2/96      | RB             | EAGLE         | 36702         |                 | TS           |
| 7/8/96      | RB             | EAGLE         | 37515         |                 | TS           |
| 7/8/96      | RB             | EAGLE         | 50332         | 125449          | TS           |
| 7/7/97      | RB             | EAGLE         | 40272         |                 | TD           |
| 7/15/97     | RB             | EAGLE         | 27474         |                 | TD           |
| 7/15/97     | RB             | EAGLE         | 28907         | 96653           | TD           |
| 7/7/98      | RB             | EAGLE         | 39853         |                 | TS           |
| 7/8/98      | RB             | EAGLE         | 18624         |                 | TS           |
| 7/16/98     | RB             | EAGLE         | 48384         | 106861          |              |
| 7/6/99      | RB             | EAGLE         | 56432         |                 | TS           |
| 7/14/99     | RB             | EAGLE         | 41856         | 98288           | TS           |

\*\*3624 DESMET RB'S PLANTED 1994 WERE 1+, ALL OTHERS ABOVE WERE 0+

## HEBGEN RESERVOIR RB PLANTS

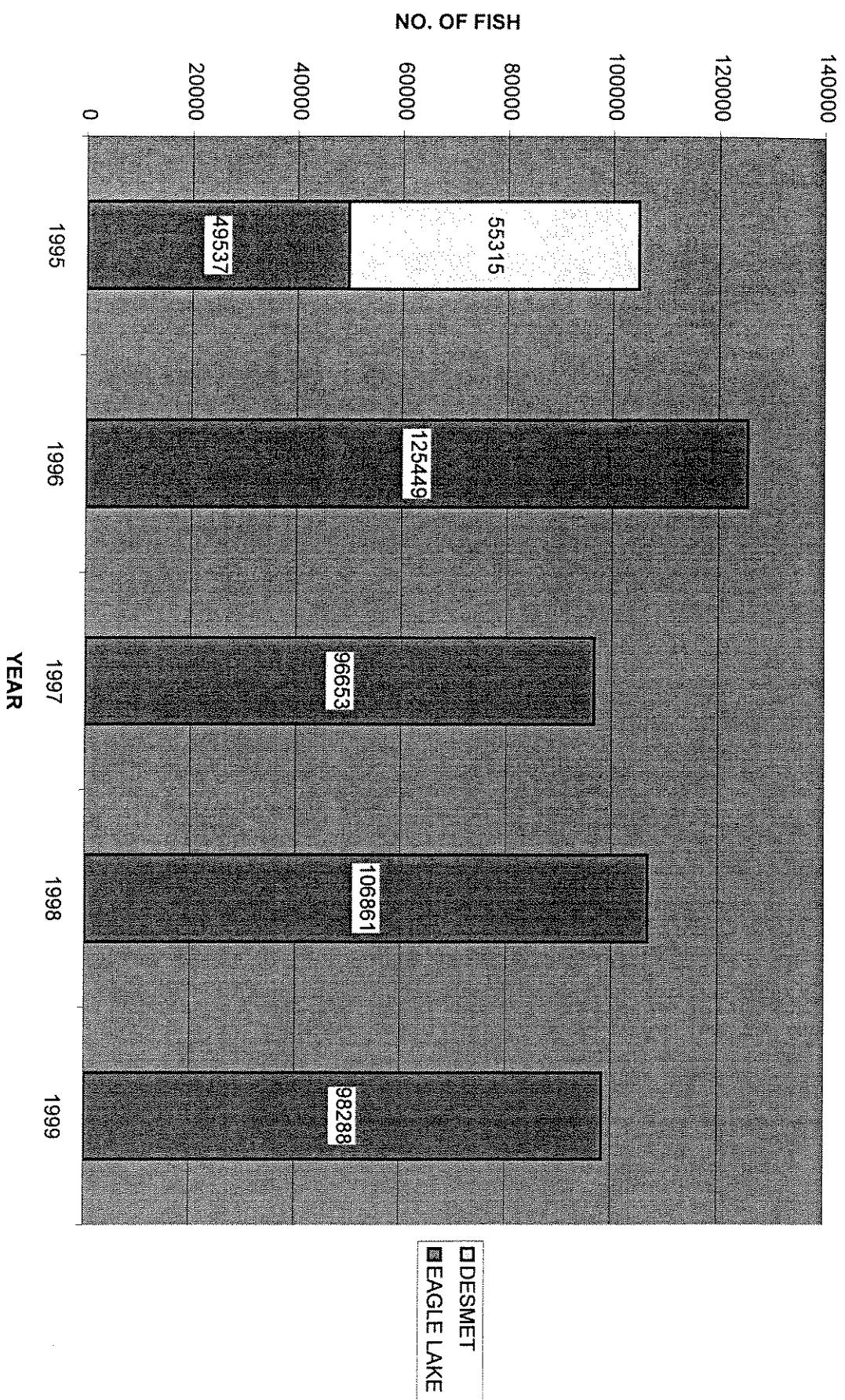
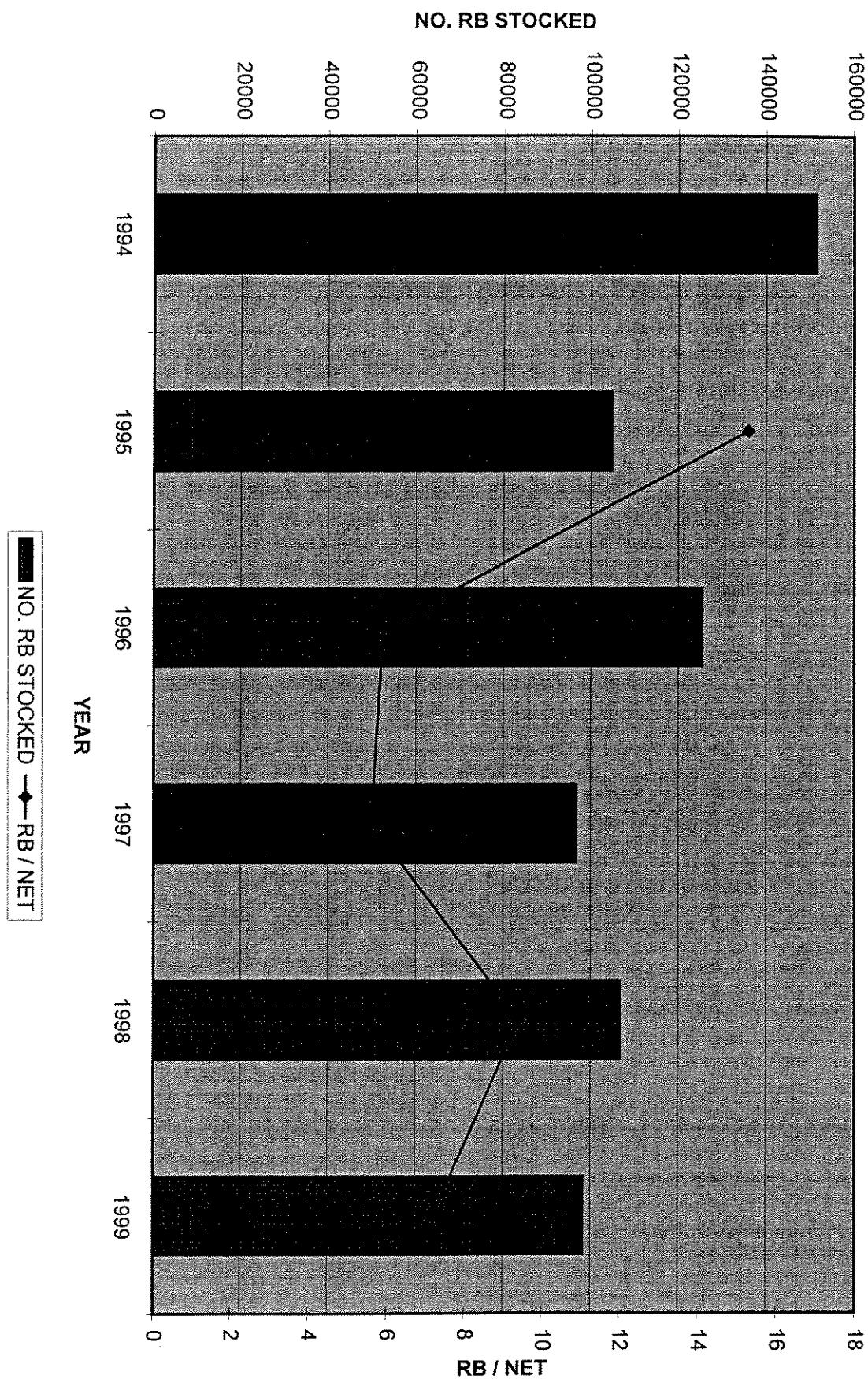
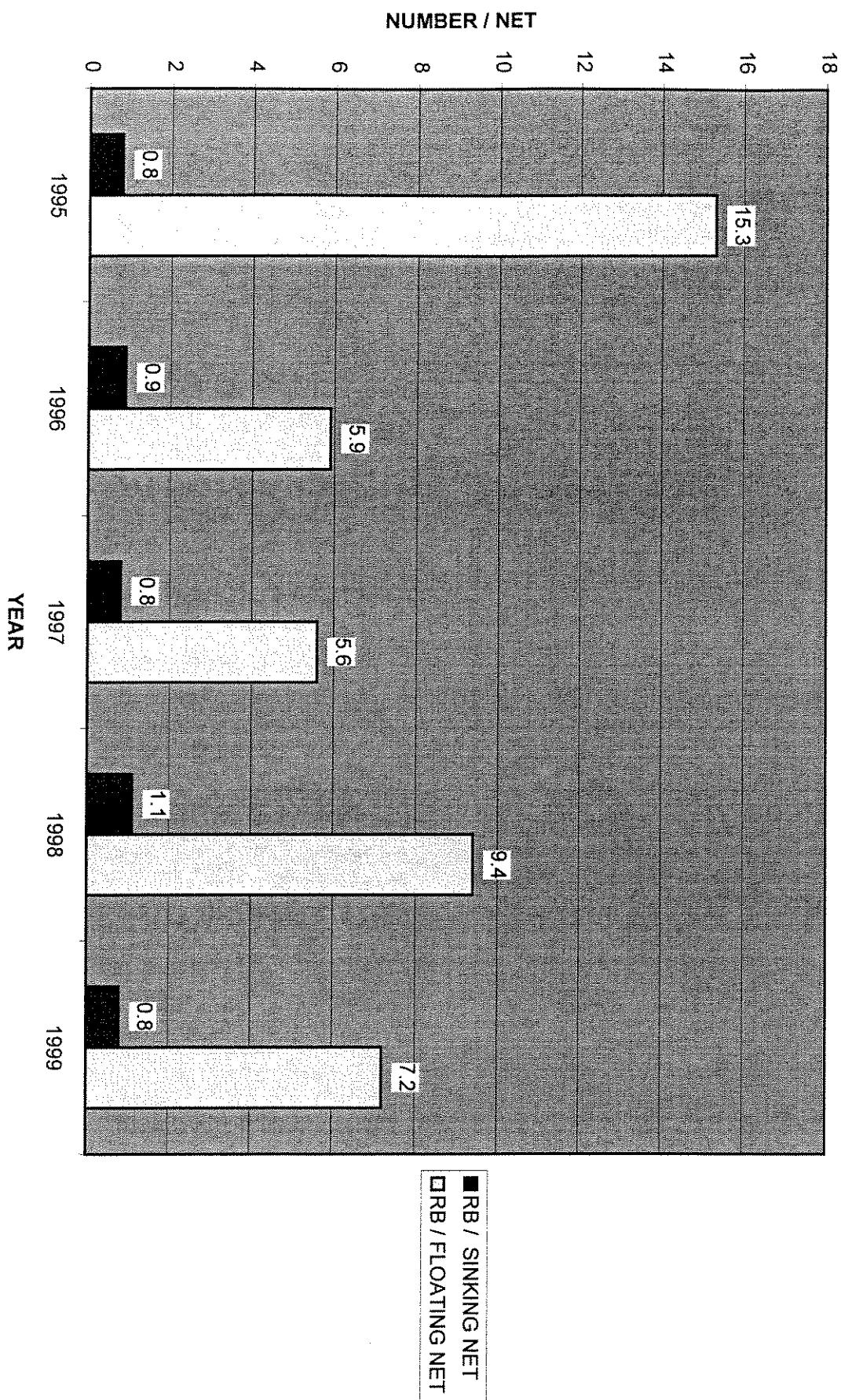


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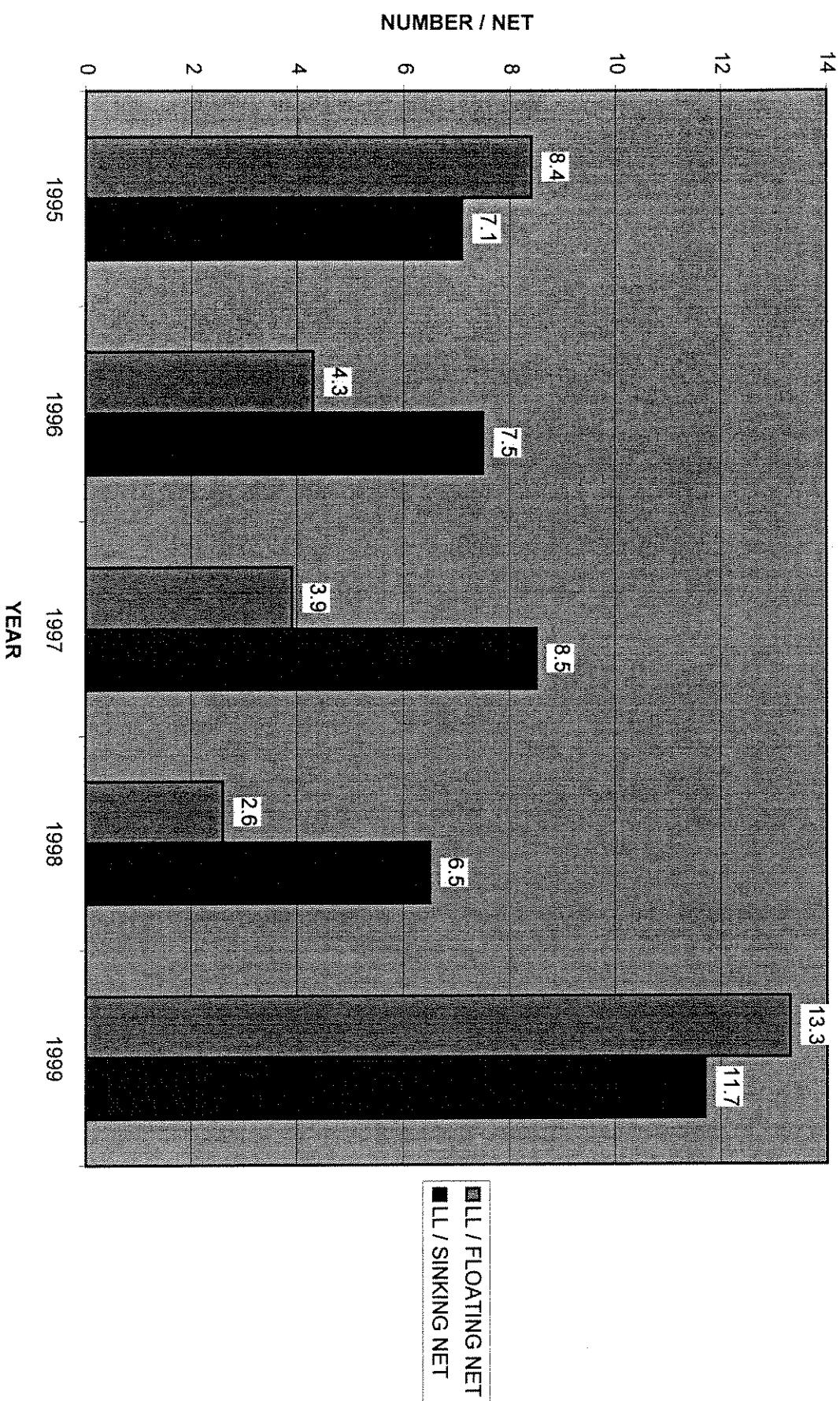
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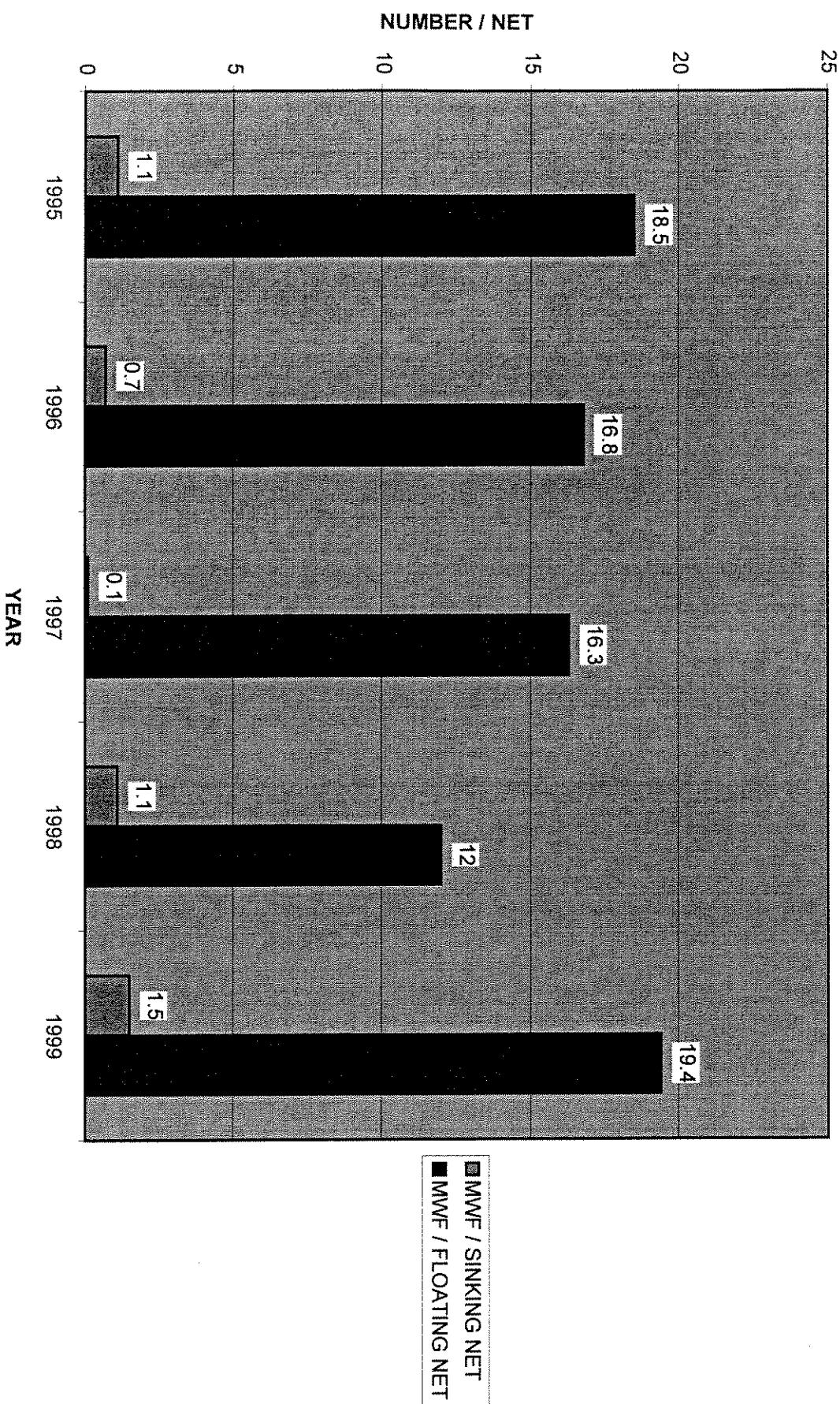
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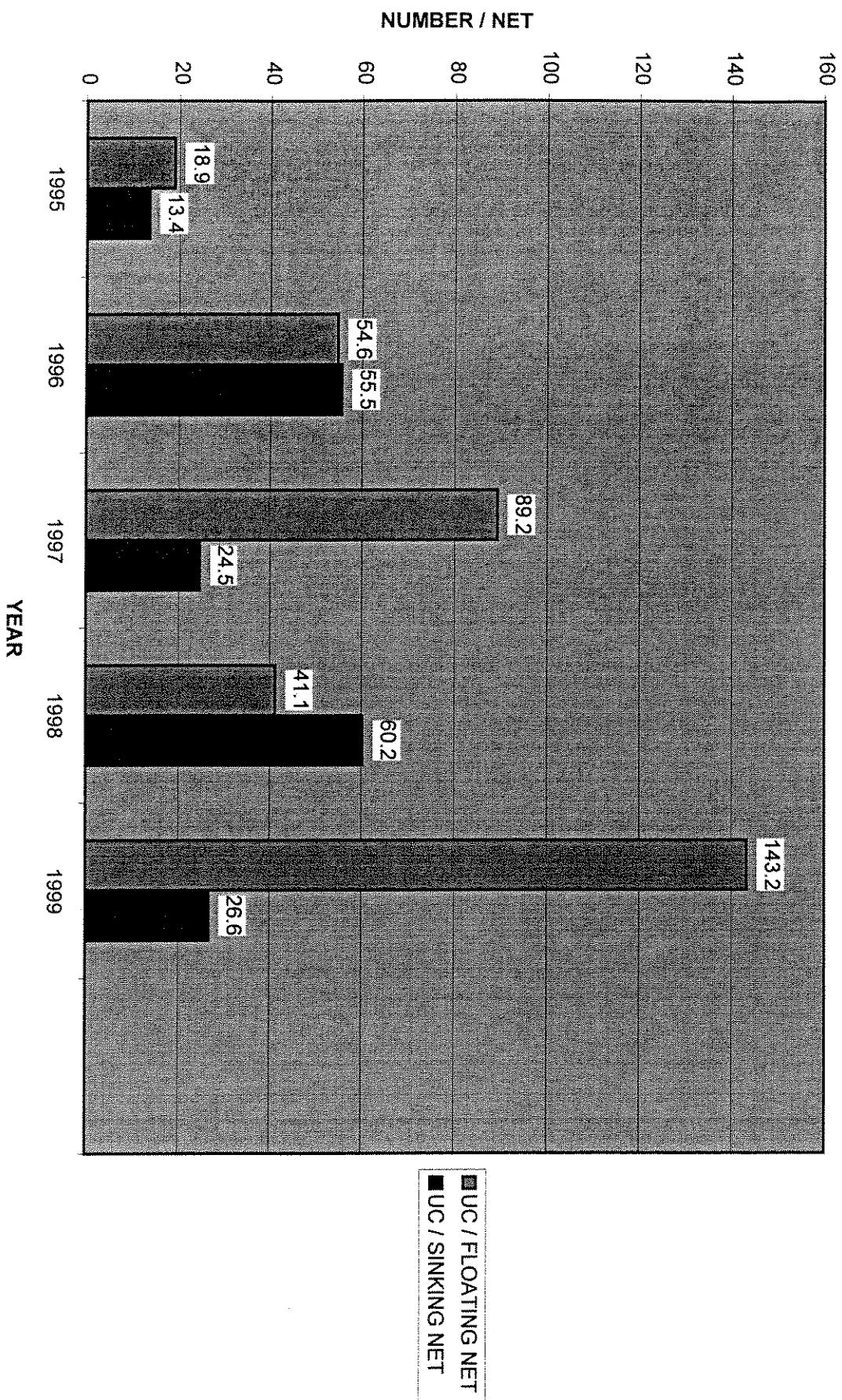
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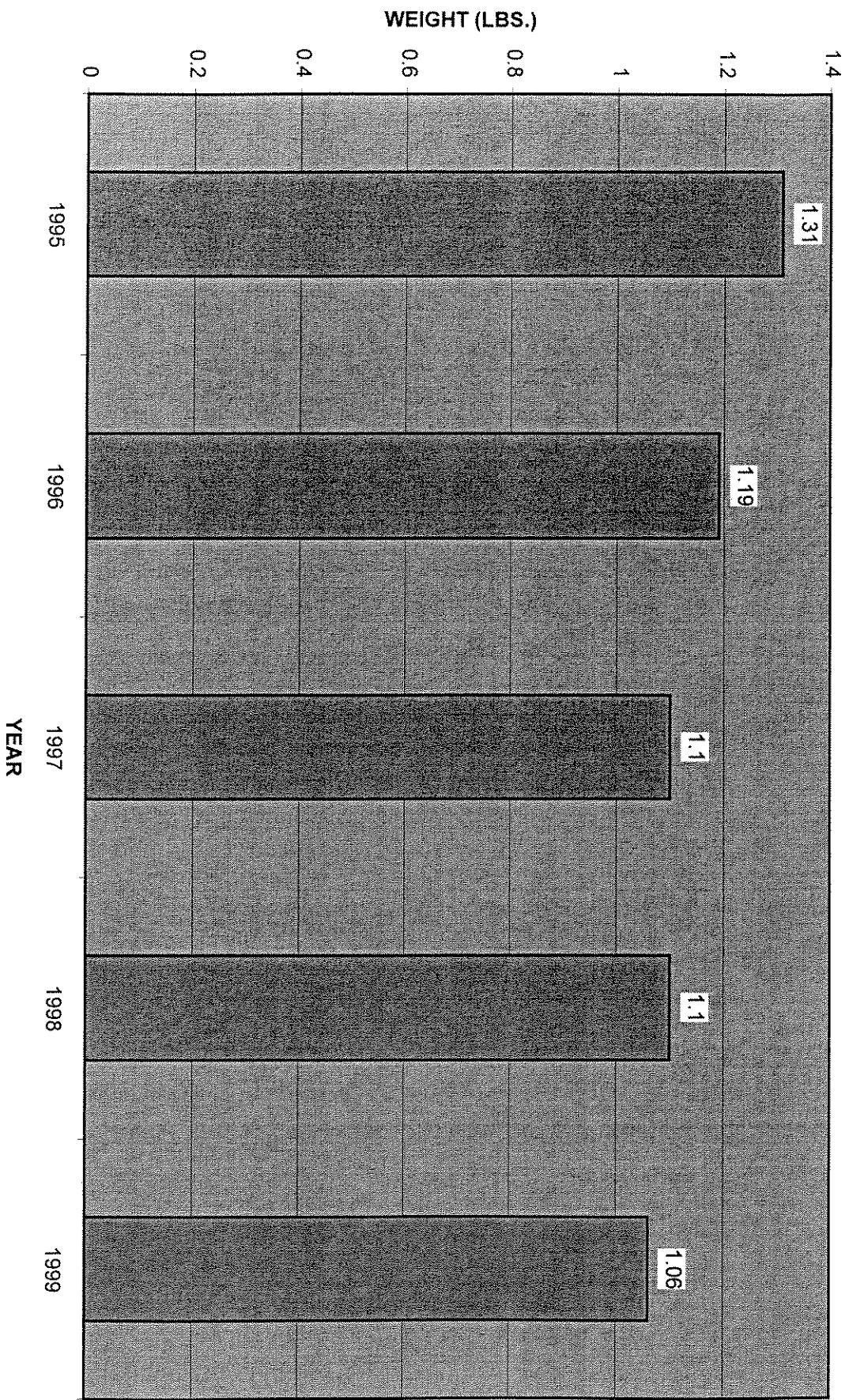
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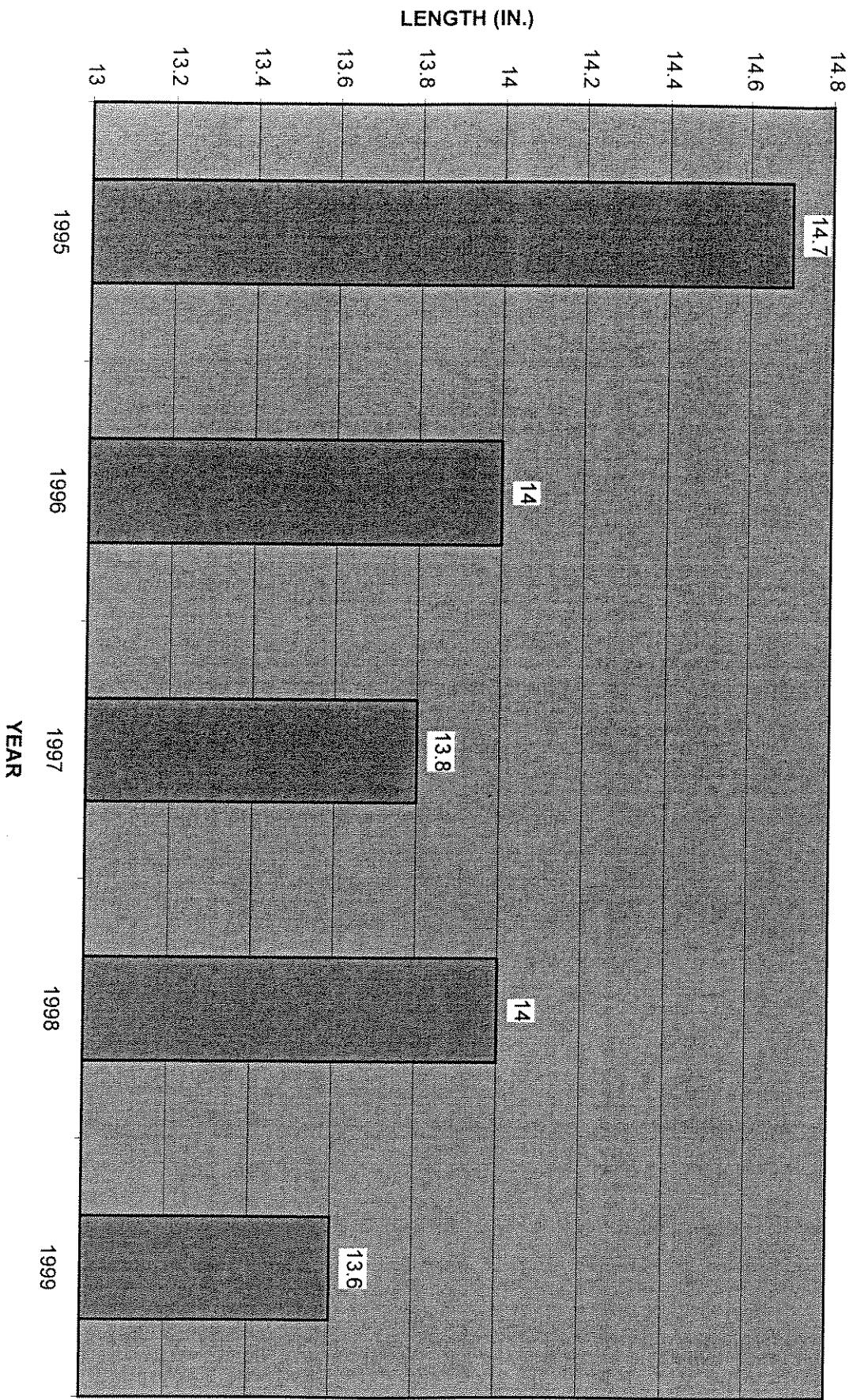
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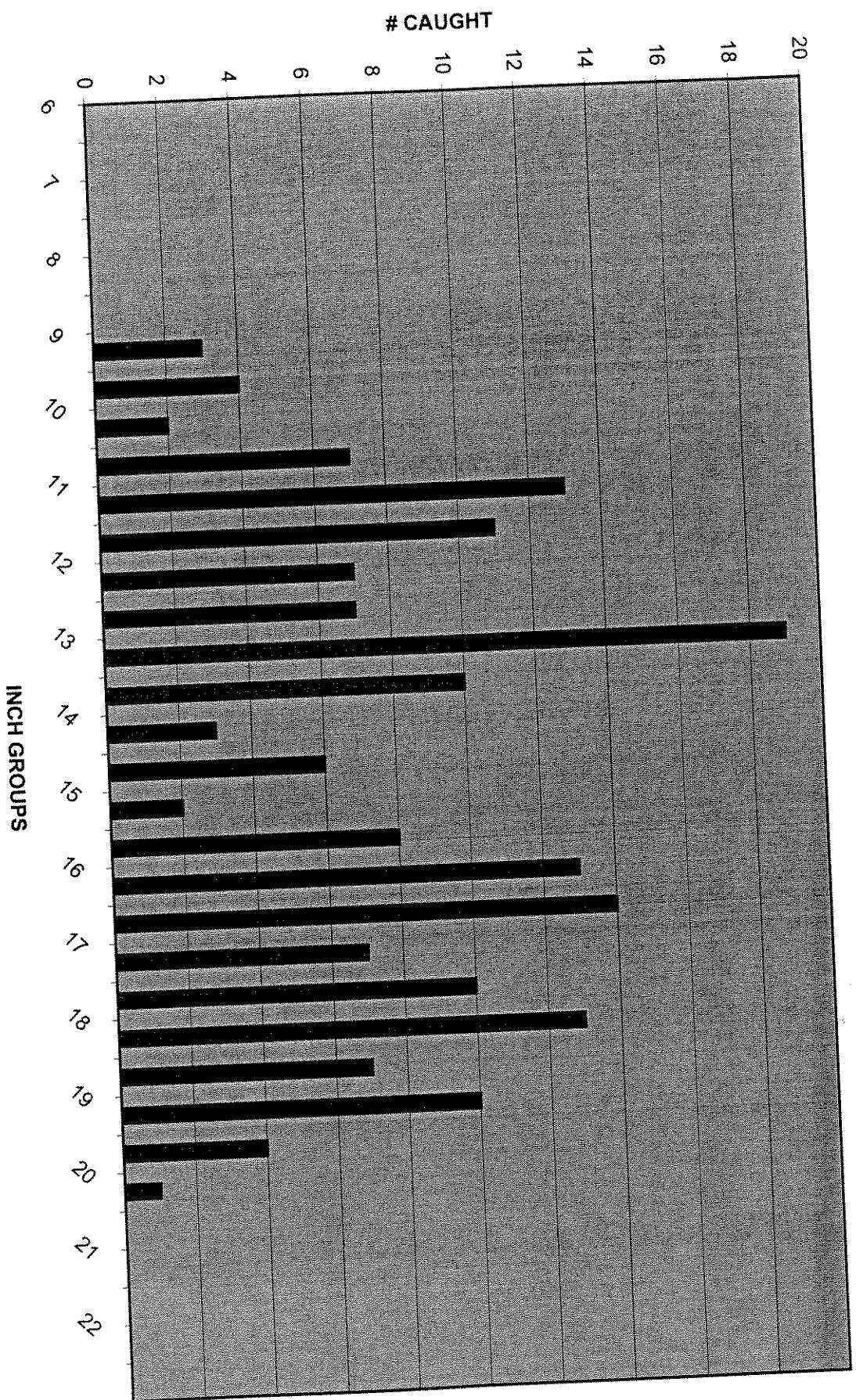
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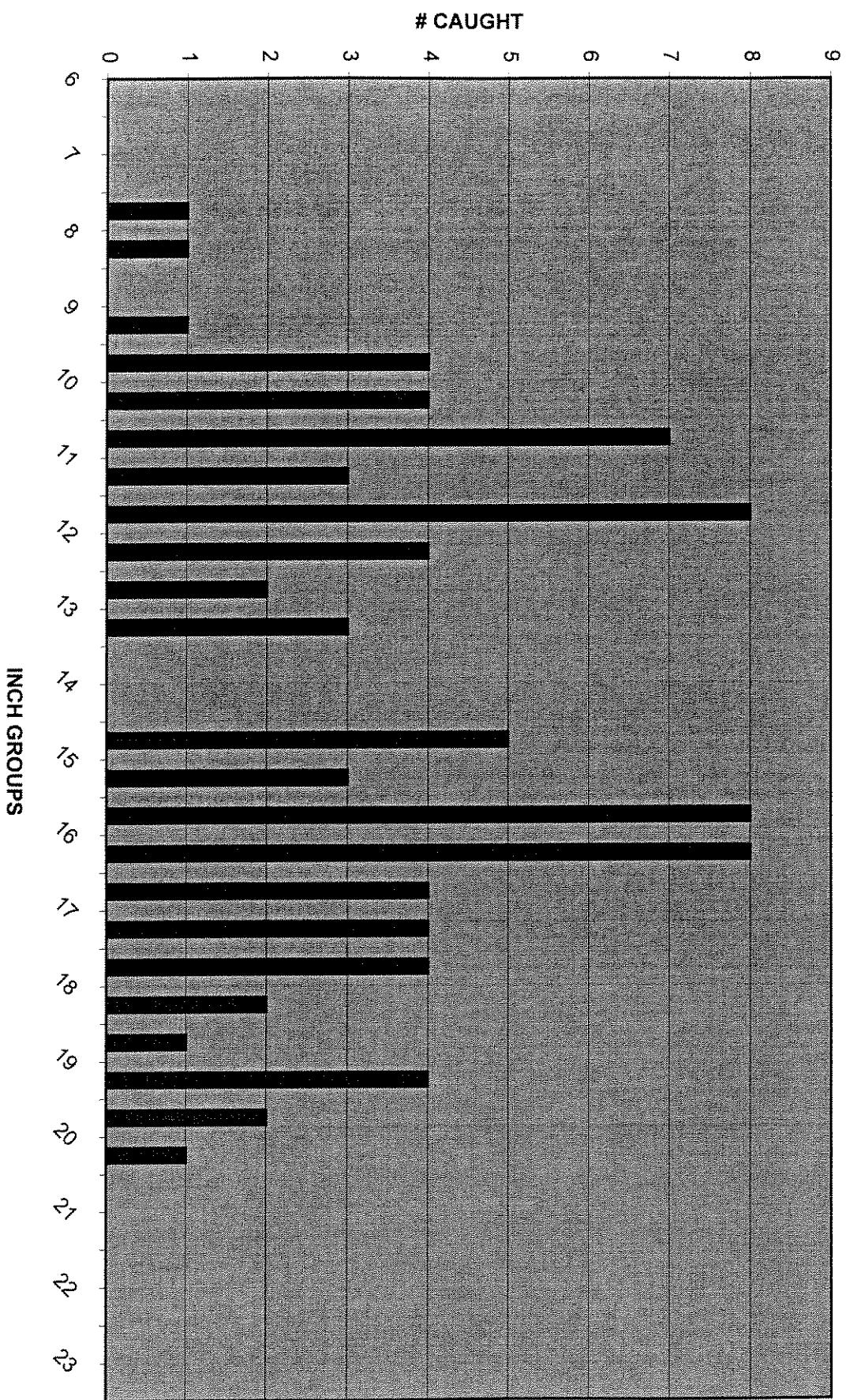
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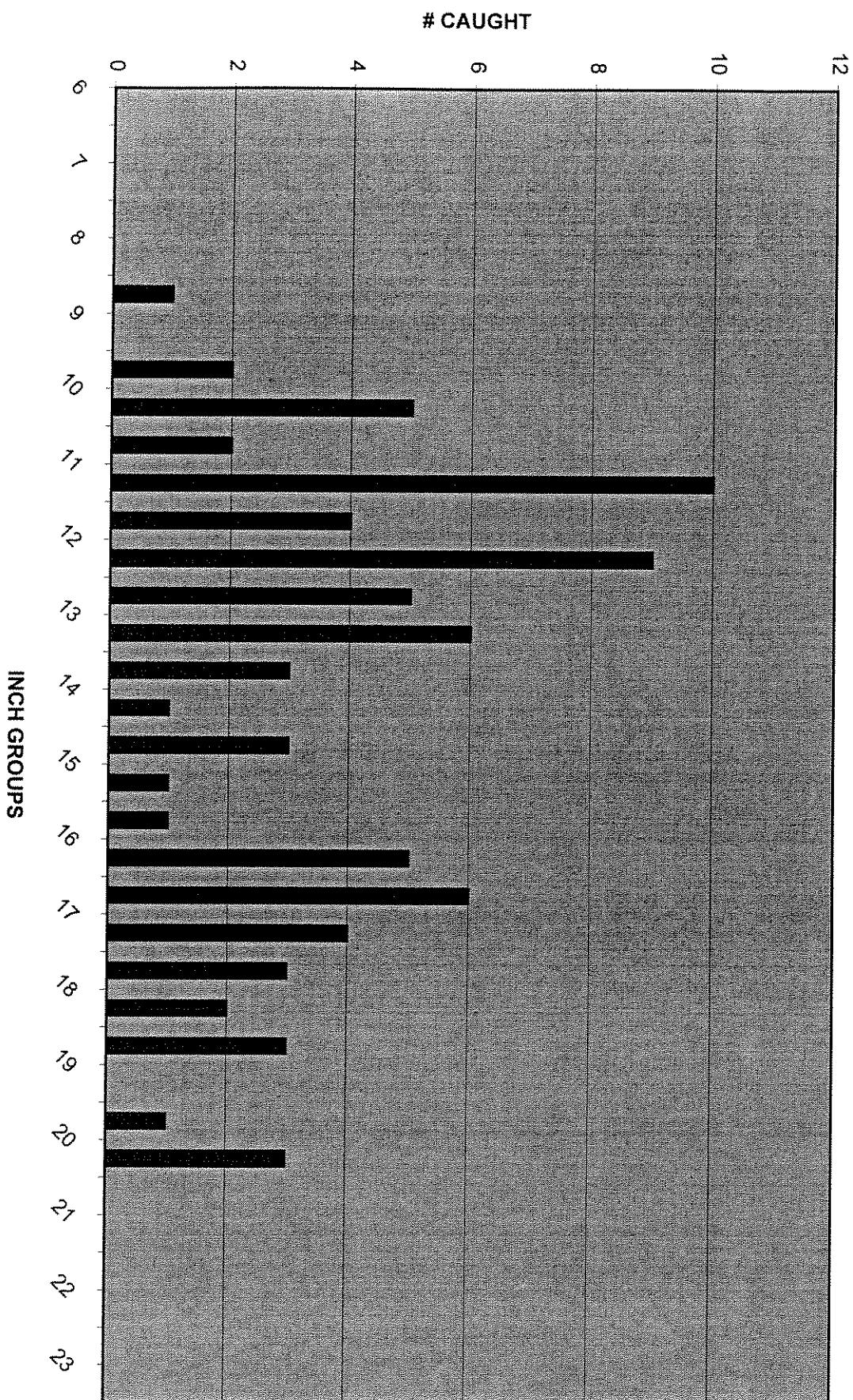
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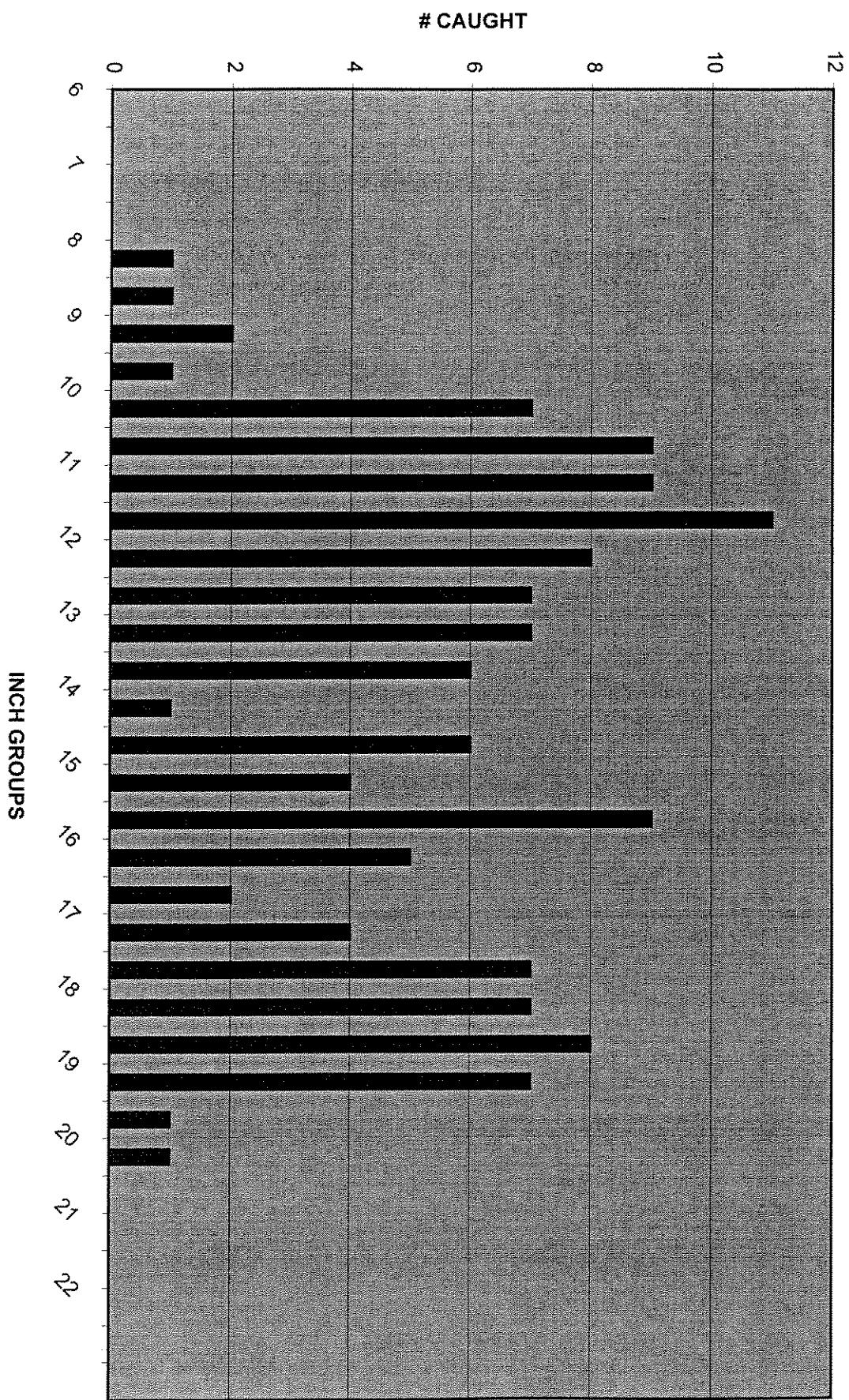
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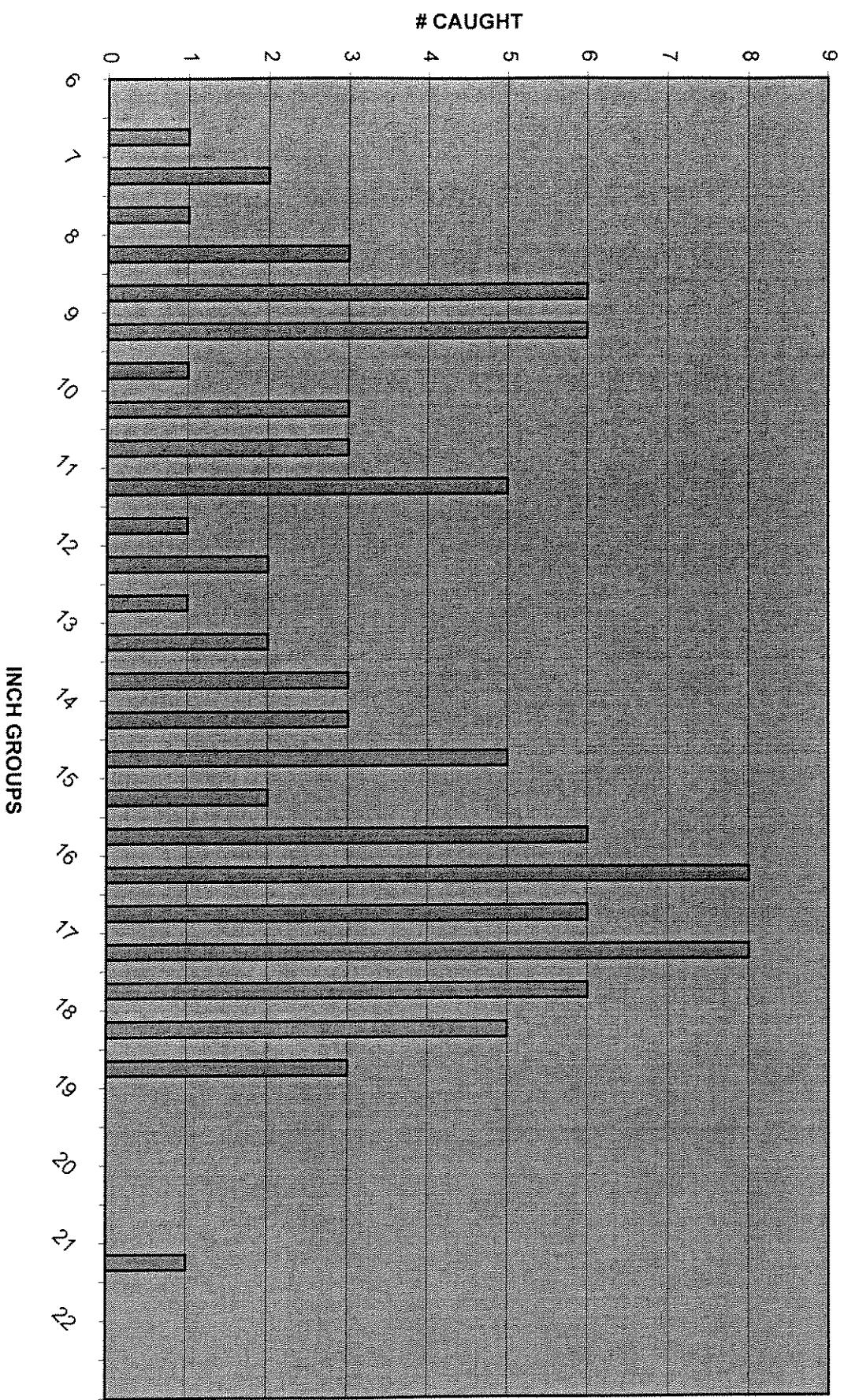
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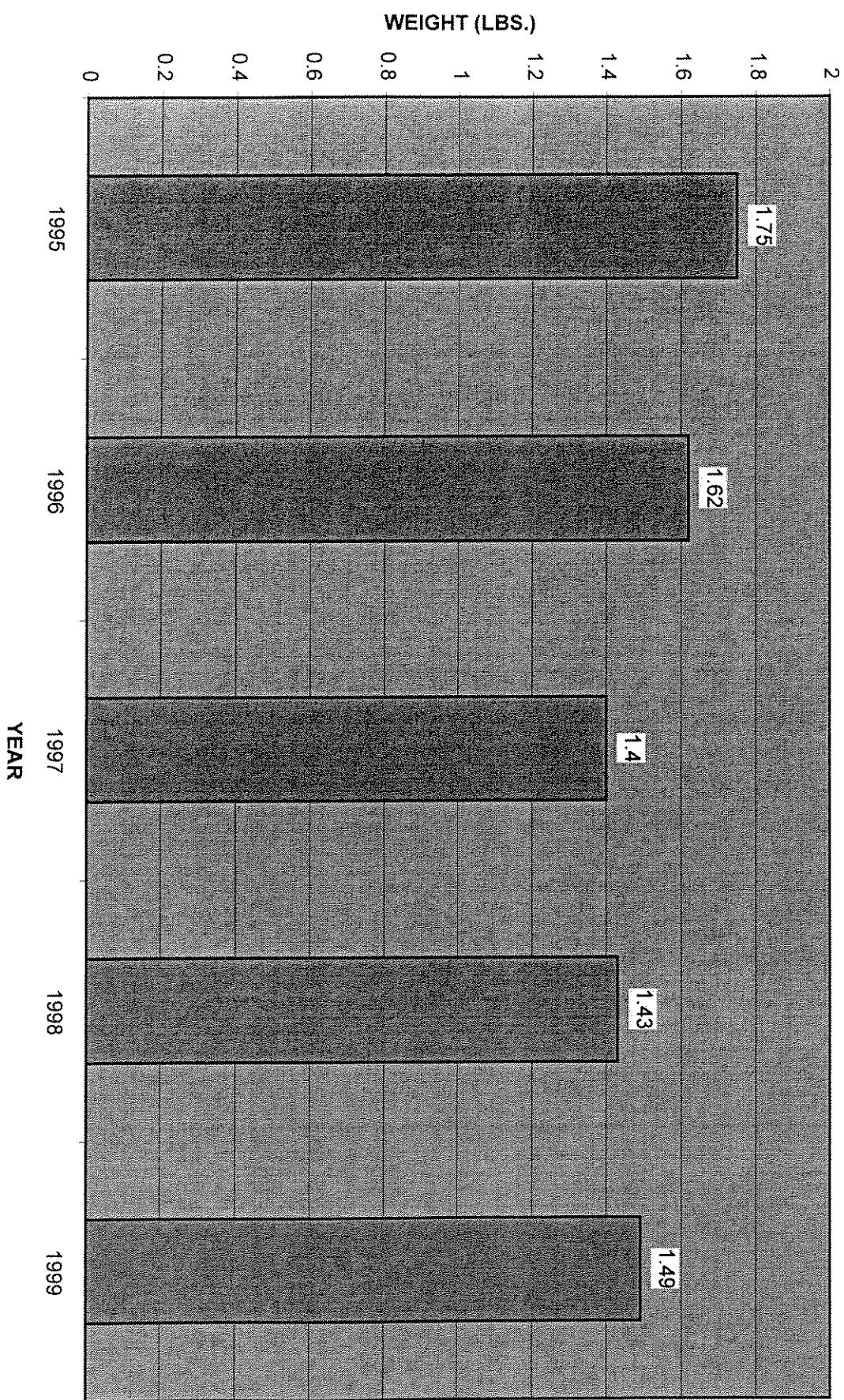
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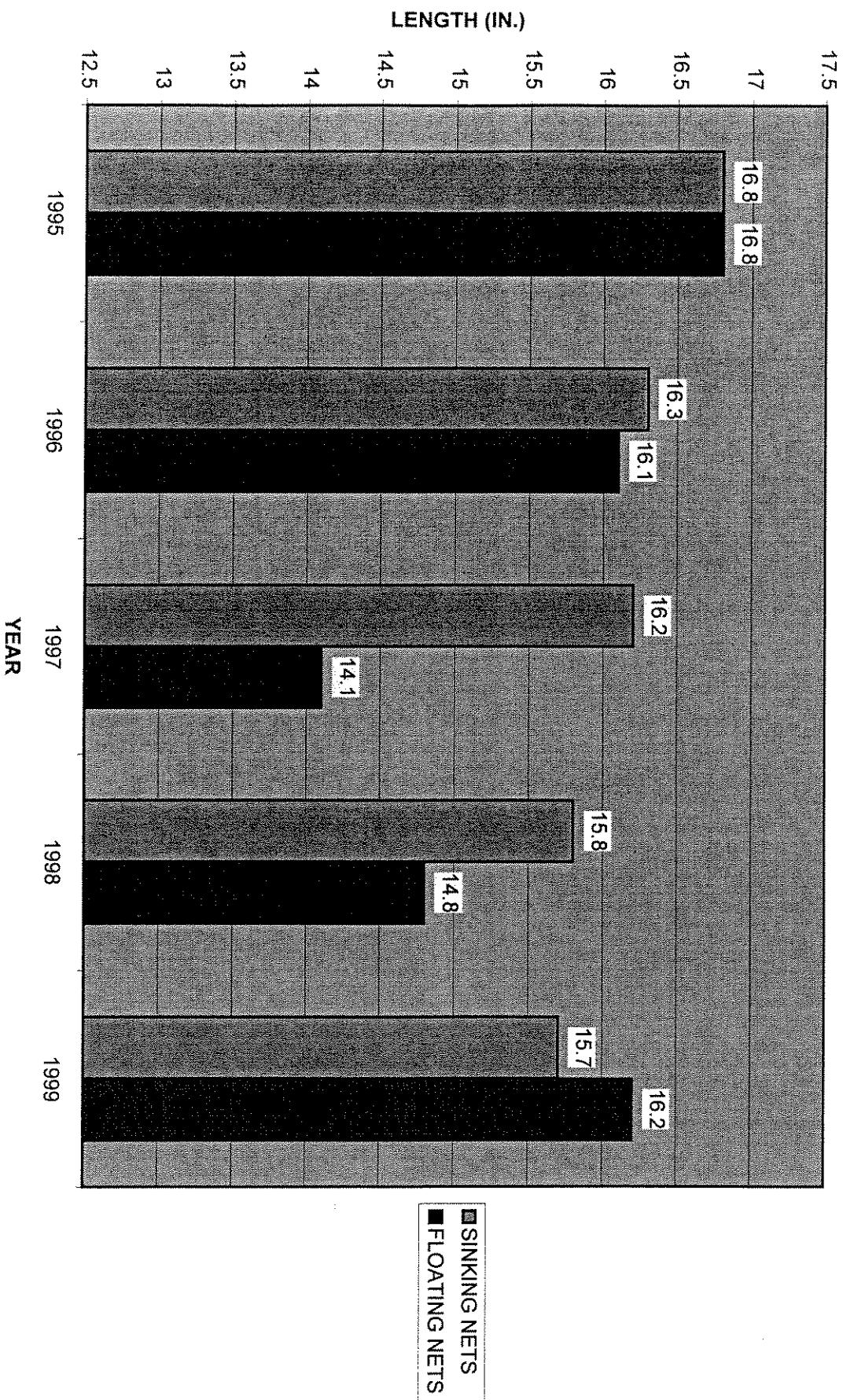
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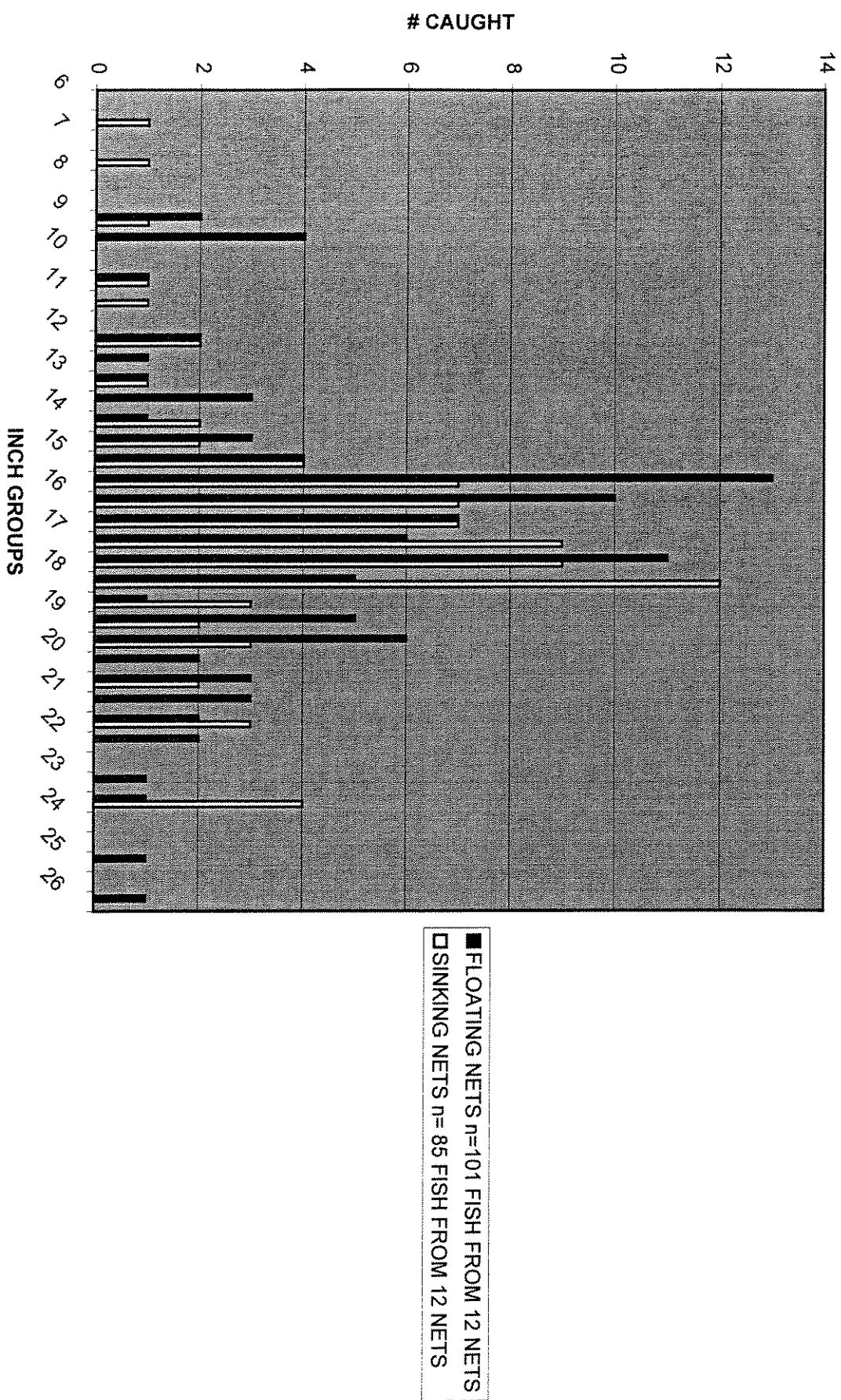
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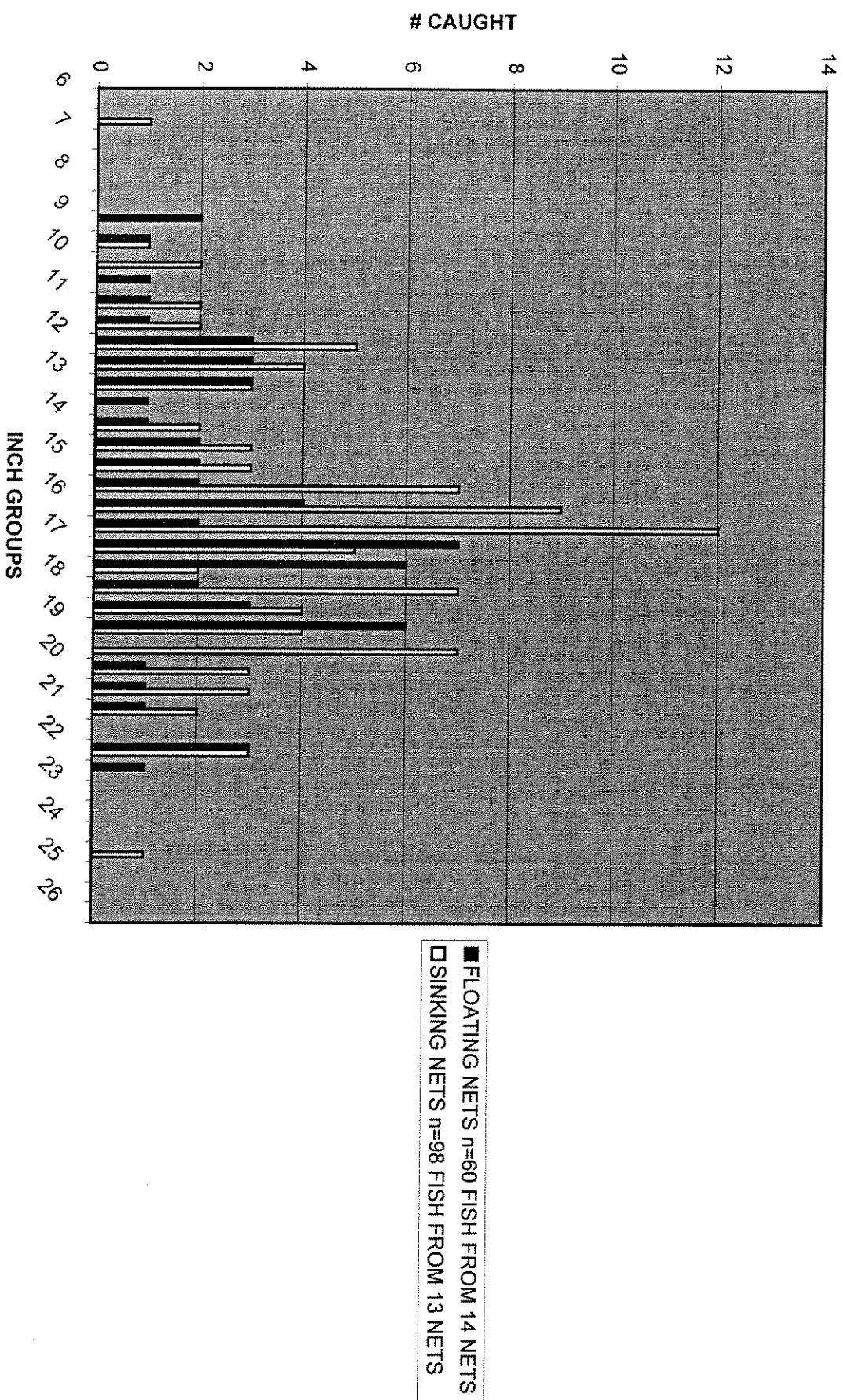
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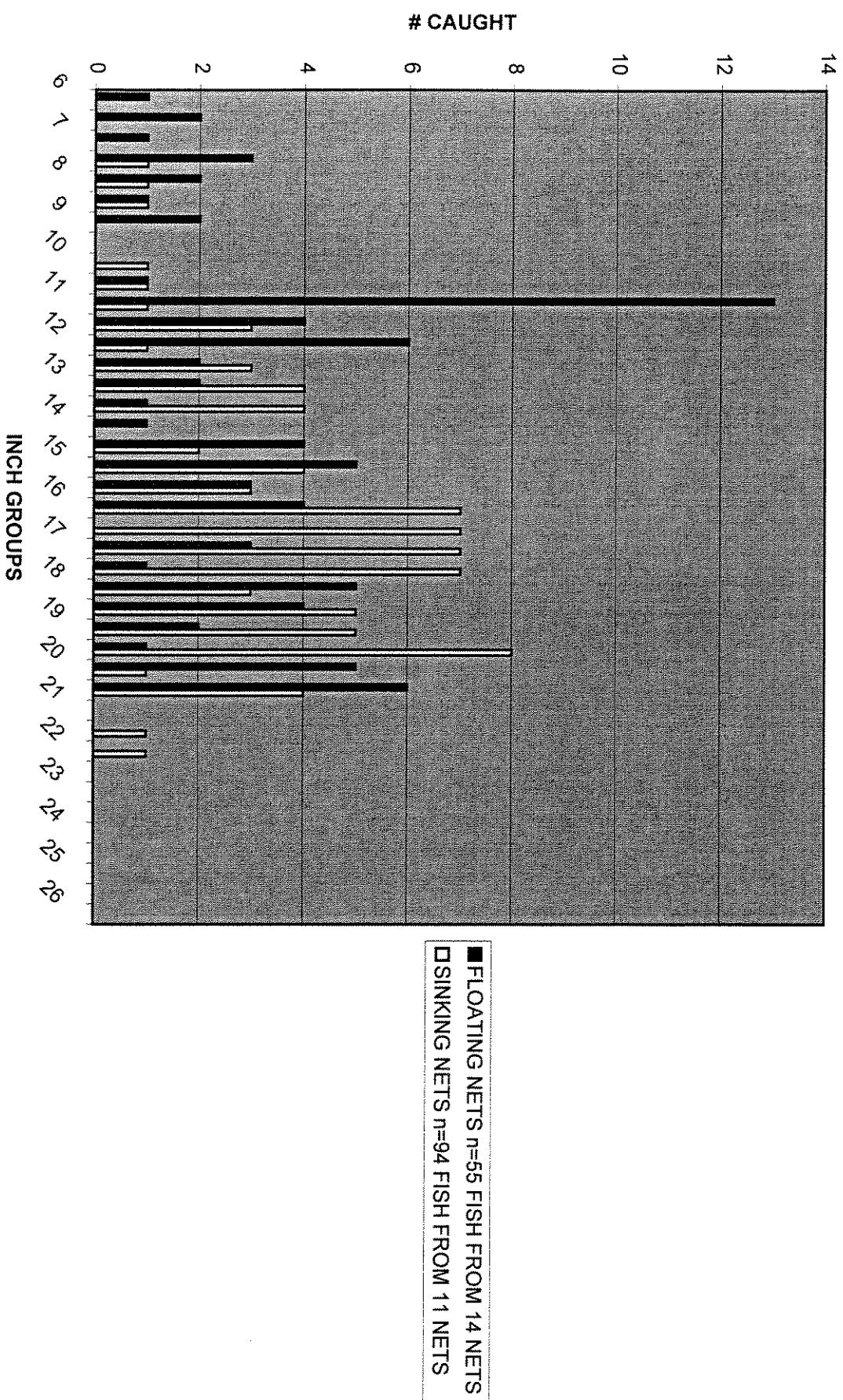
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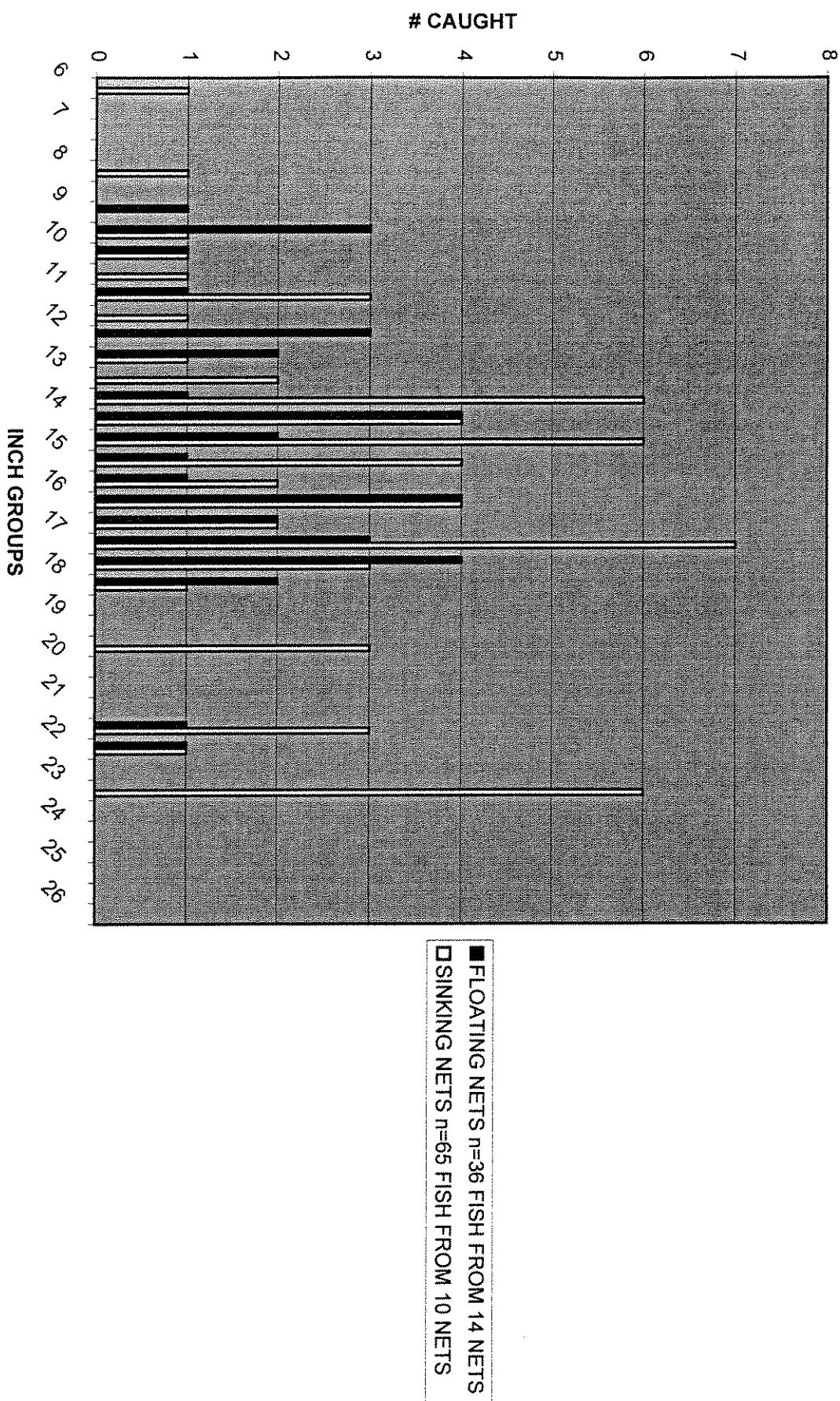
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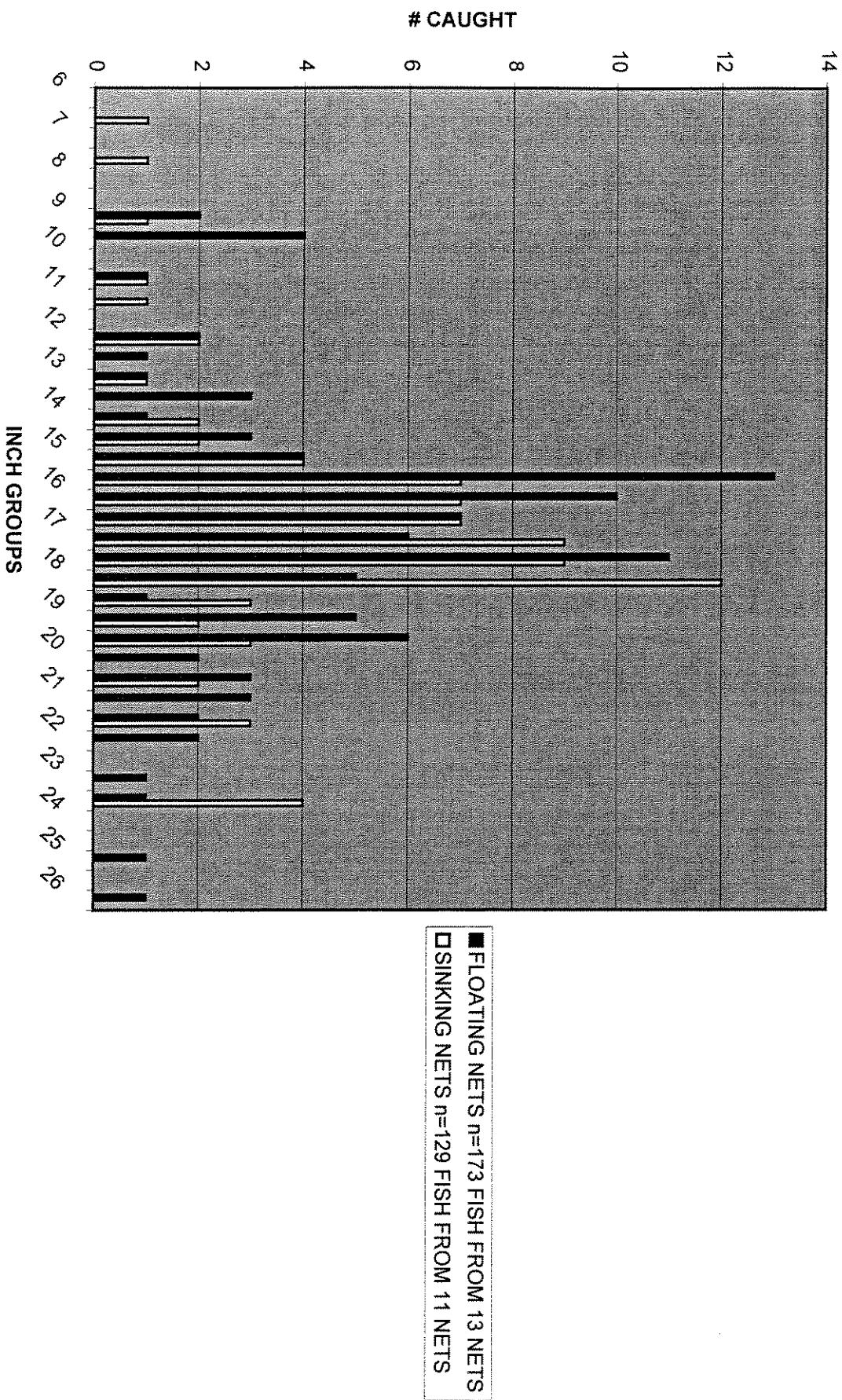
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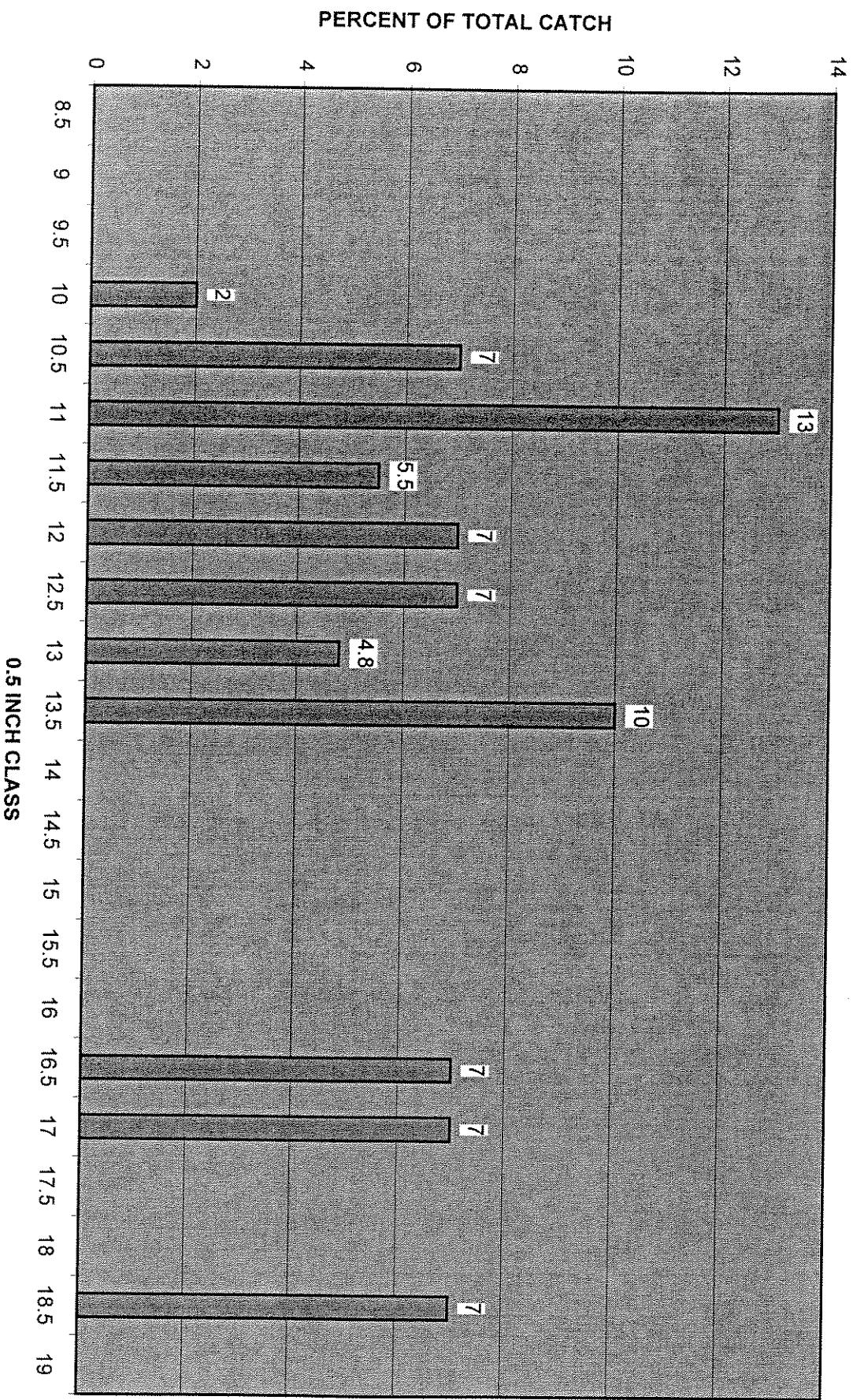
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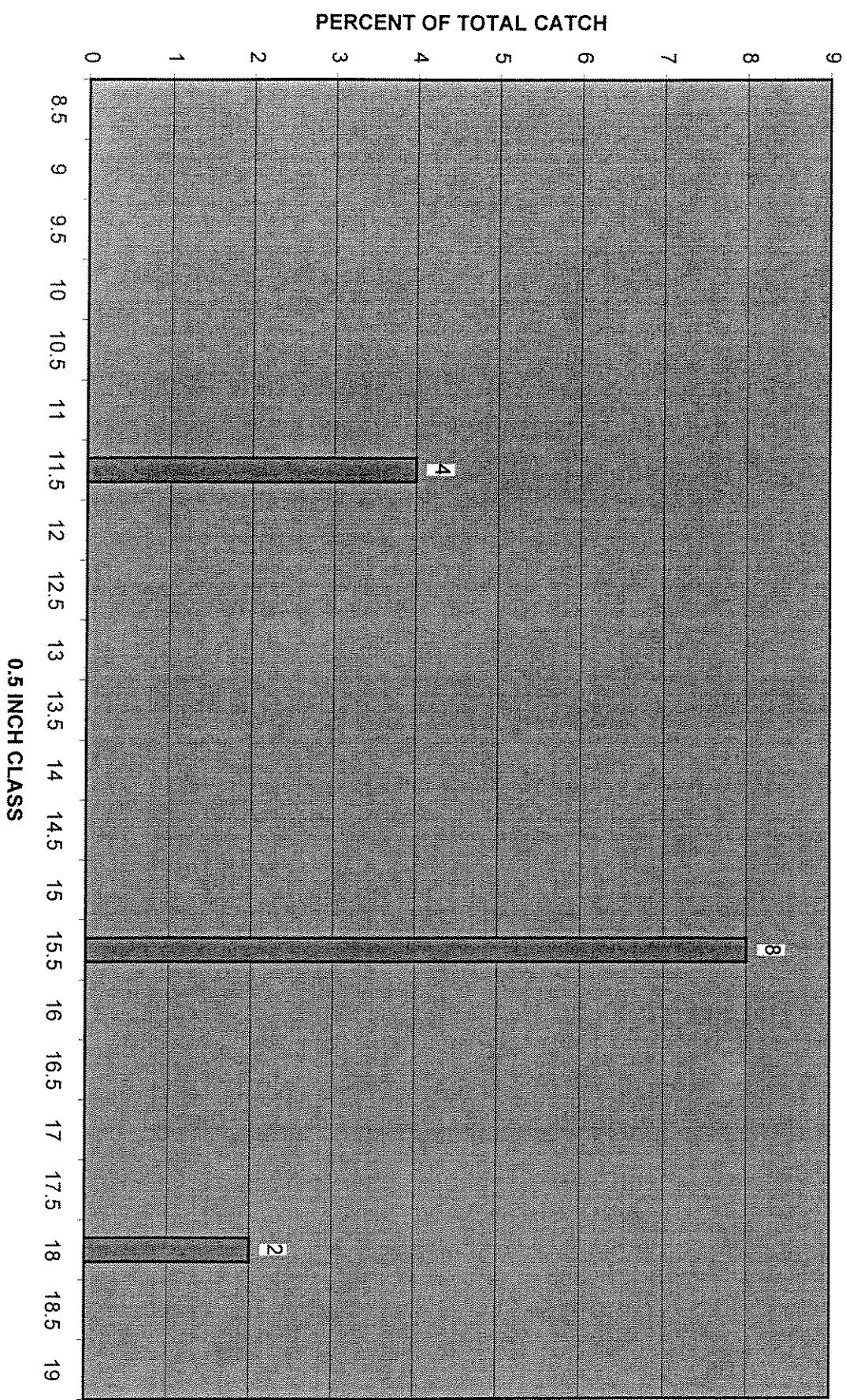
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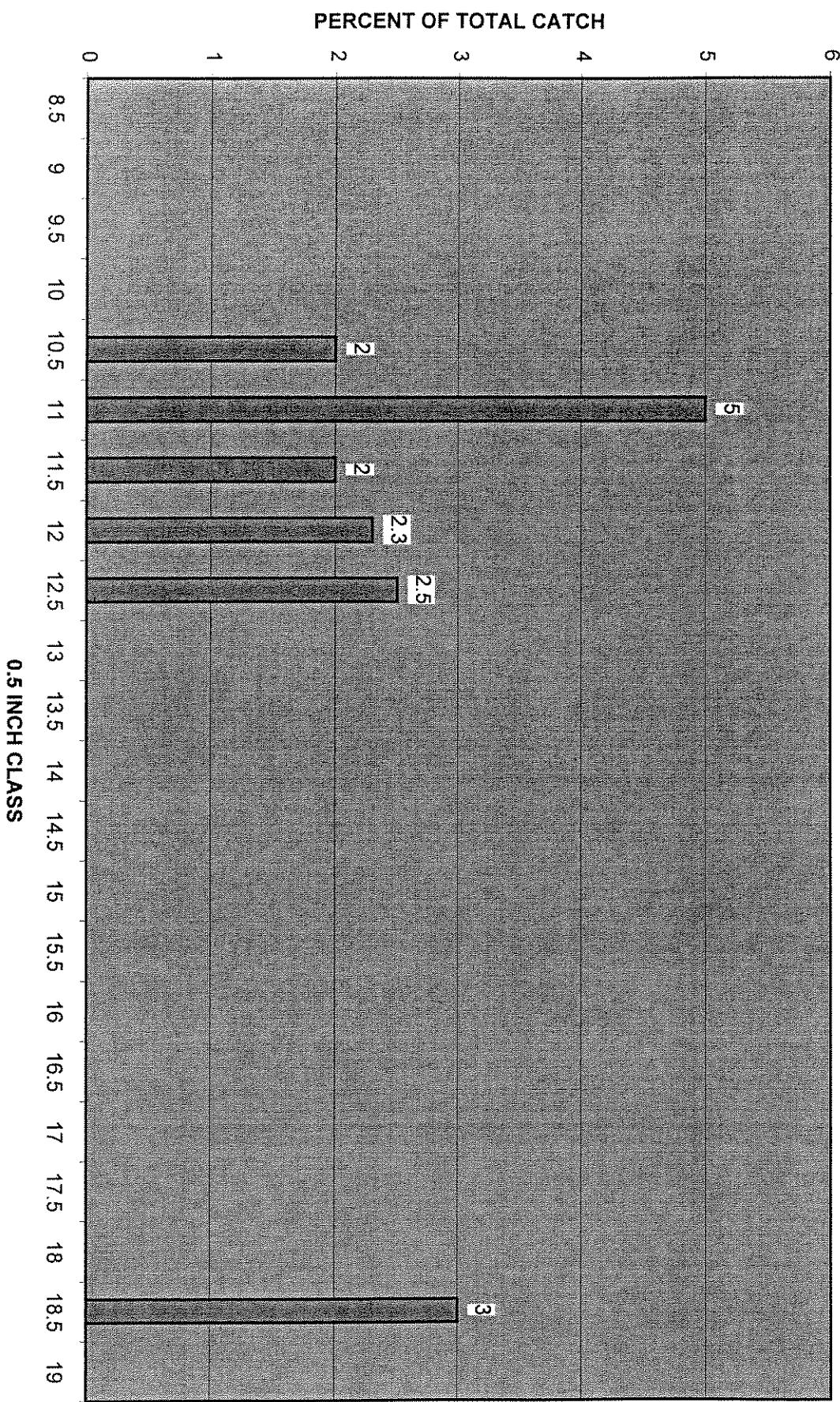
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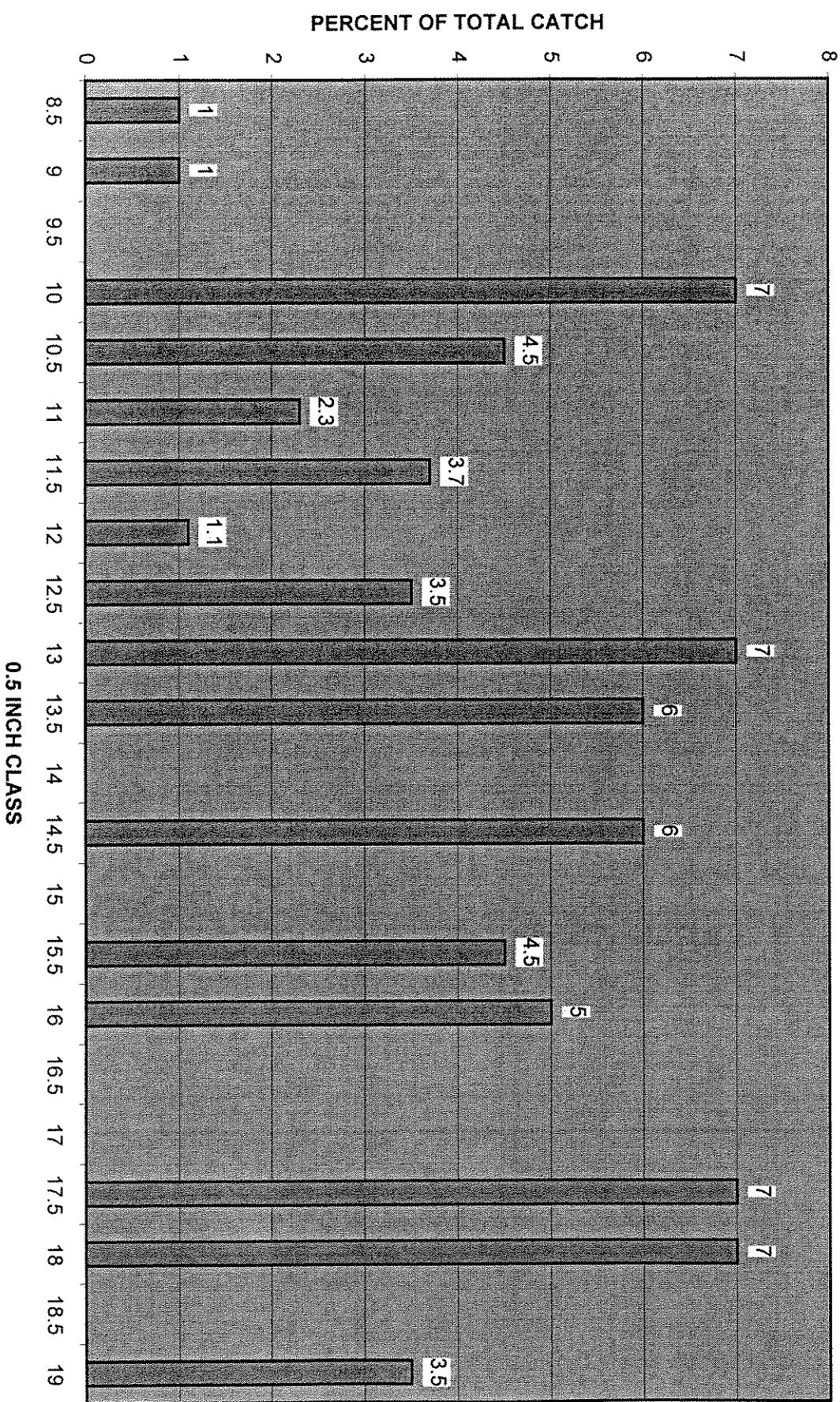
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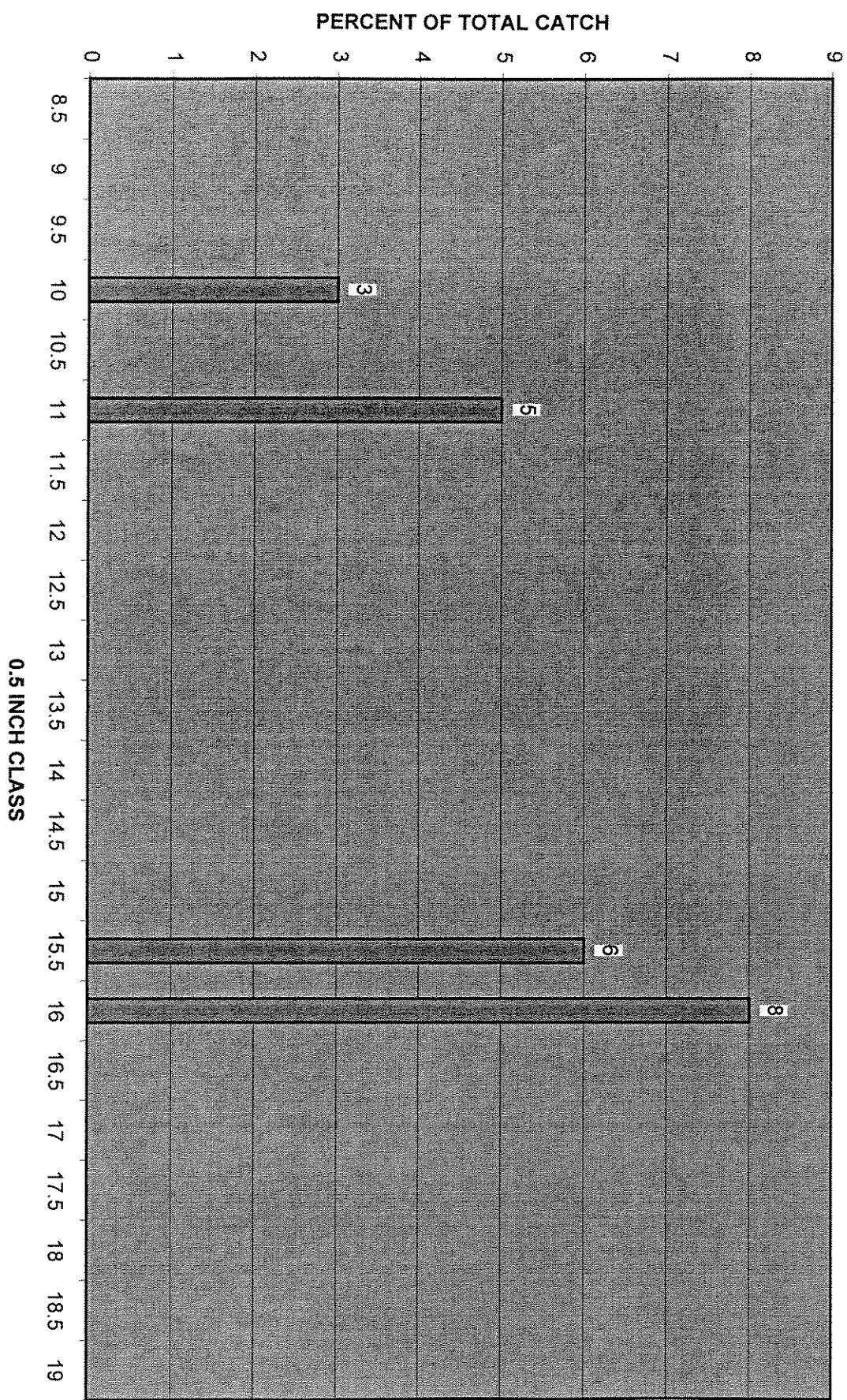
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HEBGEN RESERVOIR RAINBOW TROUT VERTEBRAE TETRACYCLINE MARK SUMMARY  
1996-1999

1996

69 Rainbow trout ( $r=7.6\text{--}21.8"$ ) vertebra collected.  
2 double tet marks detected (10.0" & 11.6"), planted 1995. Known age 1.  
2 tet marked Rb/69 sampled Rb=2.9% hatchery fish.

1997

74 Rainbow trout ( $r=8.8\text{--}20.2"$ ) vertebra collected.  
2 single tet marks detected (11.0" & 12.6"), planted 1996. Known age 1\*.  
2 tet marked Rb/74 sampled Rb=2.7% hatchery fish.  
\*12.6 possibly 1995 plant.

1999

53 Rainbow trout ( $r=6.7\text{--}18.5"$ ) vertebra collected.  
2 single tet marks detected (11.0" & 10.6"), planted 1998. Known age 1.  
2 tet marked Rb/ 53 sampled Rb=3.8% hatchery fish.

ANGLING PRESSURE ESTIMATE SUMMARY

HEBGEN RESERVOIR

1995 LICENSE YEAR TOTAL=25921 RES= 9339 NONRES=16582

REGION 3 RANK= #9 STATE RANK= #23

1997 LICENSE YEAR TOTAL=28884 RES= 11189 NONRES= 17695

REGION 3 RANK= #9 STATE RANK= #23

HEBGEN RESERVOIR FISHERMAN'S LOG SUMMARY 1994-1997

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>SPECIES*</u> | <u># CAUGHT</u> | <u>% OF TOTAL CATCH</u> | <u>ANGER DAYS</u> | <u>HRS. FISHED</u> | <u>TOTAL FISH/HR. **</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| 5/94-11/94   | RB              | 41              | 75                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | LL              | 13              | 24                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | MWF             | 1               | 1                       |                   |                    |                          |
| Totals       |                 | 55              |                         | 100               | 24                 | 98.8                     |
| 12/94-4/95   | RB              | 13              | 100                     |                   |                    | 0.6                      |
| Totals       |                 | 13              |                         | 100               | 2                  | 8                        |
| 5/95-11/95   | RB              | 10              | 42                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | LL              | 13              | 54                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | MWF             | 1               | 4                       |                   |                    |                          |
| Totals       |                 | 24              |                         | 100               | 12                 | 49                       |
| 5/96-11/96   | RB              | 41              | 77                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | LL              | 11              | 21                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | MWF             | 1               | 1                       |                   |                    |                          |
| Totals       |                 | 53              |                         | 100               | 21                 | 71                       |
| 5/97-11/97   | RB              | 71              | 76                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | LL              | 17              | 18                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | MWF             | 2               | 2                       |                   |                    |                          |
|              | UC              | 4               | 4                       |                   |                    |                          |
| Totals       |                 | 94              |                         | 100               | 25                 | 122.5                    |
| 1994-1997    | RB              | 176             | 74                      |                   |                    |                          |
| TOTALS       | LL              | 54              | 23                      |                   |                    |                          |
|              | MWF             | 5               | 2                       |                   |                    |                          |
|              | UC              | 4               | 2                       |                   |                    |                          |
| Totals       |                 | 239             |                         | 100               | 84                 | 349.3                    |
|              |                 |                 |                         |                   |                    | 0.7                      |

\* RB=RAINBOW TROUT LL=BROWN TROUT MWF=MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH UC=UTAH CHUB  
 \*\* DOES NOT INCLUDE UTAH CHUB

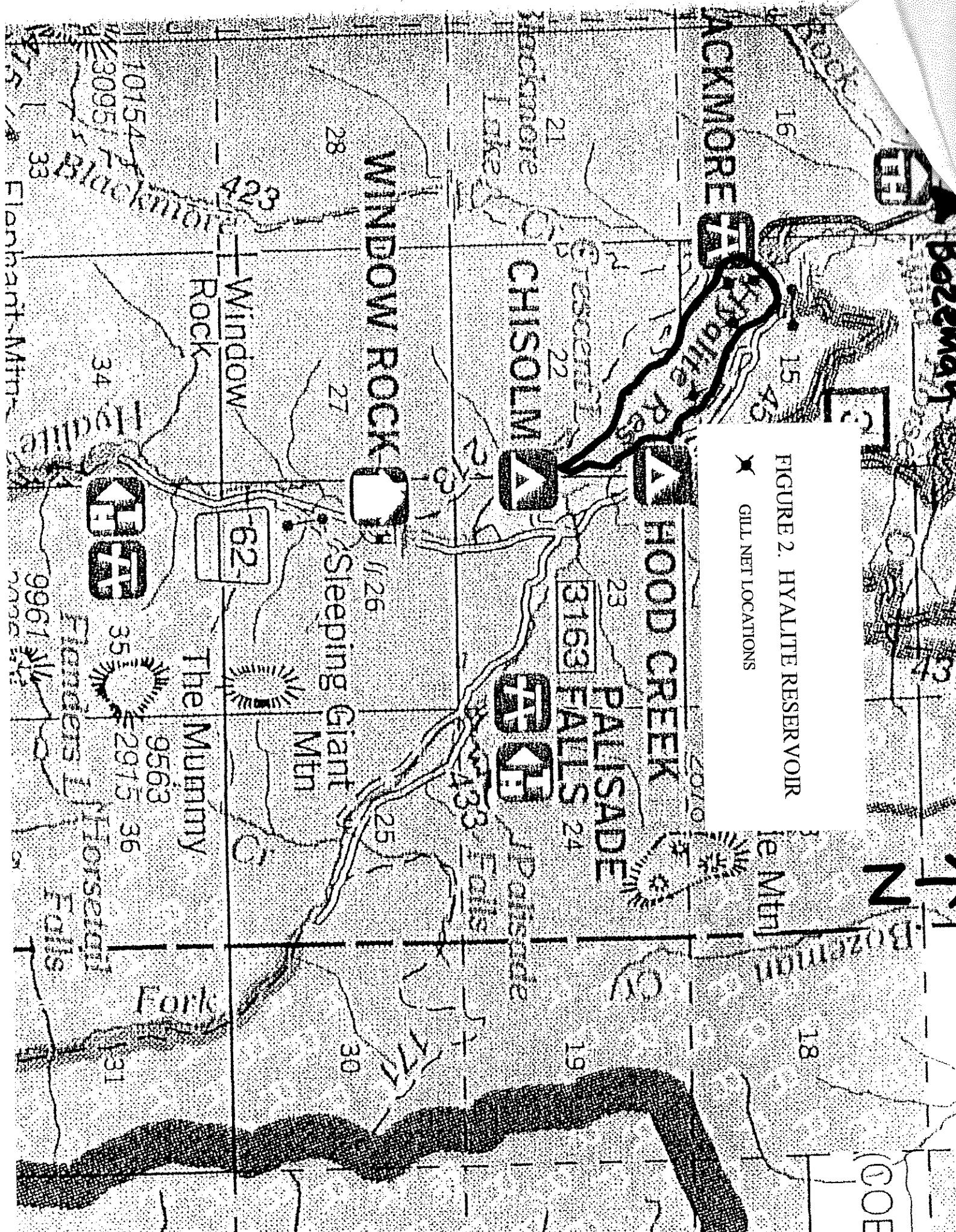
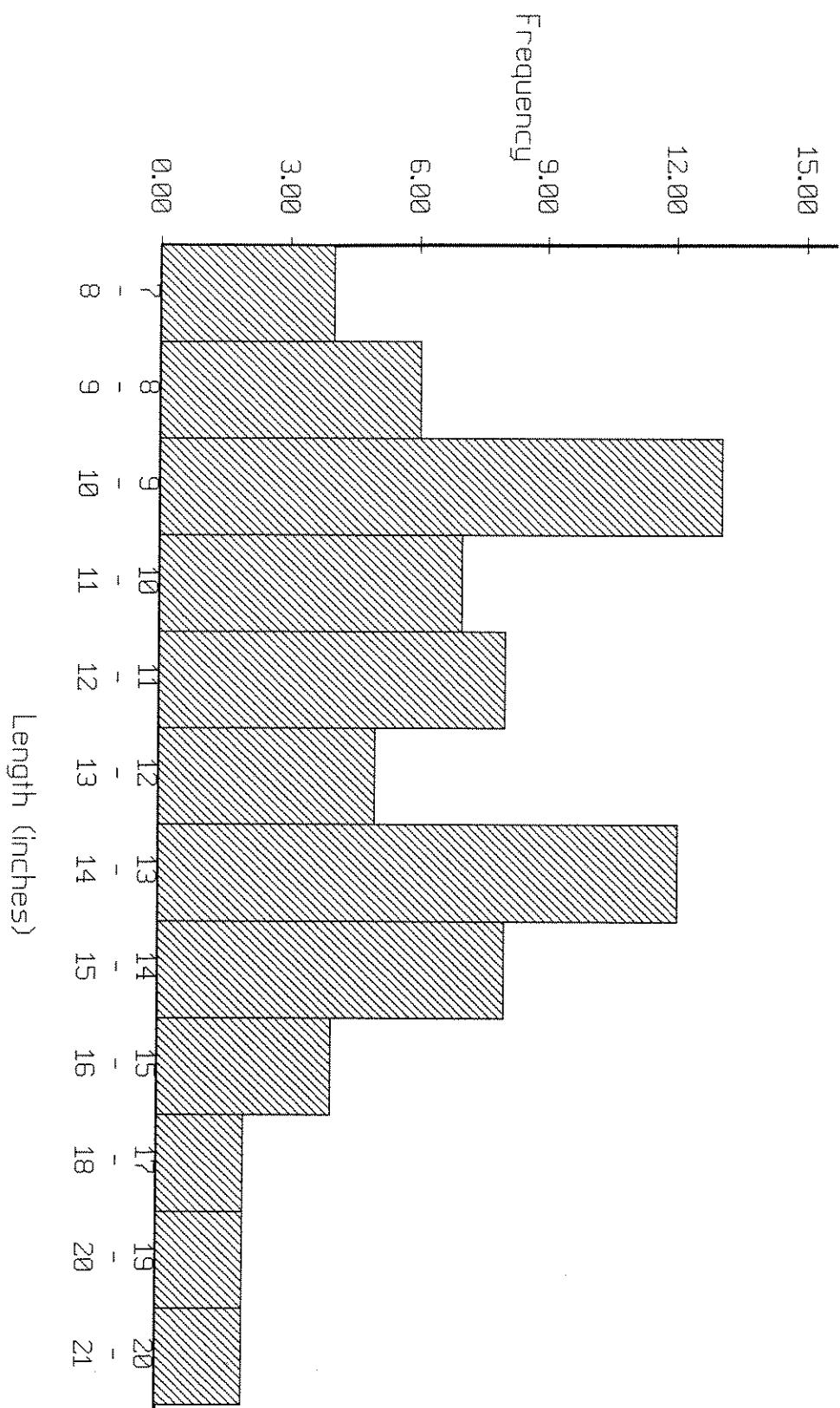


FIGURE 2. HYALITE RESERVOIR

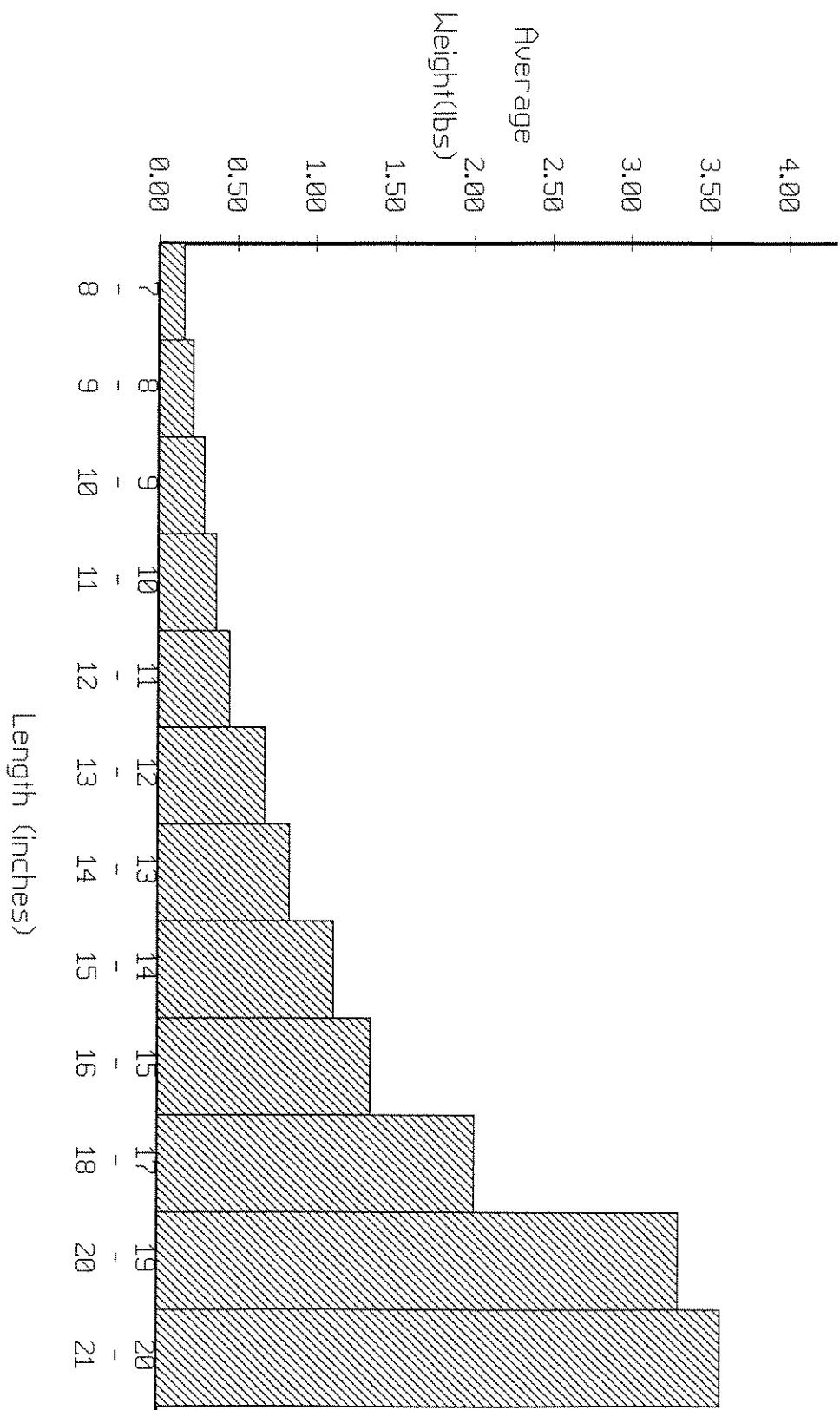
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HYALITE RESERVOIR - GILL NETTING  
YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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# AVERAGE WEIGHT vs LENGTH

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YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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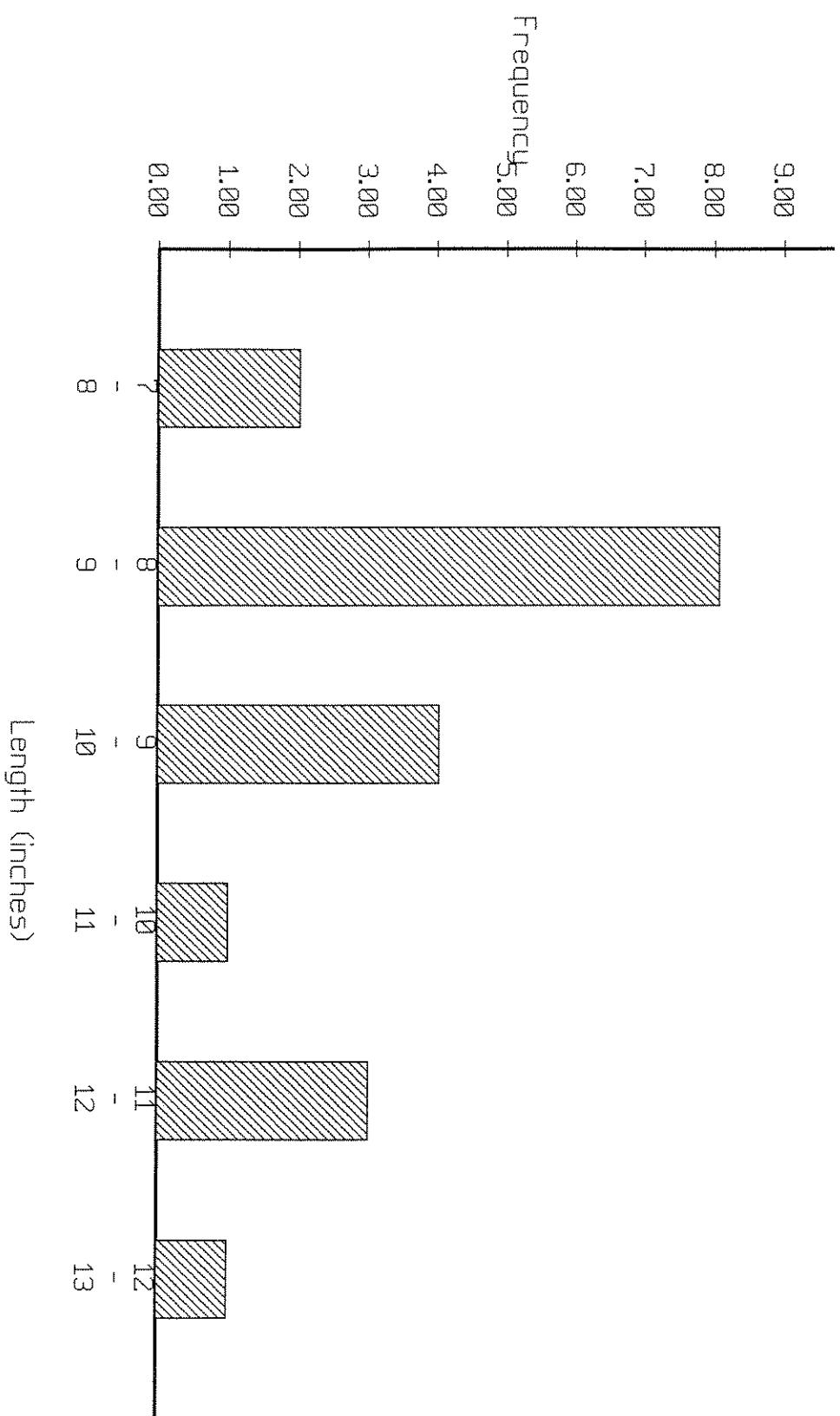
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Species: BROOK TROUT  
Date Marked: 10/5/94

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |  |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|--|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |  |
| 7.00 - 7.99   | 2        | 7.35   | 0.07 | 0.15   | 0.01 | 36.55     | 2.84 |  |
| 8.00 - 8.99   | 8        | 8.53   | 0.14 | 0.22   | 0.02 | 35.03     | 3.94 |  |
| 9.00 - 9.99   | 4        | 9.30   | 0.14 | 0.28   | 0.02 | 35.19     | 3.49 |  |
| 10.00 - 10.99 | 1        | 10.30  | 0.00 | 0.30   | 0.00 | 27.45     | 0.00 |  |
| 11.00 - 11.99 | 3        | 11.60  | 0.36 | 0.51   | 0.12 | 32.11     | 5.04 |  |
| 12.00 - 12.99 | 1        | 12.00  | 0.00 | 0.60   | 0.00 | 34.72     | 0.00 |  |
| Totals        | 19       | 9.33   | 0.42 | 0.29   | 0.12 | 34.35     | 7.82 |  |

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BROOK TROUT

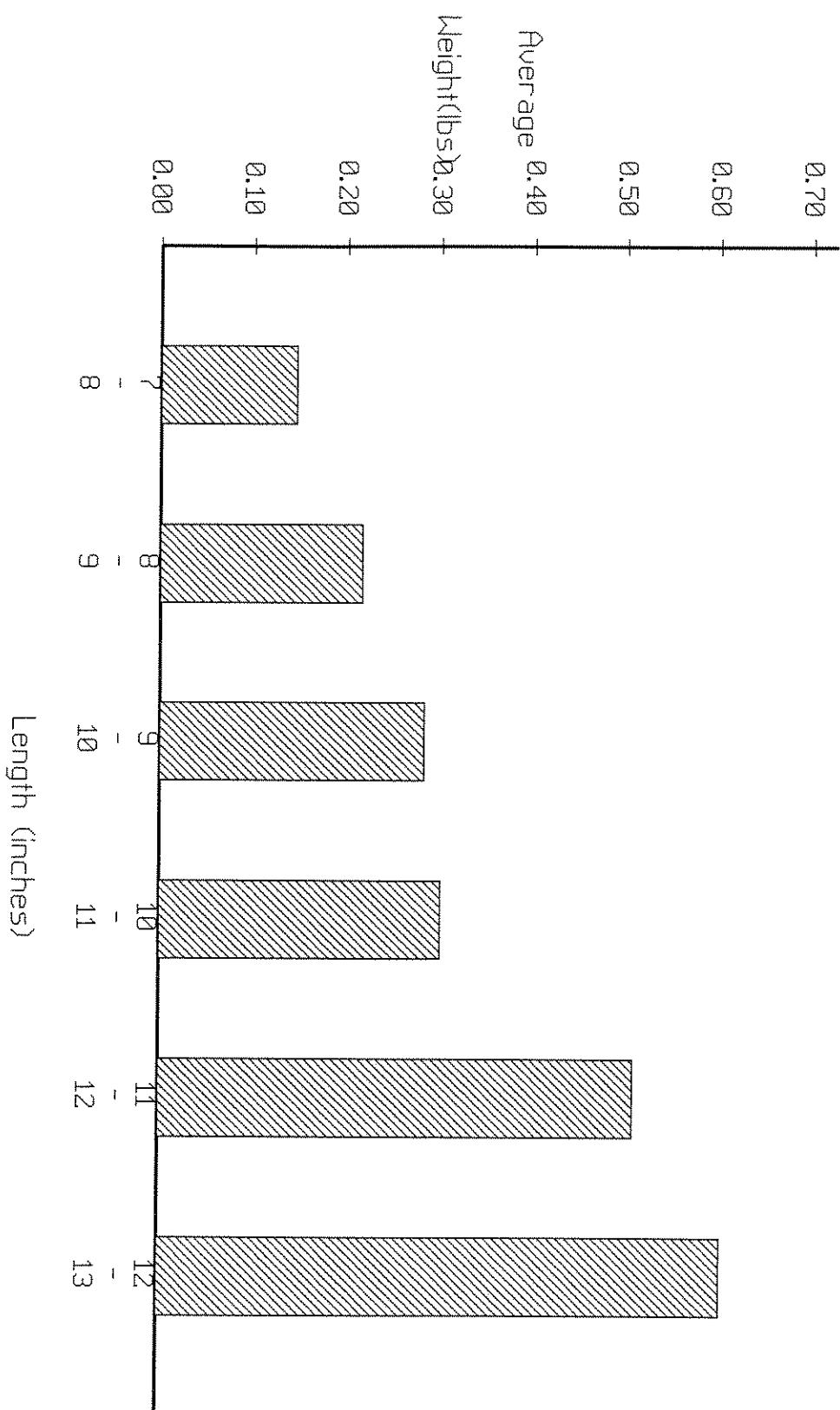
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# AVERAGE WEIGHT vs LENGTH

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BROOK TROUT

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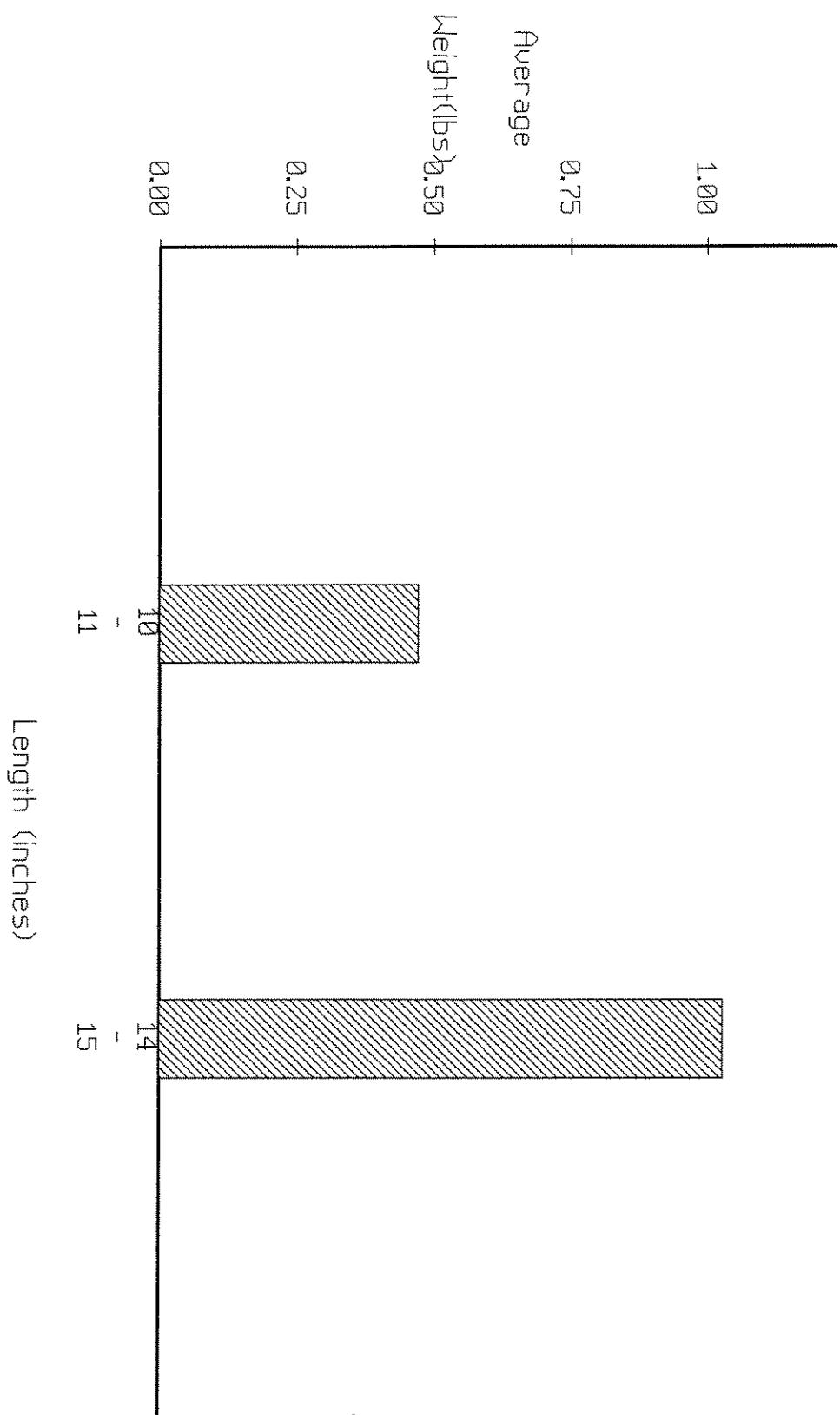
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Water: HYALITE RESERVOIR  
Section: GILL NETTING  
Species: GRAYLING  
Date Marked: 10/5/94

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |
| 10.00 - 10.99 | 1        | 10.70  | 0.00 | 0.47   | 0.00 | 38.37     | 0.00 |
| 14.00 - 14.99 | 1        | 14.00  | 0.00 | 1.02   | 0.00 | 37.17     | 0.00 |
| Totals        | 2        | 12.35  | 0.00 | 0.74   | 0.00 | 37.77     | 0.00 |

# AVERAGE WEIGHT VS LENGTH

HYALITE RESERVOIR - GILL NETTING  
GRAYLING

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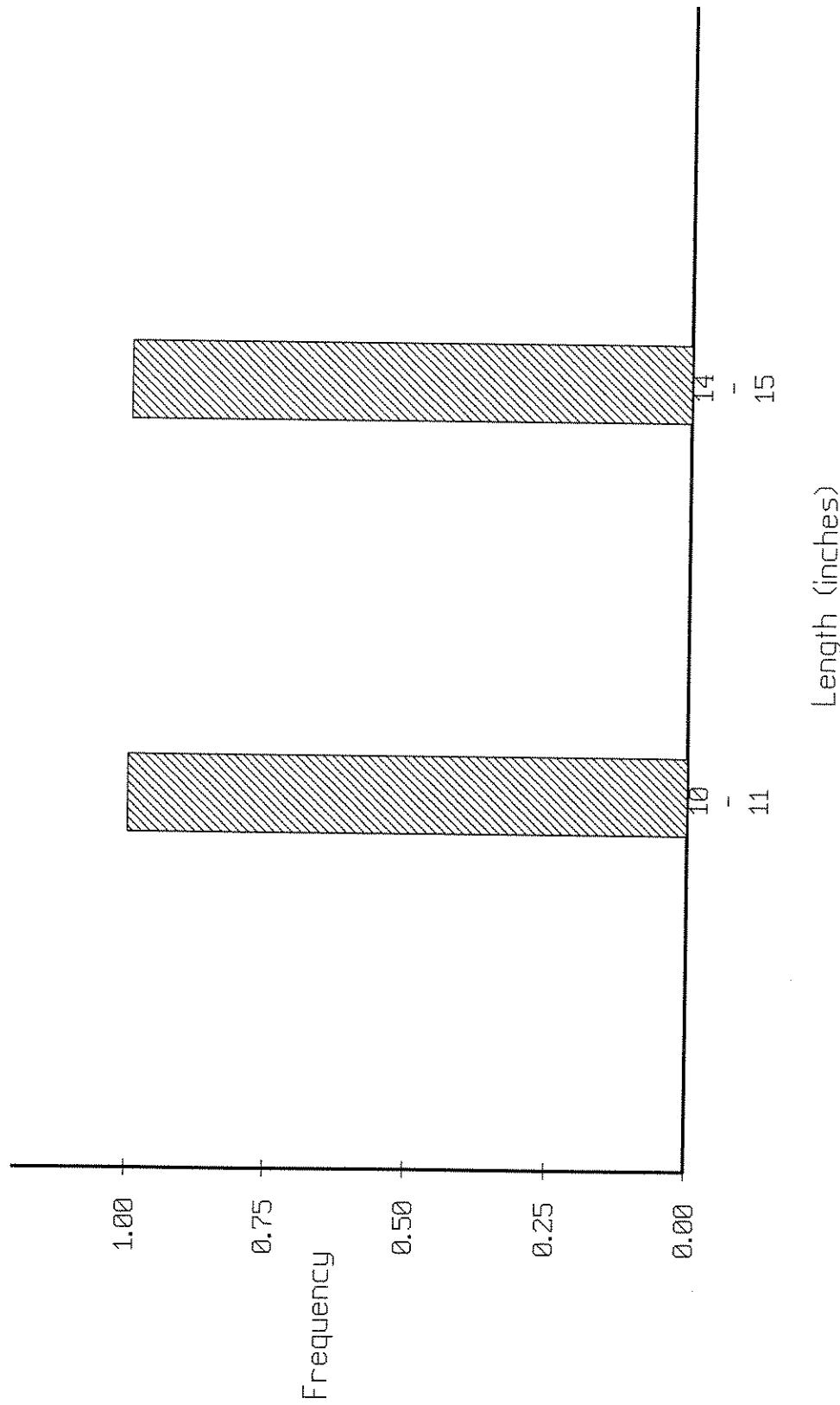


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HYALITE RESERVOIR - GILL NETTING

GRAYLING

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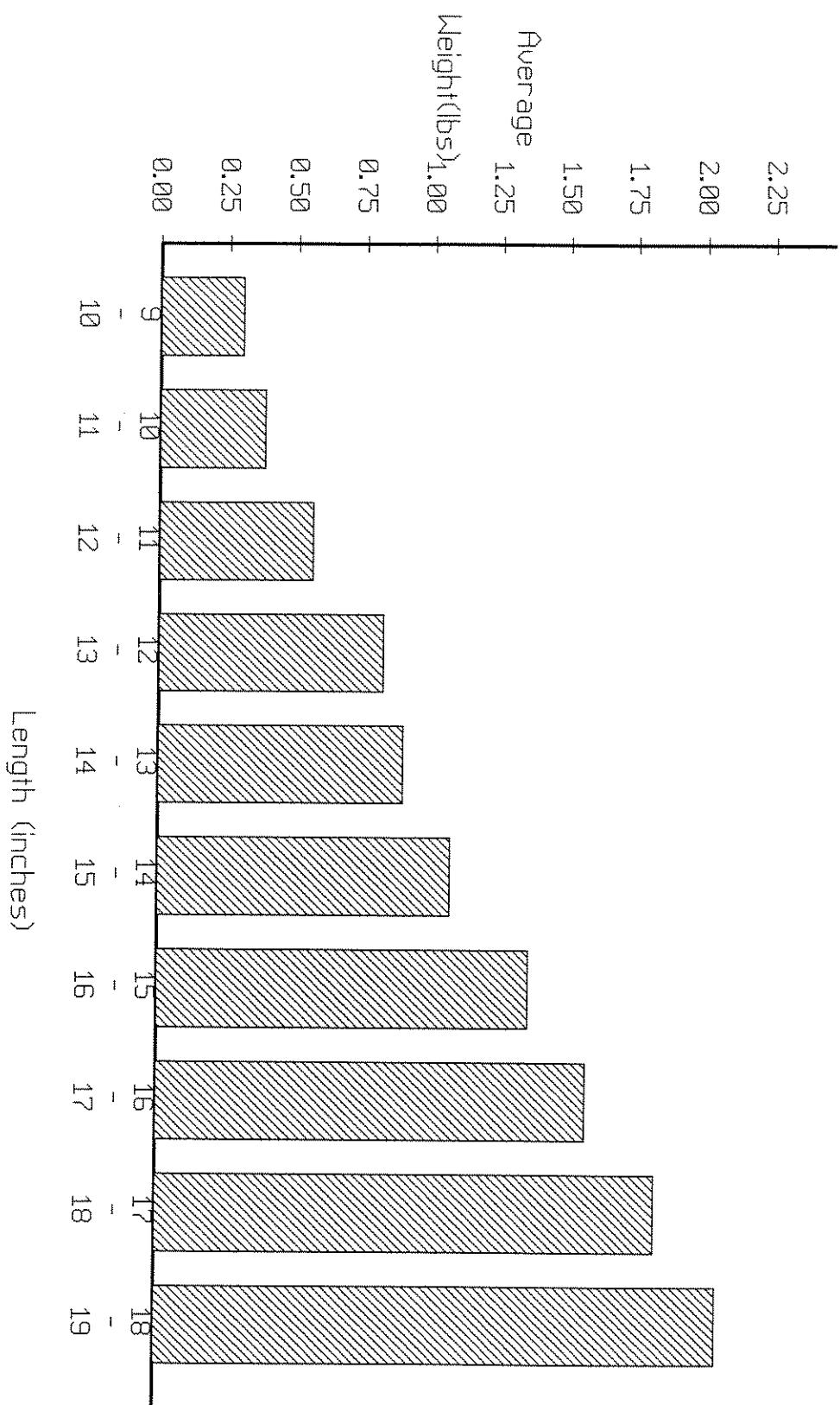


Collection Code: 398010\*.013  
 Water: HYALITE RESERVOIR  
 Section: NIGHT ELECTROFISHING  
 Species: YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
 Date Marked: 6/17/98

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |
| 9.00 - 9.99   | 1        | 9.50   | 0.00 | 0.30   | 0.00 | 34.99     | 0.00 |
| 10.00 - 10.99 | 3        | 10.33  | 0.25 | 0.38   | 0.07 | 34.22     | 4.42 |
| 11.00 - 11.99 | 4        | 11.57  | 0.26 | 0.56   | 0.05 | 35.95     | 2.76 |
| 12.00 - 12.99 | 4        | 12.45  | 0.30 | 0.81   | 0.08 | 42.09     | 3.82 |
| 13.00 - 13.99 | 7        | 13.49  | 0.37 | 0.89   | 0.15 | 35.89     | 3.62 |
| 14.00 - 14.99 | 10       | 14.65  | 0.23 | 1.06   | 0.09 | 33.78     | 2.70 |
| 15.00 - 15.99 | 17       | 15.53  | 0.26 | 1.35   | 0.17 | 36.00     | 3.77 |
| 16.00 - 16.99 | 31       | 16.38  | 0.26 | 1.56   | 0.12 | 35.57     | 2.23 |
| 17.00 - 17.99 | 14       | 17.34  | 0.25 | 1.82   | 0.14 | 34.86     | 1.95 |
| 18.00 - 18.99 | 6        | 18.33  | 0.20 | 2.04   | 0.16 | 33.14     | 2.49 |
| Totals        | 97       | 15.48  | 0.81 | 1.37   | 0.36 | 35.47     | 9.55 |

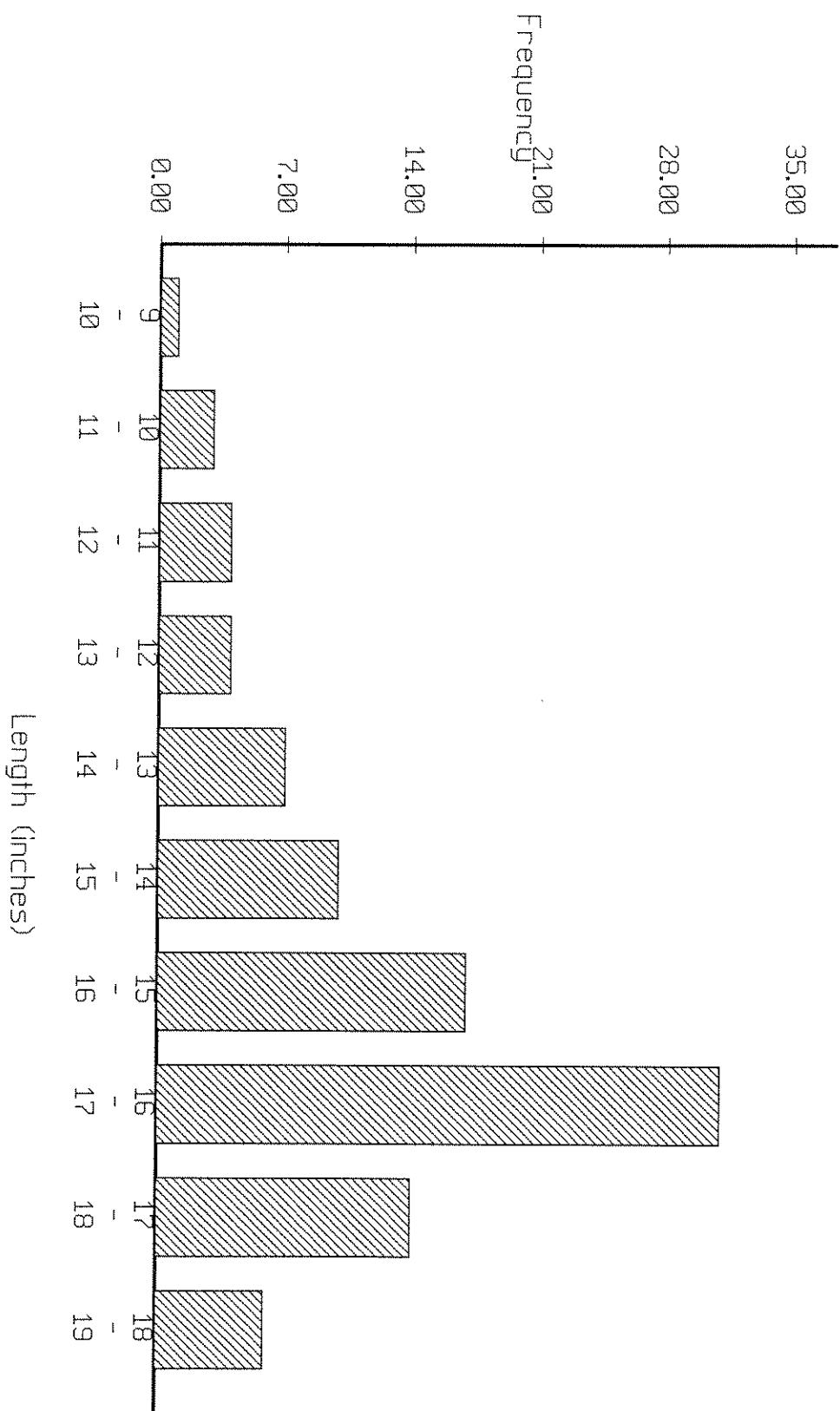
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YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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Water: HYALITE RESERVOIR  
Section: NIGHT ELECTROFISHING  
Species GRAYLING  
Length:

Mark Date: 06/17/98

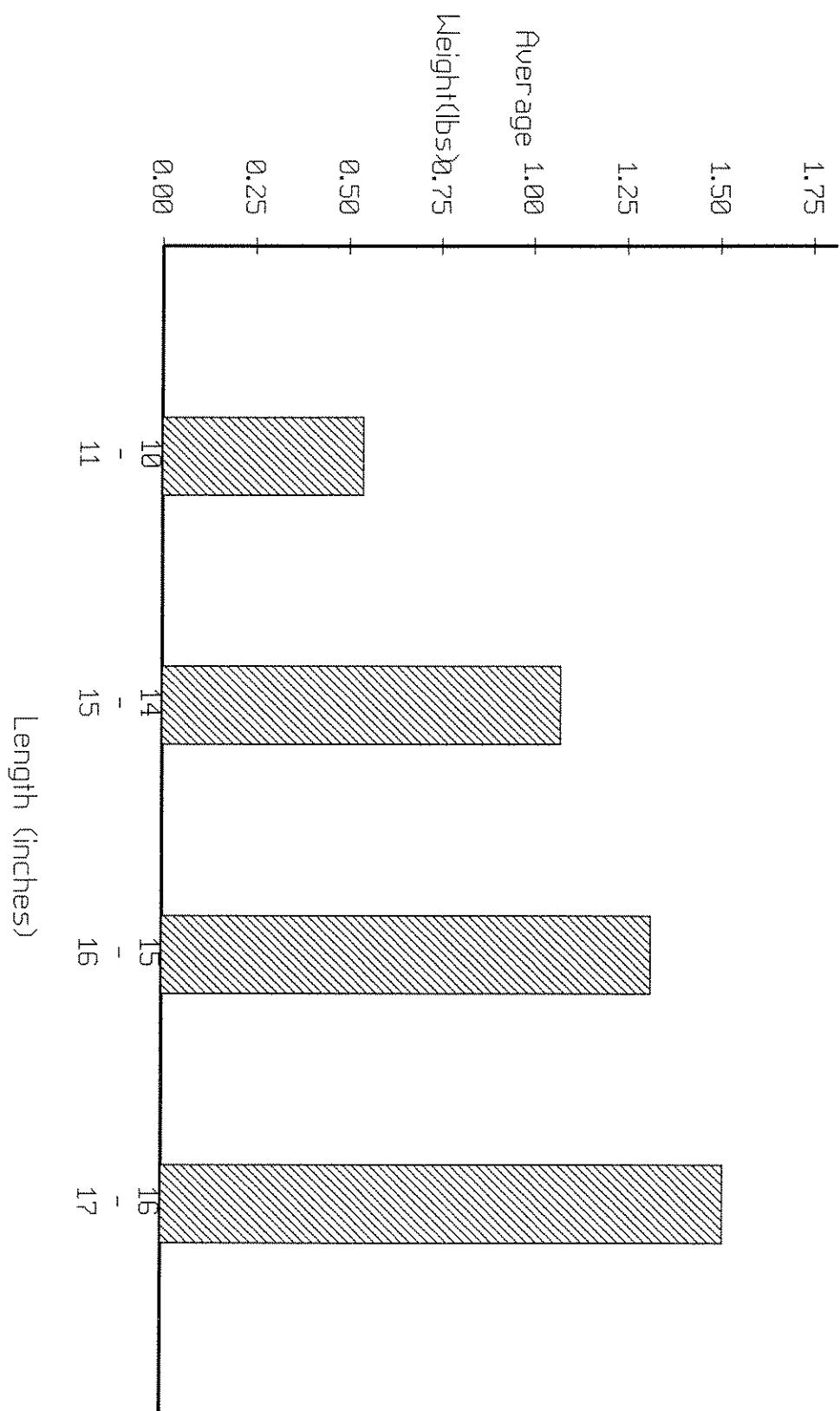
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|    |      |   |                |
|----|------|---|----------------|
| 1  | 10.8 | 2 | NIGHT SHOCKING |
| 2  | 15.2 | 3 |                |
| 3  | 15.5 | 4 |                |
| 4  | 15.6 | 3 |                |
| 5  | 15.8 | 4 |                |
| 6  | 15.8 | 4 |                |
| 7  | 15.9 | 4 |                |
| 8  | 15.9 | 4 |                |
| 9  | 16.0 | 4 |                |
| 10 | 16.5 | 4 |                |
| 11 | 16.8 | 4 |                |
| 12 | 16.9 | 4 |                |

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HYALITE RESERVOIR - NIGHT ELECTROFISHING  
GRAYLING

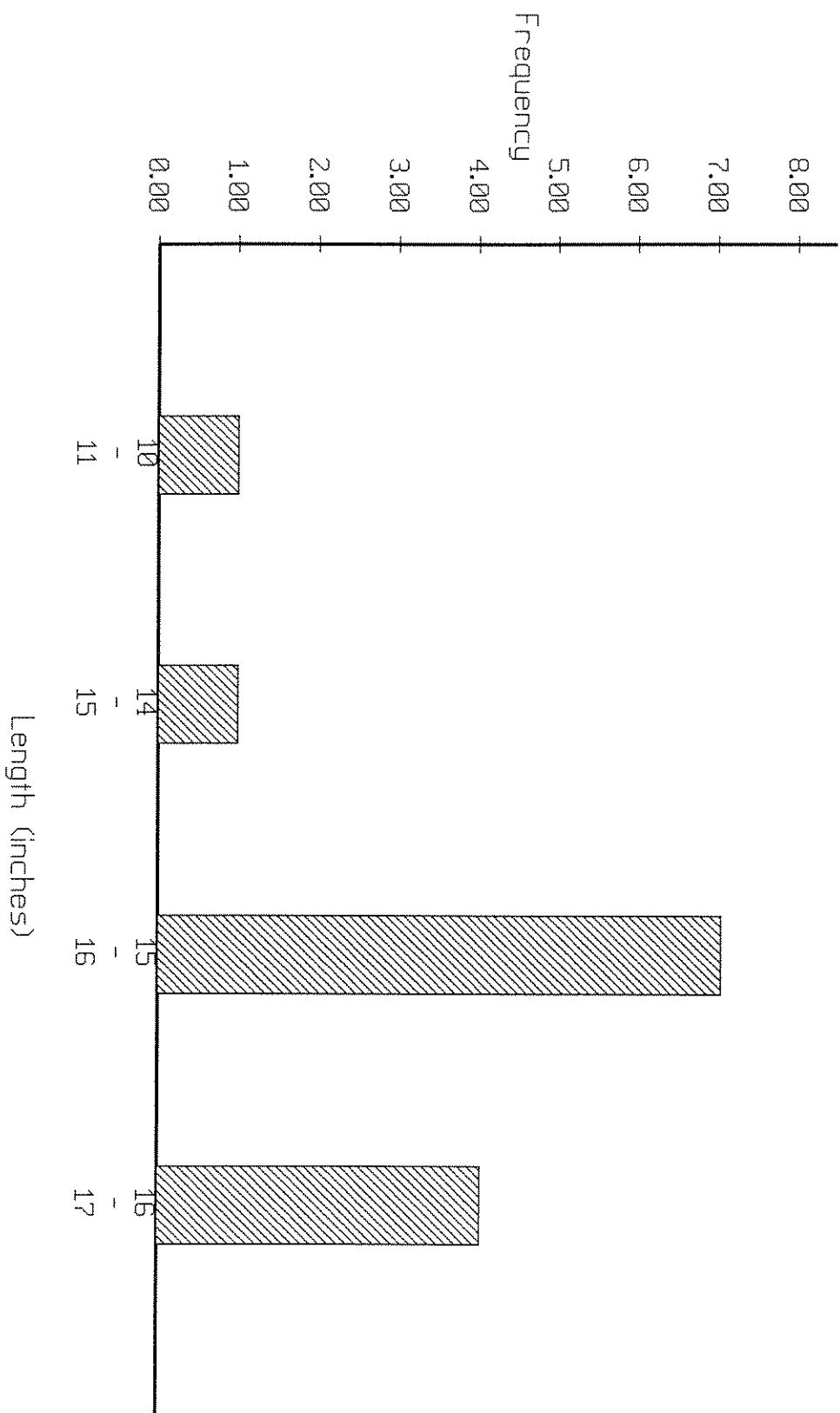
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# LENGTH FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION

HYALITE RESERVOIR - NIGHT ELECTROFISHING  
GRAYLING

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• Water: W. FK. HYALITE CR.  
Section: 100 YDS. ABOVE WINDOW ROCK-MOUTH  
Species: GRAYLING  
Date Marked: 6/24/98

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |
| 14.00 - 14.99 | 1        | 14.80  | 0.00 | -1.00  | 0.00 | -1.00     | 0.00 |
| 15.00 - 15.99 | 6        | 15.67  | 0.24 | -1.00  | 0.00 | -1.00     | 0.00 |
| 16.00 - 16.99 | 3        | 16.33  | 0.29 | -1.00  | 0.00 | -1.00     | 0.00 |
| 17.00 - 17.99 | 1        | 17.40  | 0.00 | -1.00  | 0.00 | -1.00     | 0.00 |
| Totals        | 11       | 15.93  | 0.38 | -1.00  | 0.00 | -1.00     | 0.00 |

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Water: W. FK. HYALITE CR.

Section: 100 YDS. ABOVE WINDOW ROCK-MOUTH

Species GRAYLING

Mark Date: 06/24/98

Length:

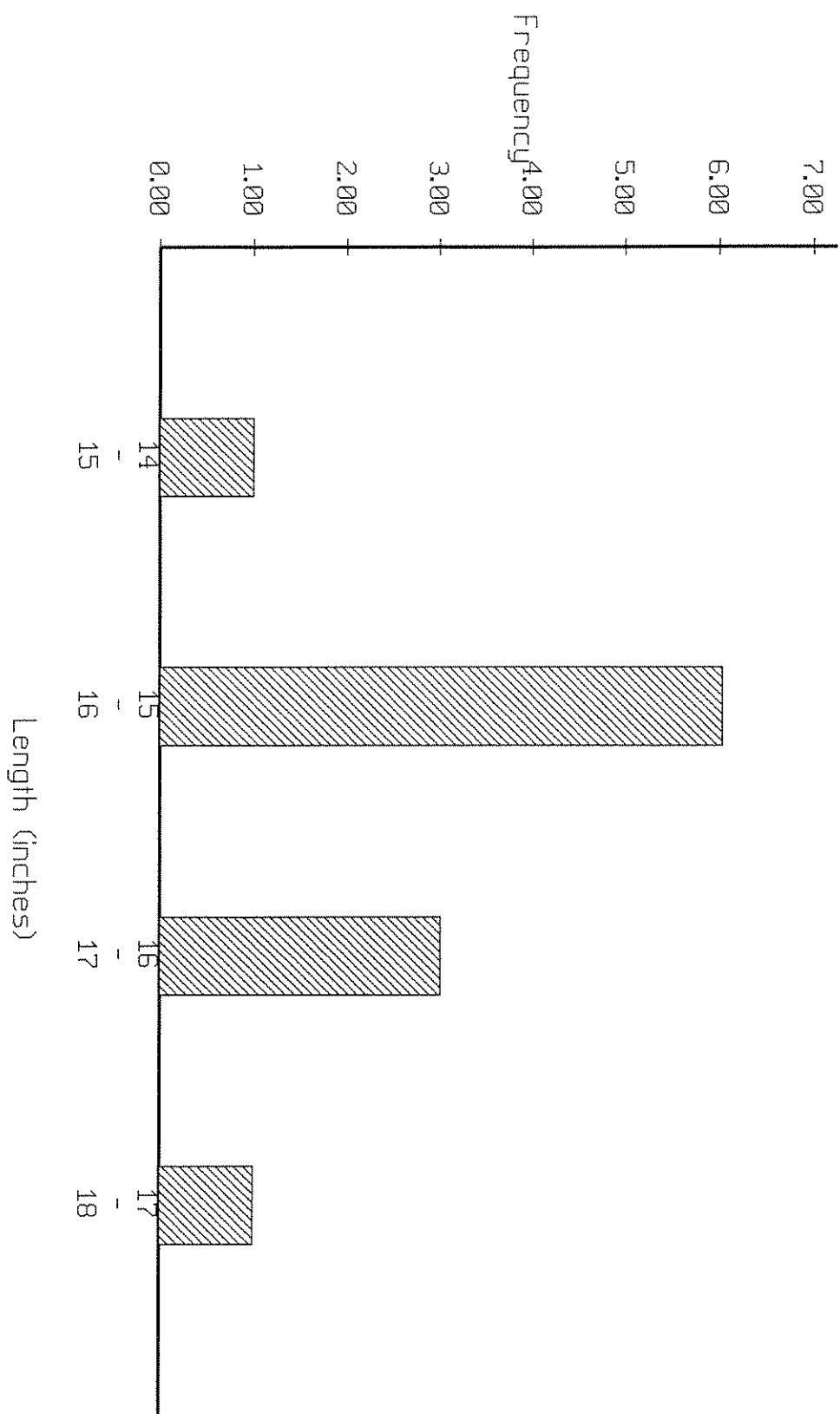
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|    |      |   |     |
|----|------|---|-----|
| 1  | 14.8 | 4 | CM6 |
| 2  | 15.3 | 4 | CM4 |
| 3  | 15.5 | 4 | CM3 |
| 4  | 15.6 | 4 | CM2 |
| 5  | 15.8 | 4 | CM7 |
| 6  | 15.9 | 4 | CM8 |
| 7  | 15.9 | 4 | CT5 |
| 8  | 16.0 | 4 | CM5 |
| 9  | 16.5 | 5 | CM9 |
| 10 | 16.5 | 4 | CM1 |
| 11 | 17.4 | 5 | CM0 |

# LENGTH FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION

W. F.K. HYALITE CR. - 100 YDS. ABOVE WINDOW ROCK-MOUTH  
GRAYLING

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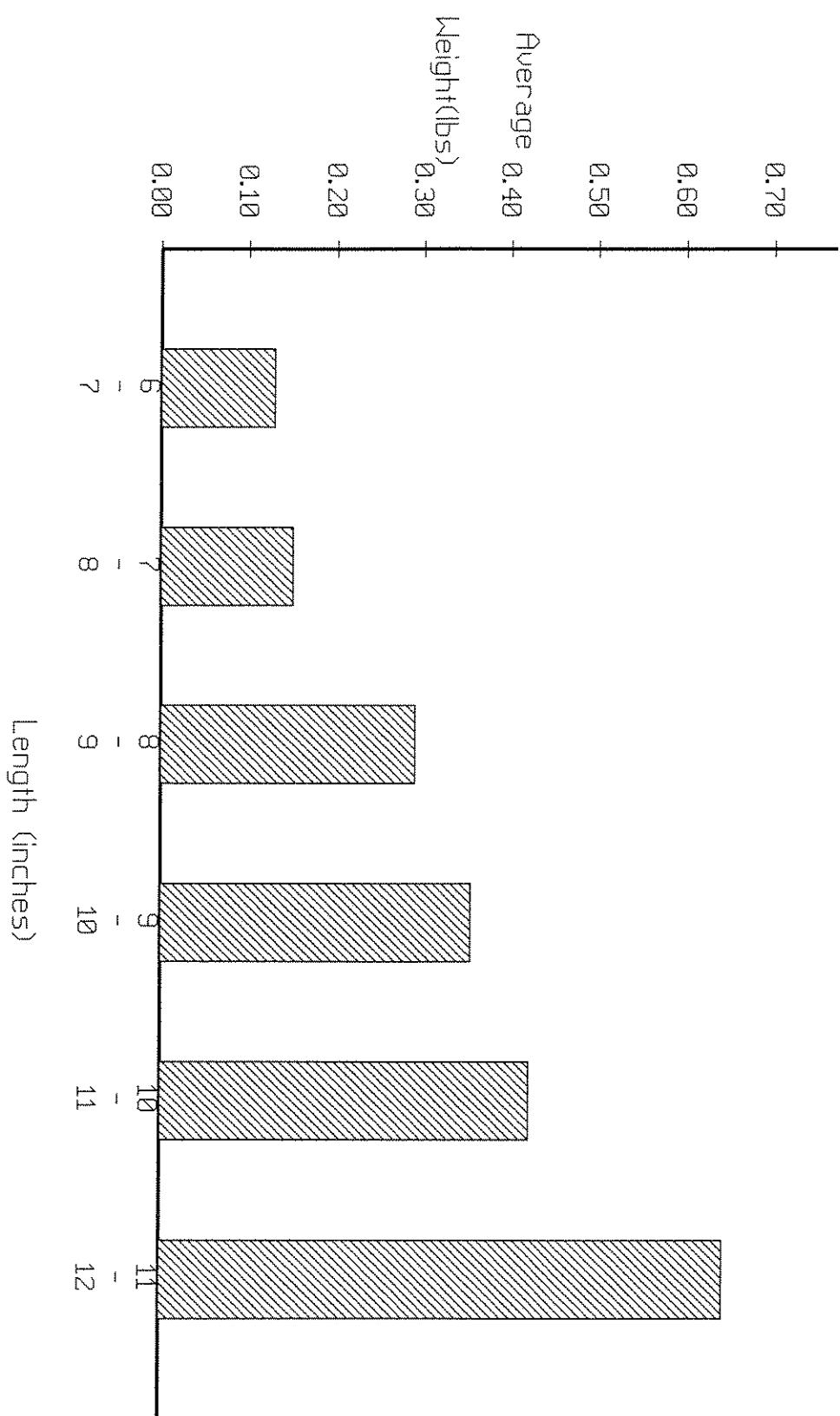


Collection Code: 398011\*.003  
Water: HYALITE RESERVOIR  
Section: GILL NETTING  
Species: BROOK TROUT  
Date Marked: 10/1/98

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |
| 6.00 - 6.99   | 1        | 6.90   | 0.00 | 0.13   | 0.00 | 39.57     | 0.00 |
| 7.00 - 7.99   | 2        | 7.60   | 0.00 | 0.15   | 0.01 | 34.17     | 3.22 |
| 8.00 - 8.99   | 2        | 8.65   | 0.35 | 0.29   | 0.03 | 44.76     | 1.12 |
| 9.00 - 9.99   | 3        | 9.43   | 0.32 | 0.35   | 0.03 | 42.03     | 0.52 |
| 10.00 - 10.99 | 1        | 10.00  | 0.00 | 0.42   | 0.00 | 42.00     | 0.00 |
| 11.00 - 11.99 | 1        | 11.30  | 0.00 | 0.64   | 0.00 | 44.36     | 0.00 |
| Totals        | 10       | 8.90   | 0.48 | 0.31   | 0.05 | 40.99     | 3.45 |

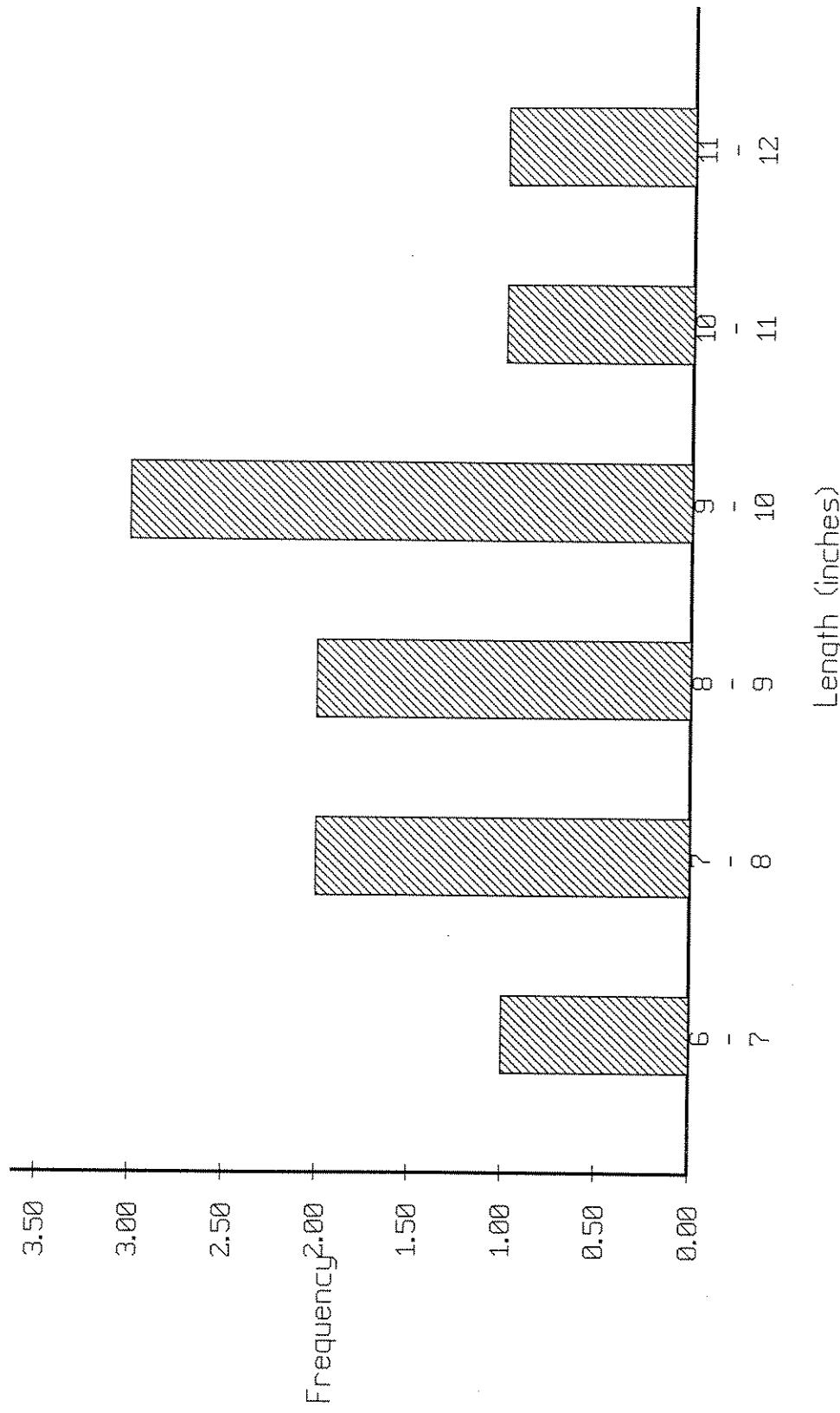
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BROOK TROUT  
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HYALITE RESERVOIR - GILL NETTING  
BROOK TROUT  
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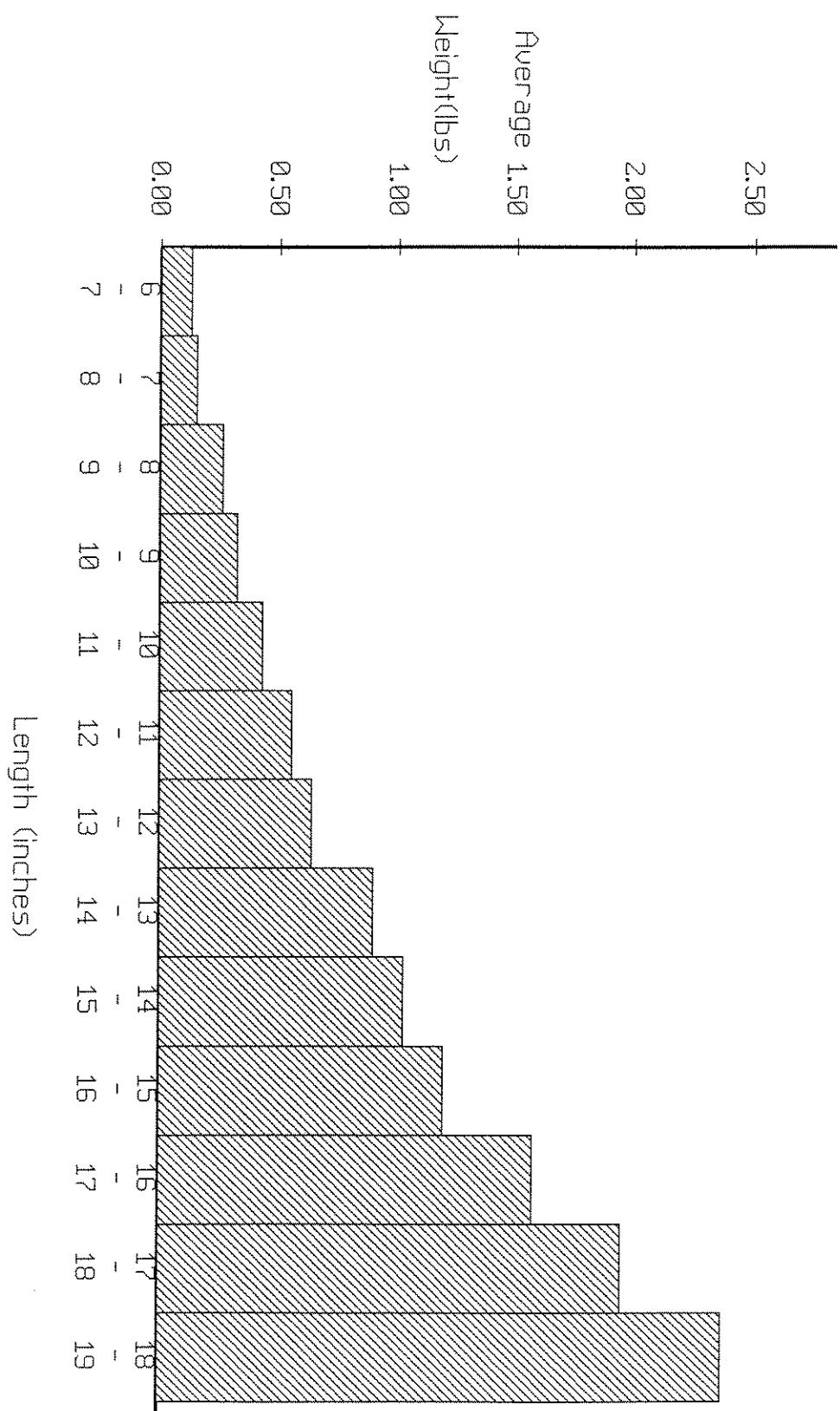


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 Water: HYALITE RESERVOIR  
 Section: GILL NETTING  
 Species: YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
 Date Marked: 10/1/98

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length    |              | Weight      |             | Condition   |              |
|---------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
|               |          | Avg       | SD           | Avg         | SD          | Factor      | SD           |
| 6.00 - 6.99   | 2        | 6.85      | 0.07         | 0.13        | 0.01        | 40.53       | 5.65         |
| 7.00 - 7.99   | 11       | 7.45      | 0.26         | 0.15        | 0.02        | 37.31       | 4.57         |
| 8.00 - 8.99   | 6        | 8.68      | 0.23         | 0.26        | 0.03        | 39.33       | 1.97         |
| 9.00 - 9.99   | 7        | 9.31      | 0.30         | 0.32        | 0.02        | 39.60       | 1.93         |
| 10.00 - 10.99 | 3        | 10.33     | 0.31         | 0.43        | 0.04        | 38.89       | 1.74         |
| 11.00 - 11.99 | 2        | 11.45     | 0.07         | 0.55        | 0.06        | 36.61       | 3.09         |
| 12.00 - 12.99 | 3        | 12.50     | 0.26         | 0.63        | 0.06        | 32.59       | 4.70         |
| 13.00 - 13.99 | 6        | 13.48     | 0.39         | 0.89        | 0.10        | 36.27       | 2.33         |
| 14.00 - 14.99 | 8        | 14.38     | 0.21         | 1.02        | 0.08        | 34.31       | 1.94         |
| 15.00 - 15.99 | 2        | 15.30     | 0.14         | 1.19        | 0.05        | 33.08       | 0.46         |
| 16.00 - 16.99 | 3        | 16.43     | 0.40         | 1.56        | 0.07        | 35.16       | 1.26         |
| 17.00 - 17.99 | 3        | 17.43     | 0.38         | 1.93        | 0.19        | 36.40       | 1.27         |
| 18.00 - 18.99 | 2        | 18.35     | 0.49         | 2.34        | 0.22        | 37.89       | 0.48         |
| <b>Totals</b> |          | <b>58</b> | <b>11.54</b> | <b>1.07</b> | <b>0.71</b> | <b>0.34</b> | <b>36.91</b> |
|               |          |           |              |             |             |             | <b>10.39</b> |

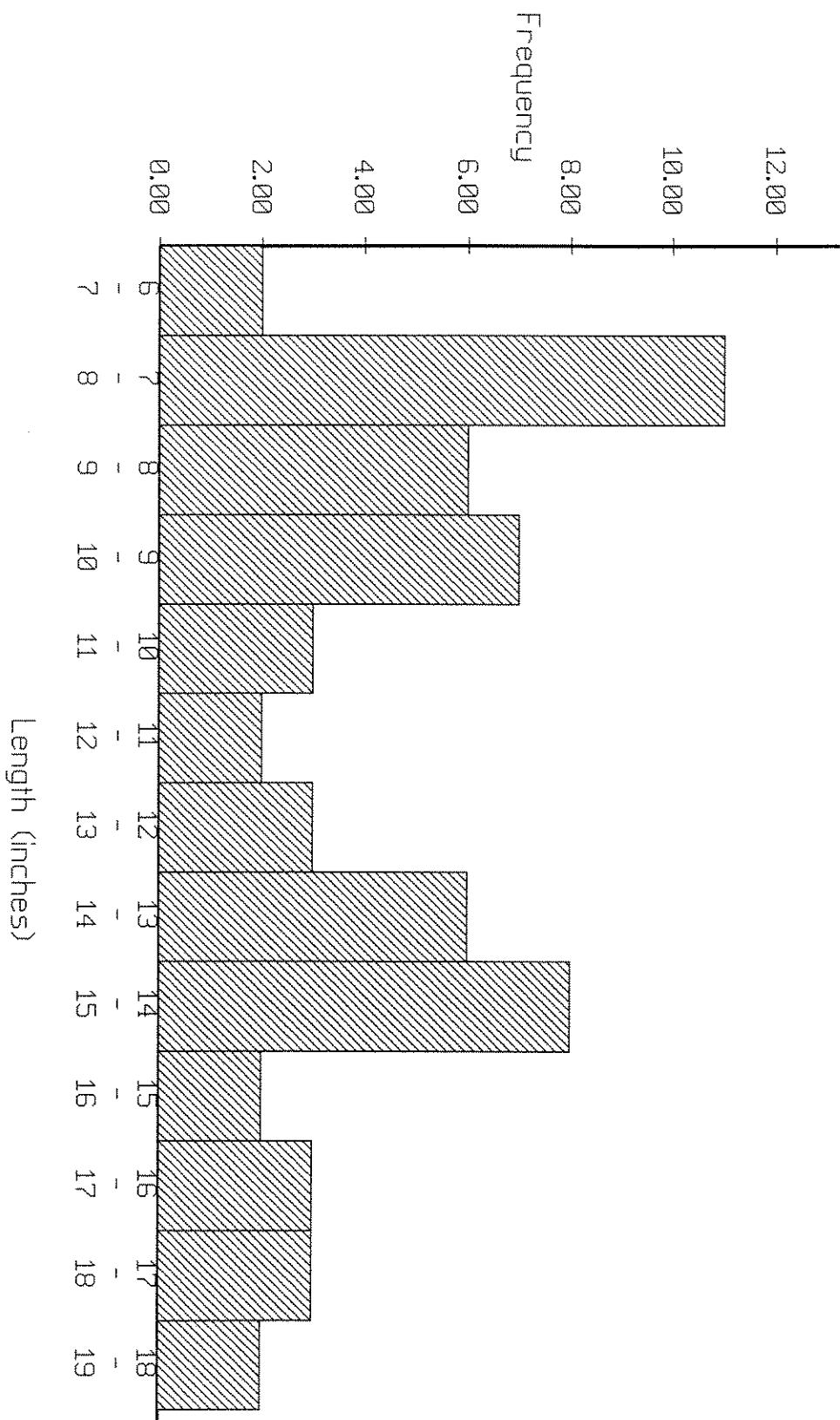
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YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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HYALITE RESERVOIR - GILL NETTING  
YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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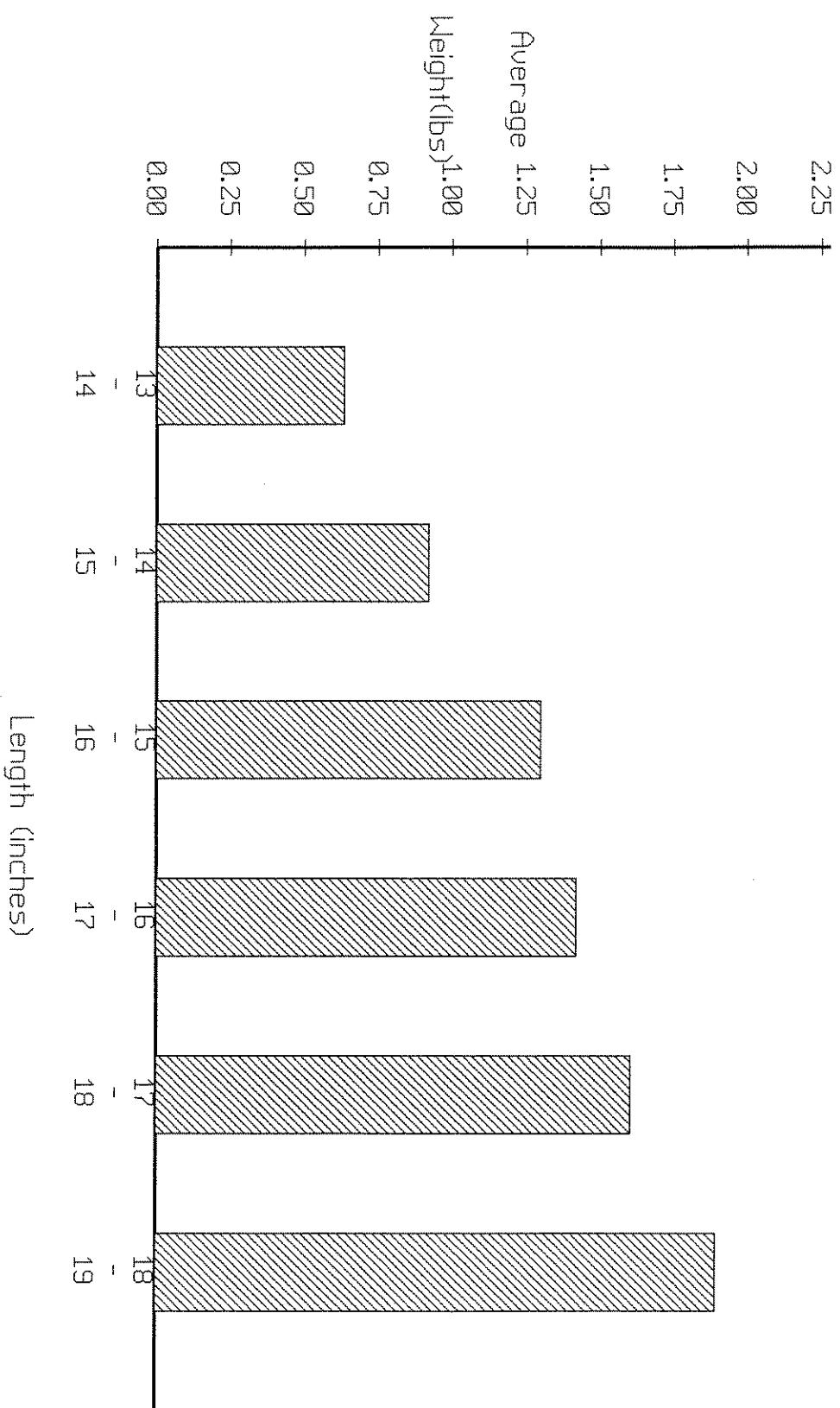


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 Water: W. FK. HYALITE CR.  
 Section: WINDOW ROCK BR. DOWNSTREAM-LOGJAM  
 Species: YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
 Date Marked: 6/29/99

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |
| 13.00 - 13.99 | 2        | 13.15  | 0.07 | 0.64   | 0.16 | 27.99     | 7.60 |
| 14.00 - 14.99 | 1        | 14.90  | 0.00 | 0.92   | 0.00 | 27.81     | 0.00 |
| 15.00 - 15.99 | 1        | 15.40  | 0.00 | 1.30   | 0.00 | 35.59     | 0.00 |
| 16.00 - 16.99 | 3        | 16.60  | 0.26 | 1.42   | 0.18 | 30.95     | 2.42 |
| 17.00 - 17.99 | 2        | 17.30  | 0.42 | 1.60   | 0.28 | 30.86     | 3.05 |
| 18.00 - 18.99 | 3        | 18.30  | 0.10 | 1.89   | 0.12 | 30.91     | 2.34 |
| Totals        | 12       | 16.32  | 0.51 | 1.39   | 0.39 | 30.56     | 8.86 |

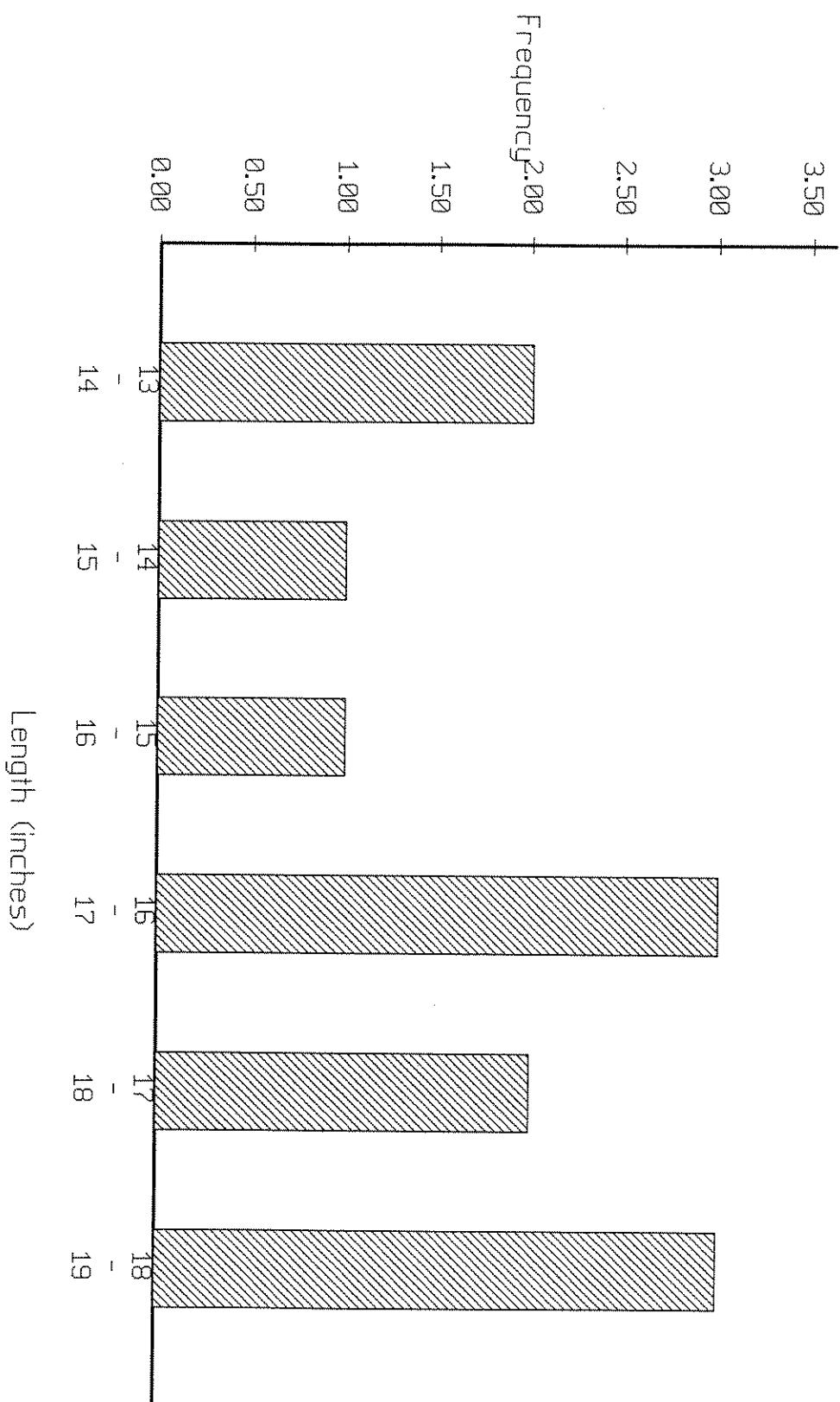
# AVERAGE WEIGHT vs LENGTH

W. FK. HYALITE CR. - WINDOW ROCK BR. DOWNSTREAM-LOGJAM  
YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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# LENGTH FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION

W. FK. HYALITE CR. - WINDOW ROCK BR. DOWNSTREAM-LOGJAM  
YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT  
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Water: HYALITE RES

Section: SPAWN RUN SP99

Species GRAYLING

Length:

Mark Date: 06/29/99

REC# LENGTH AGE COMMENT

|    |      |   |         |
|----|------|---|---------|
| 1  | 14.1 | 3 | CU4     |
| 2  | 14.7 | 3 | CU5     |
| 3  | 15.0 | 3 | CM0     |
| 4  | 15.1 | 3 | CT7     |
| 5  | 15.1 | 5 | CR3     |
| 6  | 15.8 | 4 | CU2     |
| 7  | 15.9 | 4 | CS1     |
| 8  | 16.0 | 5 | CN8     |
| 9  | 16.1 | 4 | CN0     |
| 10 | 16.2 | 4 | CT3     |
| 11 | 16.2 | 5 | CP3     |
| 12 | 16.3 | 4 | CU0     |
| 13 | 16.3 | 4 | CS7     |
| 14 | 16.3 | 4 | CP5     |
| 15 | 16.3 | 5 | CR4     |
| 16 | 16.3 | 5 | CR5     |
| 17 | 16.4 | 5 | CU2     |
| 18 | 16.4 | 5 | CN5     |
| 19 | 16.5 | 5 | CP8     |
| 20 | 16.5 | 5 | CS8     |
| 21 | 16.5 | 4 | CR6 4-5 |
| 22 | 16.7 | 5 | CT8     |
| 23 | 16.7 | 5 | CT9     |
| 24 | 16.7 | 5 | CS3     |
| 25 | 16.7 | 5 | CP1     |
| 26 | 16.7 | 5 | CR1     |
| 27 | 16.8 | 5 | CR8     |
| 28 | 16.8 | 5 | CS0     |
| 29 | 16.8 | 5 | CN2     |
| 30 | 16.9 | 5 | CT6     |
| 31 | 16.9 | 5 | CM7     |
| 32 | 16.9 | 5 | CS2     |
| 33 | 16.9 | 5 | NO TAG  |
| 34 | 17.0 | 5 | CT2     |
| 35 | 17.0 | 5 | CR7     |
| 36 | 17.0 | 5 | CP2     |
| 37 | 17.1 | 5 | CN6     |
| 38 | 17.2 | 5 | CN3 5-6 |
| 39 | 17.2 | 5 | CS4     |
| 40 | 17.2 | 5 | CR9     |
| 41 | 17.2 | 5 | CN7     |
| 42 | 17.3 | 5 | CP4     |
| 43 | 17.3 | 4 | CR2 4-5 |
| 44 | 17.4 | 5 | CN9     |
| 45 | 17.4 | 5 | CN4     |
| 46 | 17.5 | 5 | CM1     |
| 47 | 17.6 | 5 | CT4     |
| 48 | 17.6 | 5 | CN1     |
| 49 | 17.7 | 5 | CT0     |
| 50 | 17.7 | 5 | CU1     |

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Water: HYALITE RES

Section: SPAWN RUN SP99

Species GRAYLING

Length:

Mark Date: 06/29/99

REC# LENGTH AGE COMMENT

|    |      |   |         |
|----|------|---|---------|
| 51 | 17.7 | 5 | CP6     |
| 52 | 17.8 | 5 | CS9     |
| 53 | 17.8 | 6 | CS5     |
| 54 | 18.7 | 6 | CT1 6-7 |

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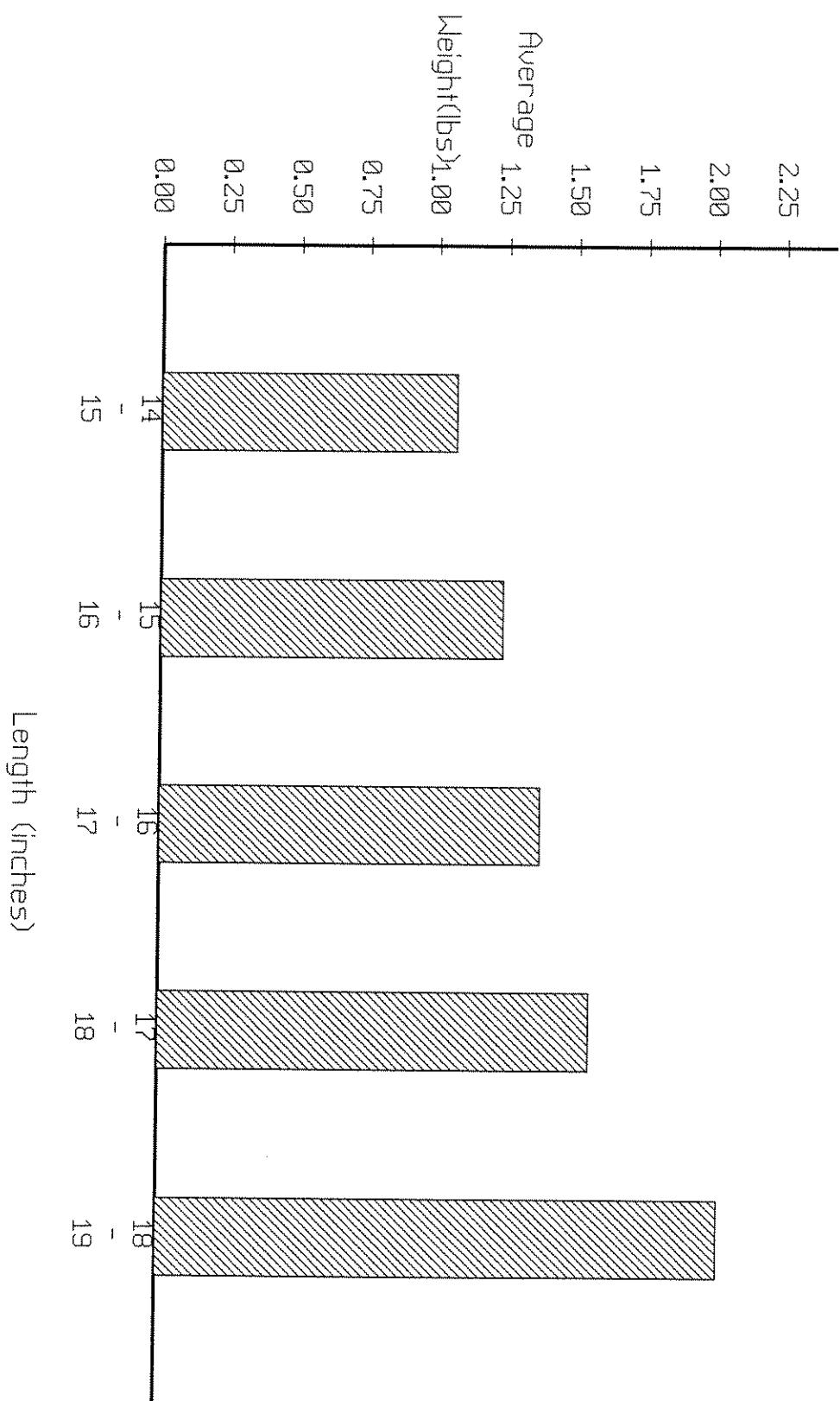
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Section: WINDOW ROCK BR. DOWNSTREAM-LOGJAM  
Species: GRAYLING  
Date Marked: 6/29/99

| Size Class    | #Sampled | Length |      | Weight |      | Condition |      |
|---------------|----------|--------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
|               |          | Avg    | SD   | Avg    | SD   | Factor    | SD   |
| 14.00 - 14.99 | 2        | 14.55  | 0.21 | 1.06   | 0.05 | 34.24     | 0.11 |
| 15.00 - 15.99 | 5        | 15.38  | 0.43 | 1.22   | 0.09 | 33.59     | 1.91 |
| 16.00 - 16.99 | 26       | 16.50  | 0.29 | 1.36   | 0.10 | 30.26     | 2.20 |
| 17.00 - 17.99 | 22       | 17.37  | 0.27 | 1.54   | 0.25 | 29.37     | 4.61 |
| 18.00 - 18.99 | 1        | 18.70  | 0.00 | 2.00   | 0.00 | 30.58     | 0.00 |
| <hr/>         |          | Totals | 56   | 16.71  | 0.63 | 1.42      | 0.29 |
|               |          |        |      |        |      | 30.36     | 5.45 |

# AVERAGE WEIGHT vs LENGTH

W. FK. HYALITE CR. - WINDOW ROCK BR. DOWNSTREAM-LOGJAM  
GRAYLING

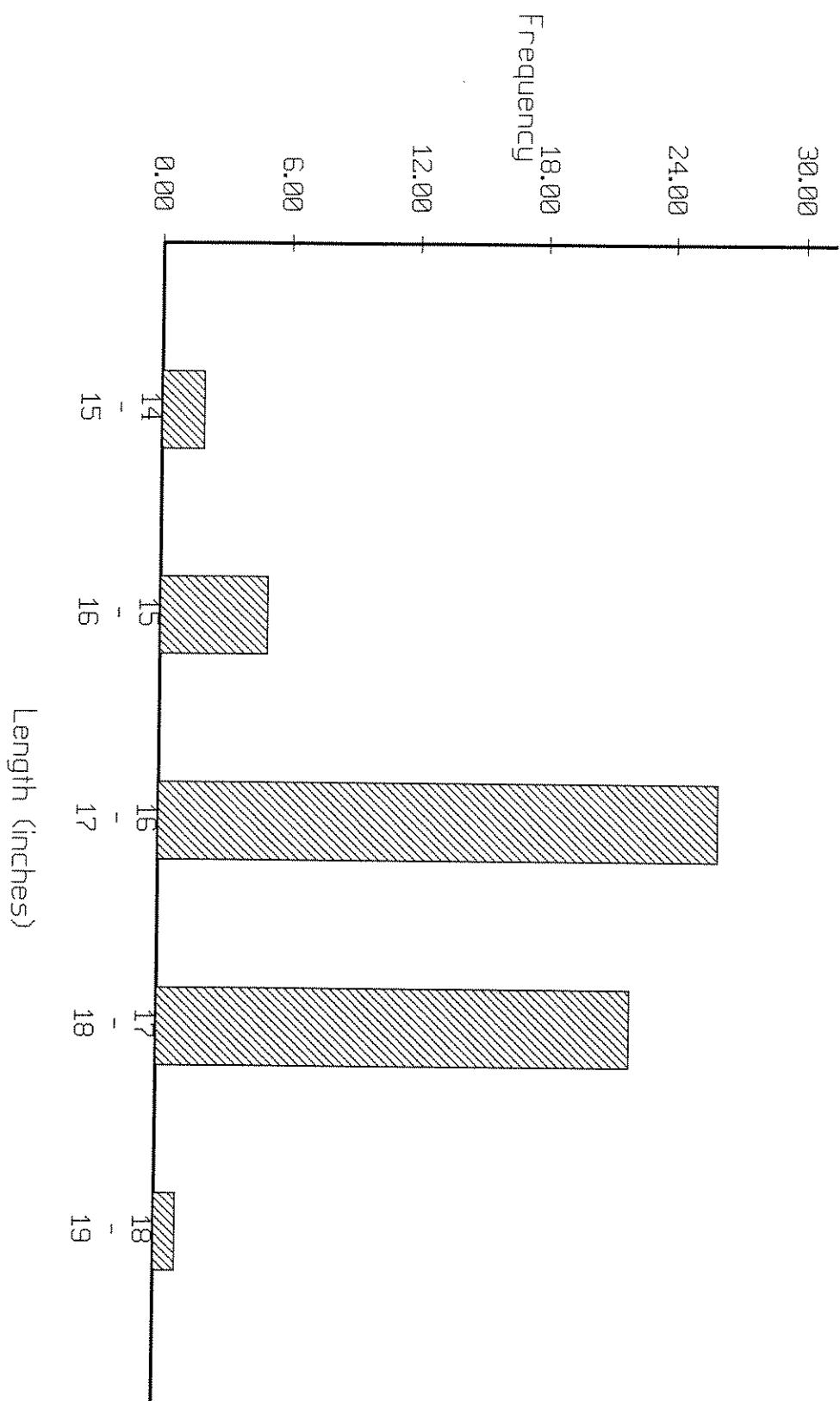
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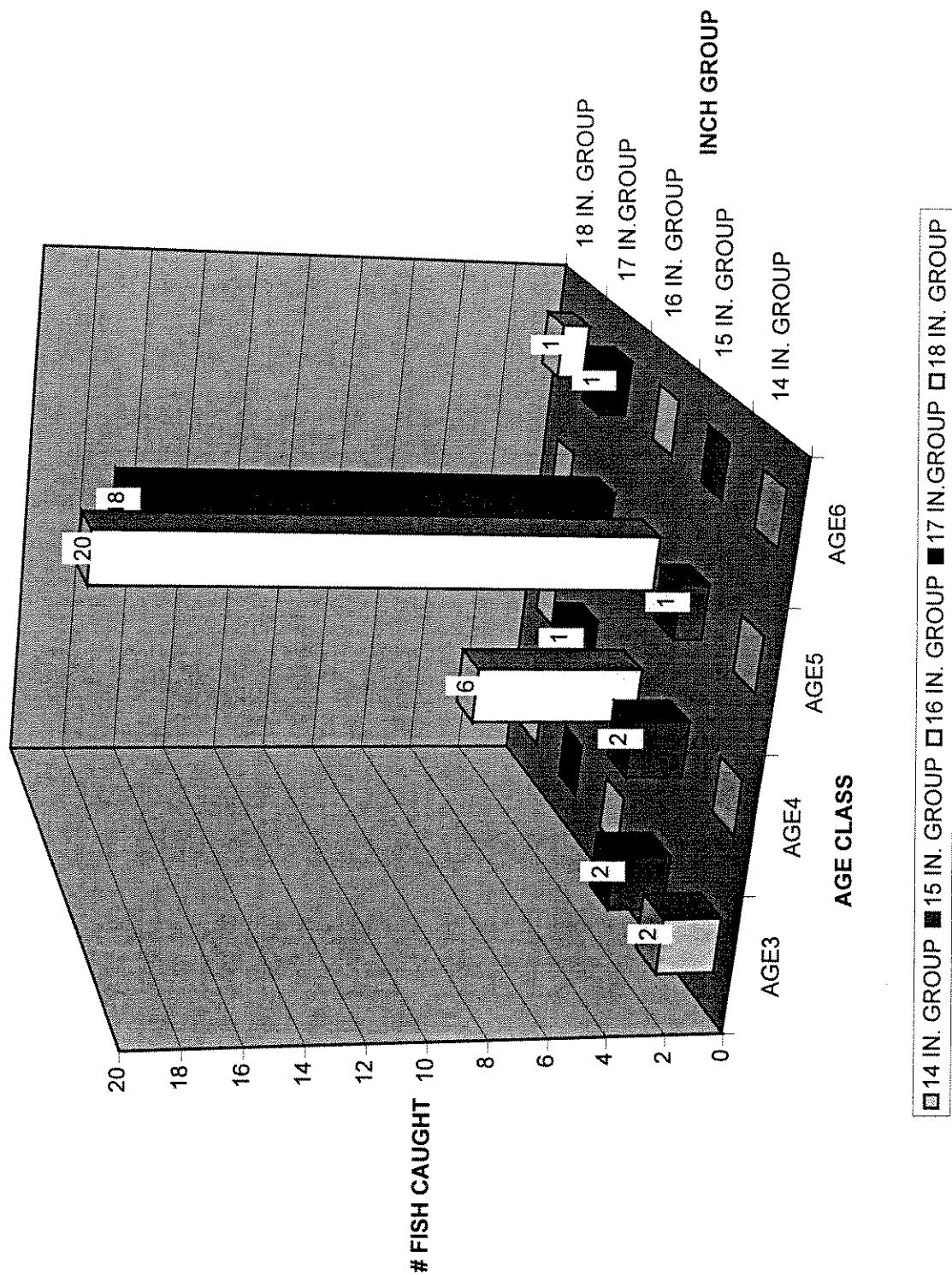
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W. FK. HYALITE CR. - WINDOW ROCK BR. DOWNSTREAM-LOGJAM  
GRAYLING

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1998 W. FK. HYALITE CR. GRAYLING AGE CLASS / INCH GROUP



W. FK. HYALITE CR. SPAWNING OBSERVATIONS 1995-1999

| DATE        | YCT  | GR  | COMMENTS              |
|-------------|------|-----|-----------------------|
| 5/30/95     | NC*  | 0   | MANY YCT              |
| 6/5/95      | NC   | 0   | MANY YCT              |
| 6/8/95      | NC   | 0   |                       |
| 6/12/95     | 80   | 0   |                       |
| 6/16/95     | 29   | 0   | POOR VIS              |
| 6/20/95     | 36   | 1   |                       |
| 6/21/95     | 79   | 0   |                       |
| 6/24/95     | NC   | 8   |                       |
| 1995 TOTALS | 224  | 9   | NO GR RUN<br>OBSERVED |
|             |      |     |                       |
| 5/15/96     | 0    | 0   |                       |
| 5/20/96     | 1    | 0   |                       |
| 5/28/96     | 12   | 0   |                       |
| 6/2/96      | NC   | 0   | MANY YCT              |
| 1996 TOTALS | 13   | 0   |                       |
|             |      |     |                       |
| 5/27/97     | 9    | 0   | POOR VIS              |
| 6/9/97      | 74   | 0   |                       |
| 6/16/97     | 53   | 0   |                       |
| 6/19/97     | 96   | 0   |                       |
| 6/23/97     | 131  | 5   |                       |
| 6/30/97     | 7    | 0   |                       |
| 7/7/97      | 1    | 0   |                       |
| 7/9/97      | 0    | 0   |                       |
| 1997 TOTALS | 364  | 5   | NO GR RUN<br>OBSERVED |
|             |      |     |                       |
| 5/16/98     | 11   | 0   |                       |
| 5/19/98     | 9    | 0   |                       |
| 5/20/98     | 109  | 0   |                       |
| 5/22/98     | 141  | 32  |                       |
| 5/26/98     | 353  | 0   |                       |
| 5/28/98     | 438  | 0   |                       |
| 6/3/98      | 17   | 0   | POOR VIS              |
| 6/4/98      | 320  | 0   |                       |
| 6/11/98     | 274  | 16  |                       |
| 6/15/98     | 92   | 66  |                       |
| 6/16/98     | 43   | 42  |                       |
| 6/20/98     | 16   | 39  |                       |
| 6/22/98     | 19   | 108 |                       |
| 6/24/98     | 30   | 82  | POOR VIS              |
| 6/26/98     | 1    | 9   | POOR VIS              |
| 6/29/98     | 22   | 27  |                       |
| 7/1/98      | 10   | 36  | POOR VIS              |
| 1998 TOTALS | 1905 | 457 |                       |
|             |      |     |                       |
| 6/4/99      | 265  | 0   |                       |
| 6/8/99      | 318  | 0   |                       |
| 6/11/99     | 429  | 0   |                       |
| 6/14/99     | 282  | 0   |                       |

|                    |             |            |          |
|--------------------|-------------|------------|----------|
| 6/15/99            | 85          | 0          |          |
| 6/16/99            | 138         | 17         |          |
| DATE               | YCT         | GR         | COMMENTS |
| 6/18/99            | 40          | 14         |          |
| 6/21/99            | 59          | 43         |          |
| 6/24/99            | 71          | 87         |          |
| 7/2/99             | 12          | 28         |          |
| 7/6/99             | 5           | 14         |          |
| <b>1999 TOTALS</b> | <b>1704</b> | <b>200</b> |          |

NC – NO COUNT

PEAK SPAWNING PERIODS BY OBSERVATION

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>YCT</u> | <u>GR</u>       |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1995        | 6/12       | NO RUN OBSERVED |
| 1996        | UNKNOWN    | UNKNOWN         |
| 1997        | 6/23       | NO RUN OBSERVED |
| 1998        | 5/28       | 6/22            |
| 1999        | 6/11       | 6/24            |

NUMBER OF FISH COUNTED AT PEAK PERIOD

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>YCT</u> | <u>GR</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------|
| 1995        | 80         | NA        |
| 1996        | NA         | NA        |
| 1997        | 131        | NA        |
| 1998        | 438        | 108       |
| 1999        | 429        | 87        |

HYALITE RESERVOIR FISHERMAN'S LOG SUMMARY 1994-1997

| <u>DATES</u> | <u>SPECIES*</u> | <u># CAUGHT</u> | <u>% OF TOTAL CATCH</u> | <u>ANGER DAYS</u> | <u>HRS. FISHED</u> | <u>TOTAL FISH/HR.</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 12/94-5/95   | YCT             | 8               |                         |                   |                    |                       |
| 5/95-11/95   | YCT<br>EB       | 121<br>9        |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | UNK TROUT SPP   | 16              |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | Totals          | 146             |                         |                   |                    |                       |
| 12/95-4/96   | YCT<br>EB       | 11<br>2         |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | Totals          | 13              |                         |                   |                    |                       |
| 5/96-11/96   | YCT<br>EB<br>GR | 386<br>38<br>15 |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | UNK TROUT SPP   | 8               |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | Totals          | 447             |                         |                   |                    |                       |
| 12/96-5/97   | YCT             | 25              |                         |                   |                    |                       |
| 6/97-11/97   | YCT<br>EB<br>GR | 104<br>2<br>10  |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | Totals          | 116             |                         |                   |                    |                       |
| 1944-1997    | YCT<br>TOTALS   | 655<br>51       |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | EB              | 87<br>7         |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | GR              | 25<br>3         |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | UNK TROUT SPP   | 24<br>3         |                         |                   |                    |                       |
|              | Totals          | 755<br>100      |                         |                   |                    |                       |

\* YCT=YELLOWSTONE CUTTHROAT TROUT EB=EASTERN BROOK TROUT GR=ARCTIC GRAYLING

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