

XXV.—REPORT ON THE PROPAGATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF
SHAD (ALOSA SAPIDISSIMA) IN THE SPRING OF 1880.

Two stations for propagating shad were established and maintained during the season of 1880; one of them in Spesutie Narrows, near Havre de Grace, which had been so successfully operated in previous years by the United States and Maryland Fish Commissions jointly; the other a new one at the Washington navy-yard, through the courtesy of Commodore Richard L. Law, Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Commodore John C. Febiger, commandant of the yard: Their hearty co-operation in placing the facilities of the navy-yard at the disposal of the Commission evidenced their interest in the work.

Nearly 30,000,000 of young shad were produced at and distributed from these stations—an increase of about 14,000,000 over the aggregate result of the several stations operated the previous year.

It was not thought practicable to continue the work on Albemarle Sound during this season, but early information of this intermission was given to the State Commissioners of North Carolina, that the station might be occupied by them. Mr. S. G. Worth, the efficient Superintendent of Fisheries of that State, pushed the work with creditable zeal and flattering success, depositing the fish hatched at this station by his corps, in the adjacent waters and in the other rivers of North Carolina.

Havre de Grace Station.—Mr. John S. Saunders, of Baltimore, who had with so much fidelity and zeal administered the work at the Albemarle Sound Station during the operations in North Carolina last season; and, later, had been transferred to the charge of machinery barge No. 2 with its accompanying equipment as a branch of the station at Havre de Grace, was placed this year in charge of the entire work at the mouth of the Susquehanna. The result of the hatching and distribution from this station will appear in the appended tables.

The two barges containing the machinery, and the two furnishing quarters for the operatives, were towed, on the 29th of April, from Baltimore, where they had been kept during the winter, to Spesutie Narrows, the entrance to this harbor having been improved by dredging. The towing of these barges was performed by the revenue steamer "Ewing," which had been kindly detailed for the purpose.

On the 3d of May the first eggs were taken, and the production was gradually increased until about the middle of the month, when the maximum yield was obtained. The operations were carried on with varying success up to the 10th of June, the time at which the Maryland law requires fishing to cease. Up to this date 13,355,000 eggs had been procured.

As the eggs were procured only from those fish taken for market, and as none were taken for the express purpose of obtaining their eggs, the production was dependent upon the fishermen, and when the local laws required a cessation of fishing, there was, of course, no other source of supply, and the operations at this point were necessarily discontinued.

The excessive drought during the month of May, and the prevalence of southerly winds, caused the salt or brackish water to extend unusually high up the Chesapeake Bay, the water becoming so brackish at the station as to make it advisable to move the entire equipment from Spesutie Narrows to a point above Havre de Grace where the water was entirely free from salt. This was done on the 30th of May. The advantage of having such floating apparatus as this station was provided with was demonstrated on the occurrence of this abnormal condition, as the equipment was moved without loss of fish, eggs, or time, to a locality some five miles distant.

The aggregate results of the season were materially lessened, however, as during the period when ripe breeders were most plentiful the gilliers declined to let the agents of the Commission handle their catch on account of some dissatisfaction caused by a reduction in the price paid for the fish utilized for hatching purposes. The magnitude of the work having so materially increased, and the number of fish handled being so much greater than in previous years, it was found advisable to lessen the price offered for ripe shad, which, however, was always maintained above the ruling market rates. The fishermen, without due consideration of the subject, refused for a few days to allow their fish to be handled unless they were purchased at the same rate as in previous years. However, after a temporary interruption, the fishermen accepted the conditions, and the results of the season, although somewhat influenced by this interruption, were most gratifying, as the yield of this station, as already stated, aggregated between 12,000,000 and 13,000,000 of young shad, an excess of over 2,000,000 in production beyond the yield of the two stations operated in this locality the previous year.

On the 25th of May the first car-load shipment was made from this station, the car having been furnished by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company. Over a million of young shad were transferred from Havre de Grace to the Nanticoke River and deposited in that stream near Seaford, in Delaware. This was effected without loss.

On the 12th of June, while the fish on hand were being transferred from the hatching vessels to the depot for a shipment to Maine, a terrific

wind storm, accompanied by heavy rain, broke the barges away from their moorings and cast them ashore, causing a loss of between 800,000 and 900,000 fish and eggs, or rather the involuntary deposit in the Susquehanna River of that number. Sufficient, however, were saved to make a good car-load, with a few additional fish which were sent from the Washington Station. Nearly a million shad were taken on this trip to Maine and divided between the Penobscot and Kennebec Rivers. The Commission is again indebted to the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company for the car in which this shipment was made and for the arrangements with the other companies for the movement of the car by fast passenger trains to Bangor. Mr. Stillwell, one of the State Commissioners of Maine, met the car at this point and selected the places of deposit.

During the month of May, Mr. J. P. Creveling, of the Pennsylvania Commission, by direction of the Commissioners, procured from this station nearly half a million of young shad, which were deposited in the upper waters of the Susquehanna River.

At the close of the season, half of the equipment was transferred to Baltimore to be remodeled, and from thence taken to Tangier Sound to be used in the experiments in the artificial propagation of the oyster inaugurated by Major Ferguson, Commissioner of Fisheries of Maryland, the barges finally to be transferred to Washington for future service on the Potomac River. The rest of the equipment—that is, one machinery barge, and one barge occupied as quarters—was left at Havre de Grace, to be used again the succeeding year.

The disposition of the fish produced is shown in the tables appended, the yield of this station being incorporated with the distribution of the fish hatched on the Potomac.

Washington navy-yard station.—In order to determine the feasibility of hatching shad by the use of hydrant water, and for the purpose of producing them in large numbers at a convenient center of distribution, a station was improvised at the Washington navy-yard by permission of the Navy Department, and through the courtesy of the commandant of the yard.

At the western end of the "ship-house" a number of cones, arranged according to the Ferguson system, were set up, a few at first, afterwards more and more, until about forty-six were in place. The number was increased as fast as the vessels could be manufactured, and they were kept to their full capacity during most of the season. It was necessary that this apparatus should be operated outside of the ship-house in the open air, as it was deemed imprudent to have lights within the building, and they were a necessity for the proper conduct of the work.

The water was supplied to this apparatus from a hydrant connection near by. The eggs were nightly collected 15 or 20 miles down the river and brought up upon the "Lookout," a small steamer in the service of the Maryland Fish Commission, which had been provided with apparatus

for the purpose. On arrival they were at once placed for final development in the cones above referred to. As soon as the fish were ready for distribution they were placed in transporting cans and then transferred to the railroad depots for shipment.

The experiment proved entirely successful, so large a percentage hatching out that the loss of eggs was scarcely appreciable, and the distribution was readily made to all parts of the country.

During the progress of the work, it was found that that section of the Potomac River immediately adjacent to Fort Washington was the most productive of ripe shad, and it was therefore deemed advisable to station a portion of the spawners at this point. Permission having been obtained from the War Department, a building on the reservation was occupied as quarters for this portion of the force. The eggs when collected were placed in vessels suspended in the water, which kept them in good condition until they could be transferred to the hatching apparatus at the navy-yard.

This sub-station was occupied until the 19th of June, when it was abandoned, as shad were no longer taken in sufficient numbers to induce further work at this point.

Advantage was taken of the peculiar facilities of the navy-yard station for conducting several experiments for determining the minimum amount of water necessary for keeping young shad in good health and condition, as very often it is necessary to economize water both in the production of the fish and their transportation. These experiments demonstrated that the eggs could be as successfully hatched with less than one-fourth the amount of water if an abundance of atmospheric air was introduced with the water.

Many other experiments were conducted during this season which have resulted in material modifications in the forms of the apparatus used in the production of, and the vessels for transporting, young shad.

On the 23d of May the first large car shipment was made from Washington. Mr. George C. Wilkins, superintendent of the Pennsylvania system of railroads at Baltimore, having provided a commodious baggage car, and arranged for its movement on the passenger train as far south as the standard gauge roads extended, and also obtained from the connecting lines a similar car at this terminal, about 2,000,000 of young shad were loaded in the car at Washington from the navy-yard station. One-half of these were successfully deposited in the rivers of South Carolina and the other half in those of Georgia.

On June 6 another car-load, consisting of about 700,000, was shipped to Cincinnati in a car kindly loaned by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. There the fish were turned over to Dr. Griffith, the president of the Kentucky State Commission, who met the car in person and superintended the deposit of the fish in the rivers of Kentucky.

The success at these stations in procuring shad in large numbers led to the inauguration of this system of shipping young shad by the car-

load, in place of the single messenger shipments, limited as they were to one or two hundred thousand fish.

Although in previous seasons the production amounted to many millions of fish, this was the aggregation of only one or two hundred thousand daily. Large shipments of one or two millions were impracticable, as before this number could be produced the earlier hatched were so far developed that they would require a much more abundant supply of food than that found in the limited amount of water to which they were necessarily confined.

The production of previous years was necessarily scattered in comparatively small lots throughout the country, no streams except those on which the hatching stations were located receiving a sufficient number to have their presence decidedly marked.

Far greater results can be anticipated from the deposits of one or two millions of fish in a stream during a single season, and this is entirely within the possibilities, so great has been the advancement in the methods employed in collecting the eggs, their development, and the transfer of the young fish produced.

Shipment by car-loads was, therefore, a marked feature in the operations of this season. By this method, it is confidently hoped that the work of distribution, not only of shad, but of carp and other fishes, can be made much more systematically, much more efficiently, and at much less cost.

Having demonstrated the practicability of securing young shad of uniform ages in sufficient numbers to warrant shipments by car-loads, it now becomes necessary to secure properly arranged cars for this purpose. The essentials of a car for this duty are:

First. Arrangements for maintaining even and constant temperatures.

Second. Capacity for conveniently storing special carrying vessels.

Third. Automatic arrangements for change and circulation of water and aeration.

Fourth. Comfortable living, accommodations for the messengers attending the fish, so that they can be constantly at their post of duty.

Designs are being prepared for the construction of such cars, which will be built as the work develops and the means are provided.

The detail of operations at this station with accompanying tables, by Mr. F. N. Clark, who was in charge, will be found in the following pages.

The fish produced at Washington, as well as the yield from the Havre de Grace station, were, as heretofore, transferred to various parts of the country. The places of deposit are given in the accompanying tables,

which have been arranged both geographically and chronologically for easy reference.

TABLE 1.—Record of temperature observations at Spesutie Narrows, made May 3 to June 15, 1880, under the direction of the United

Date.	Temperatures.								Depth of water at station.	Wind.			
	Air, 7 a. m.	Surface water, 7 a. m.	Bottom, 7 a. m.	Air, 12 m.	Surface water, 12 m.	Bottom, 12 m.	Air, 7 p. m.	Surface water, 7 p. m.		Bottom, 7 p. m.	Direction, 7 a. m.	Intensity, 7 a. m.	Direction, 12 m.	Intensity, 12 m.
Monday, May 3	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	o	Feet.	S. W.	Strong	S. W.	Strong
Tuesday, May 4	60	65	63	72	66	63	65	63	15 to 25	S. W.	do	S. W.	Gentle
Wednesday, May 5	62	65	63	73	66	63	72	65	65	S. W.	do	E.	do
Thursday, May 6	61	64	65	81	67	67	72	67	67	S. N. E.	do	N. W.	do
Friday, May 7	64	65	65	79	68	68	64	67	67	S. E.	Gentle	S. E.	Strong
Saturday, May 8	63	65	64	68	68	67	75	70	69	do	do	W.	do
Sunday, May 9	63	67	67	83	71	69	79	72	72	S.	Calm	S. W.	Strong
Monday, May 10	73	69	69	83	72	71	78	73	73	S.	Gentle	S.	do
Tuesday, May 11	71	71	71	81	73	72	79	73	73	S. W.	do	S. S. W.	do
Wednesday, May 12	66	70	70	73	69	71	72	73	73	N. W.	Strong	N. W.	Gale
Thursday, May 13	61	68	67	62	70	69	61	69	69	N. W.	High	N. W.	High
Friday, May 14	58	64	64	63	67	65	61	67	66	N.	do	N. E.	Strong
Saturday, May 15	62	60	60	60	64	64	63	65	64	N. E.	do	N. E.	do
Sunday, May 16	62	61	61	72	64	63	76	66	65	N. W.	Strong	S. S. W.	do
Monday, May 17	63	64	64	85	67	66	77	68	68	W.	Gentle	N. W.	do
Tuesday, May 18	70	67	66	82	71	71	79	72	71	S. W.	Light	S. E.	Light
Wednesday, May 19	61	67	66	82	70	68	75	72	71	N. E.	do	N. E.	do
Thursday, May 20	71	60	69	85	73	71	80	72	71	N. E.	do	N. E.	Strong
Friday, May 21	73	71	71	80	73	73	79	74	74	S. E.	Strong	S.	do
Saturday, May 22	73	71	69	81	73	73	69	74	74	S. W.	do	S. W.	do
Sunday, May 23	68	72	72	74	72	69	73	73	73	E.	Light	S. E.	Light
Monday, May 24	71	73	73	85	75	74	80	75	75	N. E.	do	S. E.	do
Tuesday, May 25	76	74	74	86	77	76	82	79	79	S. W.	do	S. E.	do
Wednesday, May 26	70	77	78	96	82	79	83	82	81	S. W.	do	S. W.	do
Thursday, May 27	83	80	79	95	80	79	87	82	81	S. W.	do	S. W.	do
Friday, May 28	79	79	79	87	80	80	73	80	79	W.	do	S. E.	Strong
Saturday, May 29	68	76	76	85	78	78	70	77	77	N. E.	Strong	E.	Gentle
Sunday, May 30	73	70	70	70	78	78	68	70	70	S. E.	do	S. W.	do
Monday, May 31	73	76	76	83	77	76	80	77	77	N. W.	do	N. W.	Strong
Tuesday, June 1	73	73	72	80	77	75	74	75	74	S. E.	Light	S. E.	do
Wednesday, June 2	58	74	74	80	74	74	70	72	72	N. W.	Strong	N. E.	do
Thursday, June 3	63	72	71	86	69	68	78	71	71	N. W.	Light	N. W.	do
Friday, June 4	72	71	70	84	71	71	80	71	71	N. W.	do	N. E.	Light
Saturday, June 5	69	74	74	77	75	74	74	72	71	S. E.	do	S. E.	Strong
Sunday, June 6	73	74	73	78	74	73	76	72	71	S. W.	Strong	S. W.	High
Monday, June 7	84	74	74	80	77	75	79	75	75	N. W.	Gentle	N. W.	Light
Tuesday, June 8	75	73	73	87	79	77	75	78	78	N. E.	Light	N. E.	do
Wednesday, June 9	68	76	76	79	77	76	71	77	76	N. E.	do	S. E.	do
Thursday, June 10	67	75	75	72	74	74	69	74	73	S. E.	do	S. E.	do
Friday, June 11	64	72	71	71	72	71	80	73	72	S. E.	do	S. E.	do
Saturday, June 12	82	74	73	92	79	77	82	78	76	N. W.	do	N. W.	do
Sunday, June 13	83	78	76	92	79	78	80	70	78	S. W.	do	S. W.	do
Monday, June 14	75	70	77	81	79	77	73	77	75	N. W.	Strong	N. W.	do
Tuesday, June 15	64	76	72	65	75	71	65	74	70	N. E.	do	E.	Strong

by John S. Saunders, on the United States Fish Commission barges, from States and Maryland Commissions of Fish and Fisheries.

Wind.		Sky.			Water.	Tide.			Remarks.
Direction, 7 p. m.	Intensity, 7 p. m.	7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.		7 a. m.	12 m.	7 p. m.	
S. W.	Gentle	Clear	Clear	Clear	Muddy	Ebb	Ebb	Flood	No thermometer to take temperature.
S. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. E.	do	Cloudy	Cloudy	do	Clear	Flood	do	do	
N. W.	do	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	
S. E.	Strong	Overcast	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. W.	Gentle	do	do	do	do	Slack	Ebb	do	
S. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	Flood	do	
S. W.	Strong	do	do	do	do	Slack	do	do	
W.	Gentle	do	Overcast	do	do	Ebb	do	do	
W.	Gale	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	Very low tide.
N. E.	High	do	do	do	Muddy	do	do	do	
N. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
N. E.	Gentle	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. W.	do	Smoky	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	
S. W.	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. E.	Light	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. E.	do	Rain	do	do	do	do	Slack	do	
S. E.	Strong	Overcast	do	do	do	Flood	Ebb	Flood	
E.	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	do	
E.	Light	Overcast	do	do	do	do	do	do	Very high tide and water brackish. Rain about 3 p. m.
N. W.	do	do	Showery	do	do	do	do	do	
S. W.	do	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	
S. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. E.	do	do	do	do	do	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	
N. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
N. E.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. W.	do	do	Overcast	do	do	do	do	do	Rain about 5 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	do	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	
S. W.	do	Cloudy	Rain	Rain	do	do	do	do	Moved barges to Watson's Island, above Havre de Grace, on account of salt water, at 10 a. m.
S. E.	do	Clear	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	
N. E.	Strong	do	Overcast	Squall	do	do	do	do	
N. W.	do	Rain	do	Clear	Muddy	do	do	do	
S. E.	do	Clear	Clear	Stormy	do	do	Slack	do	
S. E.	Light	do	do	Clear	do	do	Flood	Ebb	
S. W.	High	Overcast	Overcast	do	Clear	do	do	Flood	
S. W.	Light	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	Very little tide; caused by river backing it down.
N. W.	Gentle	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
E.	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	do	
S. E.	do	Overcast	Overcast	Overcast	do	Slack	do	do	
N. W.	do	Rain	do	Rain	do	Flood	do	do	
S. W.	do	do	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	Ebb	
S. W.	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	Flood	do	Terrible storm at 2.15 p. m., with terrific wind, causing barges to go adrift, losing 8 anchors and bedriven high on rocks ashore. Moved alongside Cochran's ice-house wharf, having lost anchors in gale.
N. W.	do	do	do	do	do	Ebb	do	do	
N. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	
N. E.	Strong	Rain	Rain	Rain	do	do	do	do	Heavy N. E. storm all day.

TABLE 2.—Record of temperature observations at Navy-Yard station, Wash from May 4 to June 18, 1880; under the direction of the

Date.	Temperatures.									Wind.			
	Air, 6 a. m.	Surface wa- ter, 6 a. m.	Bottom, 6 a. m.	Air, 12 m.	Surface wa- ter, 12 m.	Bottom, 12 m.	Air, 6 p. m.	Surface wa- ter, 6 p. m.	Bottom, 6 p. m.	Direction, 6 a. m.	Intensity, 6 a. m.	Direction, 12 m.	Intensity, 12 m.
Tuesday, May 4	o	o	o	o	o	o	76	68	67	S. E.	Light	S. E.	Light.
Wednesday, May 5	67	67	66	82	72	70	78	69	68	E.	do	E.	do
Thursday, May 6	68	67	66	84	73	66	81	71	70	W.	do	W.	do
Friday, May 7	65	67	66	80	71	70	78	72	70	S. W.	do	E.	do
Saturday, May 8	61	68	60	85	73	71	81	72	70	N. E.	do	N.	do
Sunday, May 9	72	70	67	90	74	72	85	76	75	S.	do	S.	Fresh
Monday, May 10	72	71	70	91	76	75	83	75	74	S.	do	S.	do
Tuesday, May 11	71	73	72	82	76	75	61	74	73	S. E.	do	N.	Light.
Wednesday, May 12	62	71	70	75	74	73	71	73	72	W.	do	N. W.	do
Thursday, May 13	61	70	70	73	73	73	60	72	72	W.	do	N.	Fresh.
Friday, May 14	67	70	70	67	70	70	65	69	69	N. W.	Fresh	N. W.	do
Saturday, May 15	62	65	65	70	71	71	67	71	71	N. E.	Light	N. W.	do
Sunday, May 16	68	67	67	84	72	71	81	72	71	S. W.	do	S. W.	Light.
Monday, May 17	71	70	70	90	72	71	83	73	72	W.	do	W.	do
Tuesday, May 18	69	70	70	86	74	73	83	75	74	N. W.	do	N. W.	do
Wednesday, May 19	66	73	72	88	75	74	81	76	75	N. E.	do	N. E.	do
Thursday, May 20	78	75	74	87	76	75	87	76	75	S. W.	do	S. W.	Fresh.
Friday, May 21	71	74	74	88	77	76	86	76	75	S.	do	S. W.	Strong
Saturday, May 22	71	74	75	73	75	75	70	75	75	S. E.	do	S. E.	Light.
Sunday, May 23	70	74	75	68	74	75	67	74	75	N. E.	do	N. E.	do
Monday, May 24	71	75	75	88	75	75	85	75	75	N. E.	Calm	S.	do
Tuesday, May 25	60	76	76	85	76	76	88	77	76	S.	Light	S.	do
Wednesday, May 26	75	77	77	87	79	78	80	77	66	S.	do	S. W.	do
Thursday, May 27	72	79	78	89	82	81	89	79	78	S.	do	S. W.	do
Friday, May 28	75	78	78	85	80	80	78	79	78	S.	do	S. W.	Fresh.
Saturday, May 29	75	79	78	75	80	80	74	78	78	N. E.	do	N. E.	Light
Sunday, May 30	73	78	78	74	77	77	73	77	78	S. E.	do	N. E.	Fresh
Monday, May 31	72	77	77	78	77	77	83	78	78	N. W.	Fresh	N. W.	do
Tuesday, June 1	75	77	77	64	78	78	85	78	78	S. W.	Light	S. W.	Light.
Wednesday, June 2	69	73	73	68	73	73	62	73	73	N. W.	Fresh	N. W.	Fresh.
Thursday, June 3	69	75	74	78	77	77	80	77	77	N. W.	Light	N. W.	Light.
Friday, June 4	62	75	71	67	76	76	84	77	77	N. W.	do	S. W.	do
Saturday, June 5	70	74	75	79	70	75	60	77	70	S. W.	do	S.	do
Sunday, June 6	69	75	74	78	70	75	77	70	75	S.	do	S.	Light.
Monday, June 7	76	74	74	88	79	78	83	76	75	S.	do	W.	do
Tuesday, June 8	73	74	74	83	79	70	86	79	77	N. W.	do	N. W.	do
Wednesday, June 9	70	75	74	78	75	75	76	75	75	N. E.	do	N. E.	do
Thursday, June 10	68	75	75	72	75	75	74	76	75	S. E.	do	S. E.	do
Friday, June 11	74	74	74	88	77	77	87	79	78	Calm	do	S.	do
Saturday, June 12	76	77	77	64	79	78	79	70	78	S.	Light	N. W.	do
Sunday, June 13	80	78	77	65	70	78	60	82	81	N. W.	do	N. W.	Fresh
Monday, June 14	77	78	78	65	79	78	83	78	78	N. W.	do	N.	Fresh.
Tuesday, June 15	67	78	78	66	77	77	65	76	77	N. E.	do	N. E.	Light.
Wednesday, June 16	65	76	70	74	77	77	75	77	77	N. E.	do	N. E.	do
Thursday, June 17	70	75	76	85	77	77	84	78	78	N. W.	do	N. W.	do
Friday, June 18	68	75	75	80	77	77	85	70	78	S.	do	S.	do

ington, made by W. P. Sauerhoff and Wm. Hamlen, on the steamer Lookout, United States and Maryland Commissions of Fish and Fisheries.

Direction, 6 p.m.	Wind.	Sky.			Water.	Tide.			Remarks.
		6 a.m.	12 m.	6 p.m.		6 a.m.	12 m.	6 p.m.	
S. E.	Light	Clear	Clear	Clear	Muddy	.....	Flood	Ebb	Left navy-yard 12.45 p. m. Returned at 9.50 p. m. 650,000 eggs.
N. E.	do	do	do	do	do	Flood	Slack	do	Thermometer 68° at 2.30 p. m.
N. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	Ebb	Flood	do
S. E.	do	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	do	do
N. E.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do
S. S. S.	do	Clear	do	Clear	do	do	Flood	Ebb	Left navy-yard 5.40 p. m. Returned to navy-yard 1.20 p. m.
S.	Strong	do	do	do	do	do	Ebb	Flood	Left navy-yard 4.15 p. m. Returned 11.10 p. m.
N. W.	do	do	do	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	Left navy-yard 12.50 p. m. Rain 5.30 p. m. Stopped 7 p. m.
N. W.	Fresh	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	Returned to navy-yard 8.53 a. m. Left navy-yard 8 p. m.
N. E.	do	do	do	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	Returned navy-yard 9.25 a. m. Left navy-yard 4 p. m.
N.	Light	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	Slack	Returned to navy-yard 11.35 a. m.
N. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Ebb	Left navy-yard 1.35 p. m. Returned 10.30 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	do	do	Clear	Ebb	Flood	do	Remained at navy-yard. Left navy-yard 1.22 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Returned 12.30 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	do	do	Muddy	do	do	do	Left navy-yard 5.40 p. m. Returned 11.15 p. m.
N. E.	do	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	do	Remained at navy-yard.
S. W.	Fresh	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	do	Left navy-yard 8.27 p. m.
S. E.	Strong	do	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	Returned to navy-yard 9.05 a. m. Left navy-yard 4.10 p. m.
N. W.	Light	Cloudy	do	Cloudy	do	Flood	Ebb	do	Returned to navy-yard 7.20 a. m. Left navy-yard 5.30 p. m.
N. E.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Flood	Returned navy-yard 9.10 a. m. Left 5.55 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	Returned navy-yard 8.05 a. m. Left navy-yard 6.15 p. m.
S.	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	do	Returned navy-yard 6.25 a. m. Left navy-yard 6.30 p. m.
S.	do	do	Cloudy	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	Returned navy-yard 6.45 a. m. Left navy-yard 8.17 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	Returned to navy-yard 7 a. m. Left navy-yard 12.50 p. m.
W.	Strong	do	do	Cloudy	Clear	do	do	do	Returned to navy-yard 7.15 a. m. Left 3 p. m. Returned to navy-yard 9.05 p. m. Rain. Left navy-yard 8.20 p. m. Returned navy-yard 9.40 p. m. Rain.
N. E.	Light	do	Clear	do	Muddy	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	do
S. E.	Fresh	Cloudy	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	Left navy-yard 4 p. m. Returned navy-yard 10.10 p. m.
N. W.	Light	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	Left navy-yard 0.30 p. m. Returned navy-yard 12.25 p. m.
S. W.	do	do	do	Cloudy	Muddy	do	do	do	Left navy-yard 5 p. m. Stationed at Fort Washington.
S. W.	do	Clear	Clear	Clear	do	do	do	do	do
S. S. S.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do
S.	Fresh	Cloudy	do	Cloudy	Clear	do	do	do	do
N. W.	Calm	Clear	do	do	do	Slack	Ebb	Flood	do
N. E.	Light	do	do	Clear	do	Flood	do	do	do
S. E.	do	Cloudy	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	do
S. E.	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	do
S. E.	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	do
S. E.	do	Clear	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	do
W.	do	do	Clear	do	Muddy	do	do	do	Rain 6.30. Stopped 11 a. m.
N. E.	do	do	do	do	do	Ebb	Flood	Ebb	Rain storm 3 p. m. Stopped 4.30 a. m.
N. E.	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	Rain 9.30 p. m.
N. E.	do	Cloudy	Cloudy	do	do	do	do	do	Rain.
N. W.	Calm	do	do	do	do	do	do	do	Rain stopped 7.30 a. m.
N. W.	Light	Clear	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	Strong current with the ebb tide. Water very muddy at 7 p. m.
S.	do	do	Clear	do	do	do	do	do	Water very muddy.

TABLE 3.—Record of hatching operations at Spesutie Narrows, Md., con from May 3 to June 10, 1880, under the direction of the United

Date.	Total length of haul-seines visited, in fathoms.	Total length of gill-nets visited, in fathoms.	Fish taken by haul-seines—			Fish taken by gill-nets—	Ripe fish.	
			Shad.	Herring.	Rock.		Shad.	Males.	Females.
			No.	Lbs.	No.	No.		
Monday, May 3	1,860		220	20,000			4	2
Tuesday, May 4	1,860		854	15,000	250		10	13
Wednesday, May 5	2,060	850	306	30,800		88	13	9
Thursday, May 6	3,610		464	28,000			33	20
Friday, May 7	3,610		689	88,300	24		26	17
Saturday, May 8	2,600	2,200	258	23,000		816	49	30
Sunday, May 9	2,060	2,150				271	21	15
Monday, May 10	2,010	225	201	8,835	49	11	16	11
Tuesday, May 11	1,110	1,825	199	650	20	110	11	10
Wednesday, May 12		3,425				230	17	13
Thursday, May 13		1,750				159	19	13
Friday, May 14		2,100				316	26	17
Saturday, May 15		4,900				329	57	40
Sunday, May 16		2,350				232	24	17
Monday, May 17	2,010	3,195	172	748		330	53	39
Tuesday, May 18		2,650				167	24	21
Wednesday, May 19		3,150				252	40	30
Thursday, May 20		3,300				249	40	33
Friday, May 21		2,100				180	30	24
Saturday, May 22		2,925				219	33	27
Sunday, May 23		2,575				257	33	26

ducted by John S. Saunders on the United States Fish Commission barges States and Maryland Commissions of Fish and Fisheries.

Eggs obtained.	Loss.		Results.			Remarks.
	Eggs.	Fish.	Fish hatched.	Fish deposited in local waters.	Fish deposited in other waters.	
40,000	30,000	.....	10,000	10,000	.....	Eggs badly impregnated and a great many taken too young.
275,000	25,000	.....	250,000	250,000	.....
190,000	27,000	.....	163,000	163,000	.....
476,000	75,000	.....	400,000	400,000	.....
420,000	175,000	.....	245,000	245,000	.....	150,000 eggs lost by some one dropping coal oil in cone. Placed 10,000 young fish out in the Narrows from eggs taken on 8d.
600,000	60,000	.....	540,000	540,000	.....
300,000	30,000	.....	270,000	270,000	.....
230,000	15,000	.....	215,000	215,000	.....	Placed 413,000 fish in Spoutie Narrows on evening of 16th. hatched from eggs taken 4th and 5th.
200,000	10,000	.....	190,000	.....	200,000	Placed 250,000 fish in Spoutie Narrows. Placed 150,000 fish above Havre de Grace, from eggs taken on 6th. Delivered to Mr. Creveling on 17th.
260,000	25,000	.....	235,000	225,000	.....	Placed 190,000 eggs in Spoutie Narrows. Placed 145,000 fish above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 7th.
220,000	10,000	.....	210,000	210,000	.....	Placed 190,000 eggs in Spoutie Narrows. Placed 800,000 above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 8th. Shad taken very hard and not yielding full number of eggs.
845,000	20,000	.....	325,000	325,000	.....	Placed 270,000 above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on the 9th.
790,000	40,000	.....	750,000	750,000	.....	Placed 215,000 above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 10th. Shad taken small and not yielding full number of eggs. Scarcity of males reported by some of men taking spawn.
840,000	15,000	.....	825,000	75,000	250,000	On 21st delivered to Mr. Creveling. Delivered to Commissioner of Fisheries of Pennsylvania 200,000 young fish at 6 p. m. from eggs taken 11th and 12th. Lost 300,000 young fish by salt water being backed up by heavy southeast storm on 21st.
780,000	20,000	300,000	760,000	460,000	.....	Placed in cylinder overboard on 22d to keep, as per Major Ferguson's order.
420,000	40,000	.....	380,000	240,000	140,000	Placed 225,000 young fish in Spoutie Narrows about 6 p. m. from eggs taken on 12th.
600,000	40,000	.....	560,000	.....	560,000	Placed 250,000 young fish above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 13th and 14th, at 10 a. m.
640,000	40,000	.....	600,000	.....	.....	Placed 285,000 young fish above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 14th, at 10 a. m. Placed 200,000 young fish above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 15th. Placed 200,000 young fish in Swan Creek from eggs taken on 15th.
480,000	80,000	.....	450,000	.....	.....	Placed 350,000 young fish above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 15th. Placed 50,000 young fish above Havre de Grace from eggs taken on 10th. Delivered 25,000 young fish to Pennsylvania commissioner on 10th.
540,000	15,000	525,000	525,000	Placed 460,000 young fish above Havre de Grace from eggs of 17th.
560,000	15,000	545,000	545,000	

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Date.	Total length of haul- seines visited, in fathoms.	Total length of gill- nets visited, in fathoms.	Fish taken by haul- seines—			Fish taken by gill- nets—	Ripe fish.	
			Shad.	Herring.	Rock.		Shad.	Males.	Females.
			No.	Lbs.	No.	No.		
Monday, May 24		700				88	7	5
Tuesday, May 25		1,900				131	14	12
Wednesday, May 26.....		825				52	6	4
Thursday, May 27.....		1,000				148	5	5
Friday, May 28								
Saturday, May 29		1,400				169	13	11
Sunday, May 30		400				50	6	4
Monday, May 31		2,100				229	27	25½
Tuesday, June 1		675				58	10	9
Wednesday, June 2		2,700				179	20	17
Thursday, June 3		400				45	8	8
Friday, June 4		8,000				210	37	34
Saturday, June 5.....		1,700				62	12	8
Sunday, June 6.....		1,825				241	29	22
Monday, June 7		4,600				557	40	32
Tuesday, June 8		1,400				52	13	11
Wednesday, June 9		1,580				91	17	11
Thursday, June 10		2,400				86	24	19
Total.....	20,730	48,201	2,953	161,333	343	6,109	871	660

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Eggs obtained.	Loss.		Results.			Remarks.
	Eggs.	Fish.	Fish hatched.	Fish deposited in local waters.	Fish deposited in other waters.	
100,000	25,000	75,000	75,000	.....	.....	Strike among gilliers for 50 cents apiece for ripe fish, which accounts for few eggs taken. Placed 240,000 young fish in Narrows from eggs of 18th.
240,000	60,000	.....	150,000	1,050,000	150,000	Sent to Havre de Grace for shipment 1,750,000 young fish from eggs of 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st. Great scarcity of male fish reported.
80,000	60,000	.....	20,000	.....	.....	Eggs taken, very bad, being badly impregnated by scarcity of males. Lost good quantity by new hatching boxes of Mr. Wright.
100,000	70,000	50,000	80,000	.....	.....	Placed out in Narrows 1,070,000 young fish from eggs of 22d and 23d. Could not send above Havre de Grace for want of cans. Eggs badly impregnated.
220,000	10,000	.....	210,000	.....	210,000	Sent 150,000 young fish for distribution to Bush River from eggs of 25th.
80,000	5,000	.....	75,000	.....	75,000	Storm at night; few gilliers out. Moved barges to Watson's Island on account of salt water at 10 a. m.
510,000	25,000	.....	485,000	485,000	.....	Heavy storm preventing many gilliers from going out.
180,000	20,000	.....	160,000	160,000	.....	Heavy squall preventing gilliers from laying out.
340,000	40,000	.....	300,000	300,000	.....	Placed 285,000 young fish in Bush River from eggs taken on 20th and 30th May.
60,000	5,000	.....	55,000	53,000	.....	Lost out in river 485,000 young fish by overflow of cylinders and break in wire bottom, from eggs of 31st May. Heavy gale from southwest prevented gilliers from going out.
680,000	30,000	.....	650,000	650,000	.....	Placed in river 400,000 young fish from eggs of 1st and 2d.
100,000	20,000	.....	140,000	140,000	.....	Placed in river 55,000 young fish from eggs of 3d.
440,000	40,000	.....	400,000	400,000	.....	Placed in river 650,000 young fish from eggs of 4th.
640,000	40,000	.....	600,000	.....	600,000	Placed 140,000 young fish in river from eggs of 5th.
220,000	20,000	.....	200,000	.....	200,000	Placed 400,000 young fish on flats opposite Watson's Island on 12th, from eggs of 6th.
220,000	20,000	.....	200,000	100,000	100,000	Shipped 900,000 young fish at 2 p. m. on 12th, to go to Maine, from eggs of 7th, 8th, and 9th.
380,000	20,000	.....	360,000	360,000	.....	Turned out 100,000 young fish, which were intended to be shipped to Maine, but storm prevented.
						Had terrific storm on 12th at 3.15 p. m., causing barges to drag anchor (and break chains of three), causing us to lose eggs of 10th, which were nearly out, and barges to go ashore.
12,355,000	1,297,000	425,000	12,058,000	9,148,000	2,485,000	

TABLE 4.—Record of hatching operations at Navy-Yard station, Washington, D. C., conducted by Messrs. F. N. Clark and C. W. Schuermann; and by Messrs. Sauerhoff and Hamlen, on the steamer Lookout, from May 4 to June 27, 1880, under the direction of the United States and Maryland Commissions of Fish and Fisheries.

Date.	Total length of haul-seines visited, in fathoms.	Fish taken by haul-seines.				Fish taken by gill-nets.		Ripe fish.	Eggs obtained.	Results.			Remarks.	
		Number of shad.	Number of herring.	Pounds of rock.	Other fish.	Number of shad.				Fish hatched.	Fish deposited in local waters.	Fish deposited in other waters.		
Tuesday, May 4	300	400	700		400			29	35	650,000				Eggs obtained at Moxley's Point, Captain Skidmore.
Wednesday, May 5														Remained at navy-yard. Cones overcrowded.
Thursday, May 6														Remained at navy-yard.
Friday, May 7														Fish hatching out.
Saturday, May 8	300		75,000		500					635,000	635,000			
Sunday, May 9	300	103	30,000		300			17	16	320,000	310,000	50,000		Obtained 1,220,000 herring eggs at Moxley's Point; lost 120,000 herring eggs at Moxley's Point.
Monday, May 10														Seines not hauling on account of tide.
Tuesday, May 11		227	20,000	15	1,000		320	23	19	380,000	360,000	310,000		320 eggs from gill-nets; 60,000 eggs from haul-seines; 300,000 herring deposited in the Potomac.
Wednesday, May 12			17,000	25	450		430	27	25	500,000	470,000			Obtained 180,000 herring eggs at stake net.
Thursday, May 13	200	166	23,000	18	200		179	67	50	1,000,000	850,000			
Friday, May 14														Remained at navy-yard.
Saturday, May 15		376	3,000	30	75		135	47	38		725,000	360,000		180,000 herring deposited at Cumberland, Md.
Sunday, May 16										760,000		320,000		
Monday, May 17	537		1,500	17	125		435	115	104	2,070,000	2,036,000	400,000		
Tuesday, May 18		979	400	25	150		150	63	57	1,114,000	1,064,000	200,000		
Wednesday, May 19													160,000	Remained at navy-yard. Cones overcrowded.
Thursday, May 20			100	37	200		73	87	76	1,520,000	1,300,000	400,000		
Friday, May 21	300	735	250	75	200		325	130	119	2,320,000	2,200,000	800,000		
Saturday, May 22	300	650	400	25	150		197	70	55	1,100,000	1,000,000	825,000		
Sunday, May 23	300	475	230	20	400		230	29	20	520,000	450,000		2,000,000	
Monday, May 24	300	560	100	15	600			25	29	400,000	350,000	800,000		

Tuesday, May 25	300	327	150	8	700	297	19	15	300,000	250,000	1,400,000			
Wednesday, May 26	300	86	25	50	400	97	2	2	80,000		2,400,000	Eggs of the 26th and 27th were so poor that none were hatched.		
Thursday, May 27	300	187	125	60	125	139	2	2	40,000		450,000			
Friday, May 28	300	199	200	40	50	179	15	14	280,000	230,000	150,000	200,000		
Saturday, May 29	400					325	21	18	325,000	275,000	250,000			
Sunday, May 30	525					363	22	28	780,000	675,000				
Monday, May 31	575					257	39	53	1,010,000	800,000				
Tuesday, June 1	425					127	19	23	430,000	300,000	30,000	200,000		
Wednesday, June 2	380					251	46	50	840,000	700,000	275,000			
Thursday, June 3	575					249	23	23	410,000	375,000				
Friday, June 4	500					157	23	25	430,000	400,000	675,000			
Saturday, June 5	275					37	5	5	95,000	90,000	900,000	Eggs placed in hatching-boxes at Fort Washington.		
Sunday, June 6											300,000	700,000	No boats gilling.	
Monday, June 7	450					202	32	37	650,000	615,000	375,000			
Tuesday, June 8	775					254	37	39	670,000	600,000	400,000			
Wednesday, June 9	725					114	18	24	400,000	375,000	100,000			
Thursday, June 10	500					157	5	6	100,000	85,000				
Friday, June 11											300,000		Steamer remained at navy-yard.	
Saturday, June 12											575,000	240,000	Do.	
Sunday, June 13											475,000		175,000 shad used for experimental purposes.	
Monday, June 14	375					205	29	31	520,000	450,000	85,000		Used for experimental purposes.	
Tuesday, June 15	175					72	0	10	140,000	100,000				
Wednesday, June 16	250					276	20	24	315,000	300,000				
Thursday, June 17	275					108	11	10	180,000	180,000				
Friday, June 18											*50,000	400,000	Steamer remained at navy-yard.	
Saturday, June 19											*100,000		Do.	
Monday, June 21									20,000	15,000			Steamer remained at navy-yard on 20th.	
Tuesday, June 22									120,000	85,000	*180,000			
Sunday, June 27											*100,000			
	4,037	7,180	5,420	172,200	440	6,025	6,370	1,136	1,089	20,749,000	18,550,000	14,350,000	4,200,000	

*Used for experimental purposes.

TABLE 5.—Chronological record of distribution of shad made from May 7, 1880, to June 27, 1880, by United States Fish Commission, under direction of T. B. Ferguson.

Date of leaving station.		Date fish placed in the stream stocked.		Number of fish.		State.	Place.	Stream.	Tributary of—	Transfer in charge of—
Day of week.	Day of month.	Day of week.	Day of month.	Originally taken.	Actually planted.					
Friday	May 7	Friday	May 7	10,000	10,000	Maryland	Spesutie Narrows	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay	John S. Saunders.
Saturday	May 8	Saturday	May 8	335,000	335,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	William P. Sauerhoff.
Do	May 8	do	May 8	300,000	300,000	do	Laurel	Patuxent	Chesapeake Bay.	C. W. Schnermann.
Sunday	May 9	Sunday	May 9	50,000	50,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	William P. Sauerhoff.
Monday	May 10	Monday	May 10	413,000	413,000	do	Spentic Narrows	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Tuesday	May 11	Tuesday	May 11	250,000	250,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	May 11	do	May 11	150,000	-150,000	do	Havre de Grace	do	do	Do.
Do	May 11	do	May 11	110,000	110,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	C. W. Schnermann.
Do	May 11	do	May 11	200,000	-200,000	do	Savage	Patuxent	Chesapeake Bay.	W. H. Jenkins, jr.
Wednesday	May 12	Wednesday	May 12	145,000	145,000	do	Havre de Grace	Susquehanna	do	John S. Saunders.
Do	May 12	do	May 12	100,000	-100,000	do	Spentic Narrows	do	do	Do.
Thursday	May 13	Thursday	May 13	190,000	190,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	May 13	do	May 13	350,000	-350,000	do	Havre de Grace	do	do	Do.
Friday	May 14	Friday	May 14	270,000	270,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Saturday	May 15	Saturday	May 15	215,000	-215,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	May 15	do	May 15	60,000	60,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Potomac	do	C. W. Schnermann.
Do	May 15	do	May 15	800,000	800,000	do	Cumberland	do	do	H. E. Quinn.
Sunday	May 16	Sunday	May 16	20,000	20,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	C. W. Schnermann.
Do	May 16	do	May 16	800,000	800,000	do	Savage	Patuxent	Chesapeake Bay.	Newton Simmons.
Monday	May 17	Monday	May 17	100,000	100,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	C. W. Schnermann.
Do	May 17	do	May 17	300,000	-300,000	do	Point of Rocks	Potomac	Chesapeake Bay.	J. F. Ellis.
Do	May 17	do	May 17	200,000	200,000	Pennsylvania	Georgetown	Susquehanna	do	J. P. Creveling.
Tuesday	May 18	Tuesday	May 18	200,000	200,000	Maryland	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	C. W. Schnermann.
Do	May 18	do	May 18	225,000	-225,000	do	Spentic Narrows	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Wednesday	May 19	Wednesday	May 19	250,000	250,000	do	Havre de Grace	do	do	Do.
Do	May 19	do	May 19	160,000	160,000	Virginia	Petersburg	Appomattox	James River	S. M. Rixey.
Thursday	May 20	Thursday	May 20	400,000	-400,000	Maryland	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	Sauerhoff & Hamlen.
Do	May 20	do	May 20	285,000	285,000	do	Havre de Grace	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Do	May 20	do	May 20	200,000	200,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	May 20	do	May 20	200,000	-200,000	do	Swan Creek	do	do	Do.
Friday	May 21	Friday	May 21	350,000	350,000	do	Havre de Grace	do	do	Do.
Do	May 21	do	May 21	50,000	50,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	May 21	do	May 21	25,000	25,000	do	Spentic Narrows	do	do	Do.
Do	May 21	do	May 21	200,000	-200,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	do	Sauerhoff & Hamlen.
Do	May 21	do	May 21	600,000	600,000	do	Savage	Patuxent	Chesapeake Bay.	J. F. Ellis.
Do	May 21	do	May 21	250,000	-250,000	Pennsylvania	Harrisburg	Susquehanna	do	J. P. Creveling.
Saturday	May 22	Saturday	May 22	460,000	460,000	Maryland	Havre de Grace	do	do	John S. Saunders.
Do	May 22	do	May 22	600,000	-600,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	C. W. Schnermann.
Do	May 22	do	May 22	200,000	200,000	do	Near Fort Washington.	Potomac	Chesapeake Bay.	Sauerhoff & Hamlen.

Sunday	May 23	Sunday	May 23	25,000	25,000	do	do	do	do	Sauerhoff & Hamlen
Do	May 23	Monday	May 24	2,000,000	375,000	South Carolina	Gaffney's Station	Broad River	Congaree	C. J. Huske.
		do	May 24		875,000	do	Seneca Station	Seneca River	Savannah River	Do.
		do	May 24		60,000	do	Near Rock Hill	Catawba	Waterce	J. F. Ellis.
		do	May 24		140,000	do				J. F. Ellis.*
		do	May 24		40,000	do	Railroad Crossing	Waterce	Santee	S. M. Rixey.
		do	May 24		40,000	do	do	Lynch's Creek	Great Peece	Do.
		do	May 24		40,000	do	do	Big Peece	Winyaw Bay	Do.
		do	May 24		40,000	do	Near Nicholls Station	Little Peece	Great Peece	Do.
		Tuesday	May 25		296,000	Georgia	Railroad Crossing	Oconee	Altamaha	J. F. Ellis.
		do	May 25		296,000	do	Near Corvinton	Yellow	Ocmulgee	Do.
		do	May 25		296,000	do	Near Boltonville	Chattahoochee	Apalachicola	Do.
Monday	May 24	Monday	May 24	800,000	800,000	Maryland	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	Clark & Schuermann.
Do	May 24	do	May 24	240,000	240,000	do	Spentie Narrows	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay	John S. Saunders.
Tuesday	May 25	Tuesday	May 25	400,000	400,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	F. N. Clark.
Do	May 25	do	May 25	500,000	500,000	do	Moxley's Point	Potomac	Chesapeake Bay	Sauerhoff & Hamlen.
Do	May 25	do	May 25	500,000	500,000	do	Savage	Patuxent	do	C. W. Schuermann.
Do	May 25	do	May 25	1,500,000	120,000	Delaware	Wilmington	Christiana Creek	Delaware River	N. Simmons.
		do	May 25		180,000	do	Dover	Jones Creek	do	Do.
		do	May 25		1,030,000	do	Seaford	Nanticoke	Chesapeake Bay	Do.
Wednesday	May 26	Wednesday	May 26	500,000	500,000	Maryland	Moxley's Point	Potomac River	do	Sauerhoff & Hamlen.
Do	May 26	do	May 26	1,500,000	1,500,000	do	Laurel	Patuxent	do	C. J. Huske.
Do	May 26	do	May 26	400,000	400,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	C. W. Schuermann.
Thursday	May 27	Thursday	May 27	450,000	450,000	do	do	do	do	F. N. Clark.
Do	May 27	do	May 27	1,070,000	1,070,000	do	Spentie Narrows	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay	John S. Saunders.
Friday	May 28	Friday	May 28	75,000	75,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	May 28	do	May 28	150,000	150,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	F. N. Clark.
Do	May 28	do	May 28	200,000	200,000	South Carolina	do	do	do	C. J. Huske.
Saturday	May 29	Saturday	May 29	150,000	150,000	Maryland	Near Perrymanville	Buah River	Chesapeake Bay	Newton Simmons.
Do	May 29	do	May 29	50,000	50,000	do	Deer Park	Little Yonghio gheny	Yonghio gheny	S. M. Rixey.
Do	May 29	do	May 29	200,000	200,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	F. N. Clark.
Tuesday	June 1	Tuesday	June 1	30,000	30,000	do	do	do	do	Do.
Do	June 1	Friday	June 4	200,000	40,000	Missouri	Shell City	Osage River	Missouri	G. G. Davenport.
		do	June 4		20,000	do	Railroad Crossing	Salt River	Mississippi	J. F. Ellis.
		do	June 4		20,000	do	do	Chariton	Missouri	Do.
		do	June 4		40,000	do	Near Jerome	Gasconade	do	S. M. Rixey.
		do	June 4		20,000	do	Railroad Crossing	Grand River	do	J. F. Ellis.
		Saturday	June 5		20,000	do	do	Platte River	do	Do.
		do	June 5		20,000	do	do	202 River	do	Do.
		do	June 5		20,000	do	do	Nodaway	Missouri	Do.
Wednesday	June 2	Wednesday	June 2	50,000	50,000	Maryland	Off Watson's Isl'd.	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 2	do	June 2	275,000	275,000	do	Moxley's Point	Potomac	do	W. P. Sauerhoff.
Thursday	June 3	Thursday	June 3	285,000	285,000	do	Near Perrymanville	Buah River	do	M. Gleason.
Friday	June 4	Friday	June 4	485,000	485,000	do	Off Watson's Isl'd.	Susquehanna	do	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 4	do	June 4	500,000	500,000	do	Little Falls	Potomac	do	Frank N. Clark.
Do	June 4	do	June 4	175,000	175,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	Do.
Saturday	June 5	Saturday	June 5	600,000	600,000	do	Little Falls	Potomac	Chesapeake Bay	Wm. H. Jenkins, jr.

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TABLE 5.—Chronological record of distribution of shad made from May 7, 1880, to June 27, 1880, &c.—Continued.

Date of leaving station.		Date fish placed in the stream stocked.		Number of fish.		State.	Place.	Stream.	Tributary of—	Transfer in charge of—
Day of week.	Day of month.	Day of week.	Day of month.	Originally taken.	Actually planted.					
Saturday	June 5	Saturday	June 5	300,000	300,000	Maryland	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac.	Potomac	F. N. Clark.
Sunday	June 6	Sunday	June 6	460,000	460,000	do	Off Watson's Island and.	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 6	do	June 6	300,000	300,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac River.	F. N. Clark.
Do	June 6	Monday	June 7	700,000	700,000	Kentucky	Shepherdsville	Salt River	Ohio River	Commissioner Griffith.
Monday	June 7	do	June 7	55,000	55,000	Maryland	Off Watson's Island and.	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 7	do	June 7	375,000	375,000	do	Savage	Pataxent	do	S. M. Rixey.
Tuesday	June 8	Tuesday	June 8	650,000	650,000	do	Off Watson's Island and.	Susquehanna	do	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 8	do	June 8	400,000	400,000	do	Little Falls	Potomac	do	S. M. Rixey.
Wednesday	June 9	Wednesday	June 9	140,000	140,000	do	Off Watson's Island and.	Susquehanna	do	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 9	do	June 9	100,000	100,000	do	Fort Washington.	Potomac	do	William P. Sauerhoff.
Friday	June 11			300,000	150,000	Georgia	Milledgeville	Oconee River	Altamaha	C. W. Scherzmann.
					150,000	do	Albany	Flint	Apalachicola	Do.
Saturday	June 12	Saturday	June 12	400,000	400,000	Maryland	Off Watson's Island and.	Susquehanna	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Do	June 12	do	June 12	100,000	100,000	do	Off Watson's Island and.	do	do	Do.
Do	June 12	do	June 12	75,000	75,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac.	Potomac	F. N. Clark.
Do	June 12	do	June 12	500,000	500,000	do	Little Falls	Potomac	Chesapeake Bay.	William H. Jenkins.
Do	June 12	Friday	June 13	240,000	215,000	California	Tehama	Sacramento	San Francisco Bay.	Ellis & Davenport.
Sunday	June 13	Sunday	June 13	175,000	*175,000	Maryland				F. N. Clark.
Do	June 13	do	June 13	300,000	300,000	do	Washington, D. C.	Eastern Br. Potomac	Potomac	Do.
Do	June 13	Tuesday	June 15	675,000	837,500	Maine	Waterville	Kennebec	Atlantic Ocean.	H. E. Quinn.
		do	June 15		337,500	do	Mattawamkeag	Mattawamkeag	Penobscot	Do.
Monday	June 14	Monday	June 14	85,000	*85,000	Maryland				F. N. Clark.
Friday	June 13	Friday	June 18	50,000	*50,000	do				Do.
Do	June 18			300,000	200,000	Ohio	Fremont	Sandusky	Lake Erie	C. W. Scherzmann.
Do	June 18	Sunday	June 20	200,000	200,000	Indiana	La Fayette	Wabash	Ohio River	H. E. Quinn.
Saturday	June 19	Saturday	June 19	100,000	*100,000	Maryland				F. N. Clark.
Tuesday	June 22	Tuesday	June 22	160,000	*160,000	do				Do.
Sunday	June 27	Sunday	June 27	100,000	*100,000	do				Do.
				23,473,000	23,296,000					

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TABLE 6.—Record of distribution of shad made from May 7, 1880, to June 27, 1880, by United States Fish Commission, under direction of T. B. Ferguson, arranged according to States.

Station.	Date of leaving station		Date fish placed in the stream stocked.		Number of fish.		State.	Place.	Stream.	Tributary of—	Transfer in charge of—
	Day of week.	Day of month.	Day of week.	Day of month.	Originally taken.	Actually planted.					
Potomac station....	Saturday...	June 12	Friday.....	June 18	240,000	215,000	Cal....	Tehama.....	Sacramento.....	San Francisco Bay.	Ellis & Davenport.
Harre de Grace station.	Tuesday...	May 25	Tuesday....	May 25	450,000	120,000	Del....	Wilmington....	Christiana Creek	Delaware River.	N. Simmons.
Potomac station....	Sunday....	May 23	.....do.....	May 25	.....	180,000	Del....	Dover.....	Jones Creek....	Delaware Bay....	Do.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	May 25	.....	888,000	Ga....	Railroad Crossing.	Oconee River....	Altamaha.....	J. F. Ellis.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	May 25	.....	296,000	..do....	Near Covington.	Yellow River....	Ocmulgee.....	Do.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	May 25	.....	296,000	..do....	Near Boltonville.	Chattahoochee..	Apalachicola....	Do.
Do.....	Friday.....	June 11	.....	.....	300,000	150,000	..do....	Milledgeville....	Oconee River....	Altamaha.....	C. W. Schuermann.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150,000	..do....	Albany.....	Flint.....	Apalachicola....	Do.
Do.....	do.....	June 18	Sunday....	June 20	200,000	200,000	Ind....	La Fayette.....	Wabash.....	Ohio River.....	H. E. Quinn.
Do.....	Sunday....	June 6	Monday....	June 7	700,000	700,000	Ky....	Shepherdsville..	Salt River.....	.....do.....	Commissioner Grif-fith.
Harre de Grace station.	.....do.....	June 13	Tuesday....	June 15	675,000	337,500	Me....	Waterville.....	Kennebec.....	Atlantic Ocean..	H. E. Quinn.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	June 15	.....	337,500	..do....	Mattawamkeag.	Mattawamkeag.	Penobscot.....	Do.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	May 7	7,863,000	7,863,000	Md....	Harre de Grace.	Susquehanna....	Chesapeake Bay.	John S. Saunders.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	June 12							
Potomac station....	.....	.....	.....	May 7	9,855,000	9,855,000	..do....	Washington, D.C.	Potomac.....	.....do.....	F. N. Clark.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	June 13							
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	May 3	3,775,000	3,775,000	..do....	Laurel.....	Patuxent.....	.....do.....	Do.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	June 7							
Harre de Grace station.	.....	.....	.....	May 25	1,050,000	1,050,000	Del....	Seaford.....	Nanticoke.....	.....do.....	Newton Simmons.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	June—	435,000	435,000	Md....	Railroad Crossing.	Bush.....	.....do.....	Do.
Potomac station....	.....	.....	.....	May 29	50,000	50,000	..do....	Deer Park.....	Little Yonghlogheny.	Yonghlogheny..	S. M. Rixey.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	670,000	670,000	..do....	.....	.....	.....	F. N. Clark's Station.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	June 13							
Do.....	.....	.....	.....	June 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Do.....	Tuesday....	June 1	Friday....	June 4	200,000	40,000	Mo....	Shell City.....	Osage River....	Missouri.....	G. G. Davenport.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	June 4	.....	20,000	..do....	Railroad Crossing.	Salt River.....	Mississippi....	J. F. Ellis.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	June 4	.....	20,000	..do....	.....do.....	Chariton.....	Missouri.....	Do.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	June 4	.....	40,000	..do....	Near Jerome....	Gaconade.....	.....do.....	S. M. Rixey.
Do.....	.....	.....	.....do.....	June 4	.....	20,000	..do....	Railroad Crossing.	Grand River....	.....do.....	J. F. Ellis.
Do.....	.....	.....	Saturday..	June 5	.....	20,000	..do....	.....do.....	Platte River....	.....do.....	Do.

TABLE 6.—Record of distribution of shad made from May 7, 1890, to June 27, 1890, &c.—Continued.

Station.	Date of leaving station.		Date fish placed in the stream stocked.		Number of fish.		State.	Place.	Stream.	Tributary of—	Transfer in charge of—
	Day of week.	Day of month.	Day of week.	Day of month.	Originally taken.	Actually planted.					
Potomac station.....			Saturday....	June 5		20,000	Mo....	Railroad Crossing.	202 River.....		J. F. Ellis.
Do .....			...do	June 5		20,000	.do .....	...do	Nodaway	Missouri.....	Do.
Do	Friday.....	June 18	...do .....	.....	200,000	200,000	Ohio	Fremont	Sandusky	Lake Erie.....	C. W. Schuermann.
Havre de Grace station.	Monday.....	May 17	Monday....	May 17	200,000	200,000	Pa	Georgetown....	Susquehanna...	Chesapeake Bay.	J. P. Crowding.
Do	Friday.....	May 21	Friday.....	May 21	250,000	250,000	.do	Harrisburg .....	...do .....	...do	Do.
Potomac station....	Sunday.....	May 23	Monday....	May 24	1,112,000	375,000	S. C	Gaffney's Station.	Broad River...	Congaree.....	C. J. Huska.
			...do	May 24		375,000	.do	Seneca Station.	Seneca River...	Savannah.....	Do.
			...do	May 24		60,000	.do	Near Rock Hill.	Catawba.....	Waterce	J. F. Ellis.
			...do	May 24		140,000	.do .....	...do .....	...do .....	...do	Do.
			...do	May 24		40,000	.do	Railroad Crossing.	Waterce	Santee	S. M. Rixey.
			...do	May 24		40,000	.do .....	...do	Lynch's Creek..	Great Pedee....	Do.
			...do	May 24		40,000	.do .....	...do	Big Pedee.....	Winyaw Bay....	Do.
			...do	May 24		40,000	.do	Near Nicholls Station.	Little Pedee...	Great Pedee....	Do.
Do	Friday.....	May 28			200,000	200,000	.do				C. J. Huska.
Do	Wednesday.	May 19	Wednesday.	May 19	160,000	160,000	Va.	Petersburg.....	Appomattox ...	James	S. M. Rixey.
					22,473,000	22,296,000					

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