



Review of Newspaper Reports for 2005

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Drowning Prevention Meeting

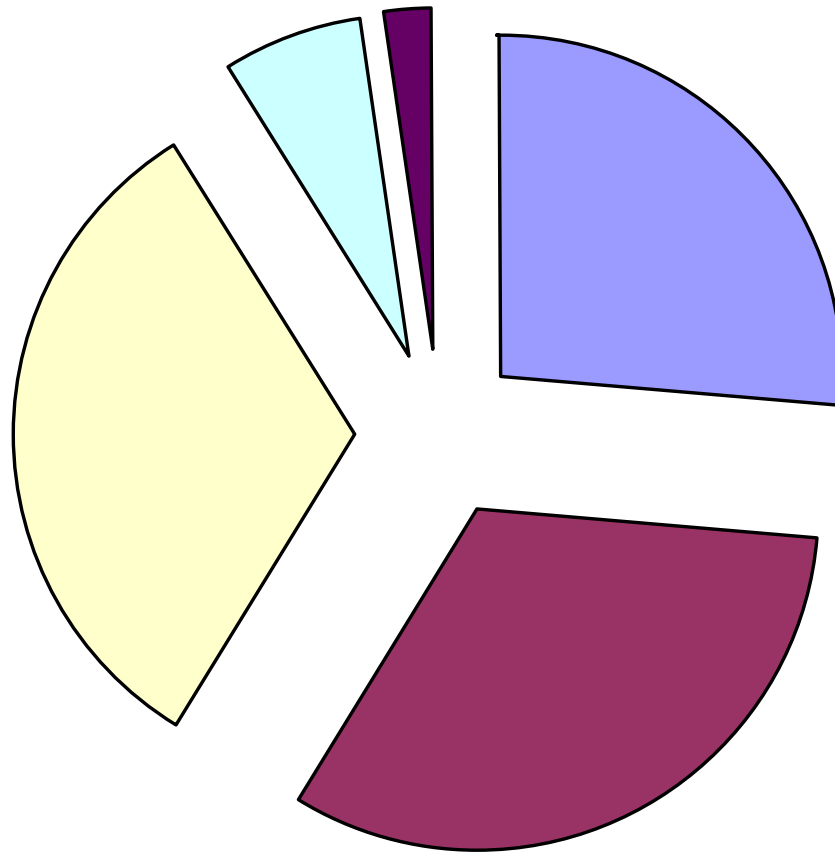
September 27, 2005



Overview

- 146 reports reviewed
- Some out of state [6] 1 Arizona, Wa residents, 5 Oregon border areas to WA
- 13 did not have age information on them
- Key:
 - Survival - **checked**, drowning - **blank**
 - Location: 1 = marine; 2 = river, creek; 3 = lake, pond; 4 = pool; 5 = other

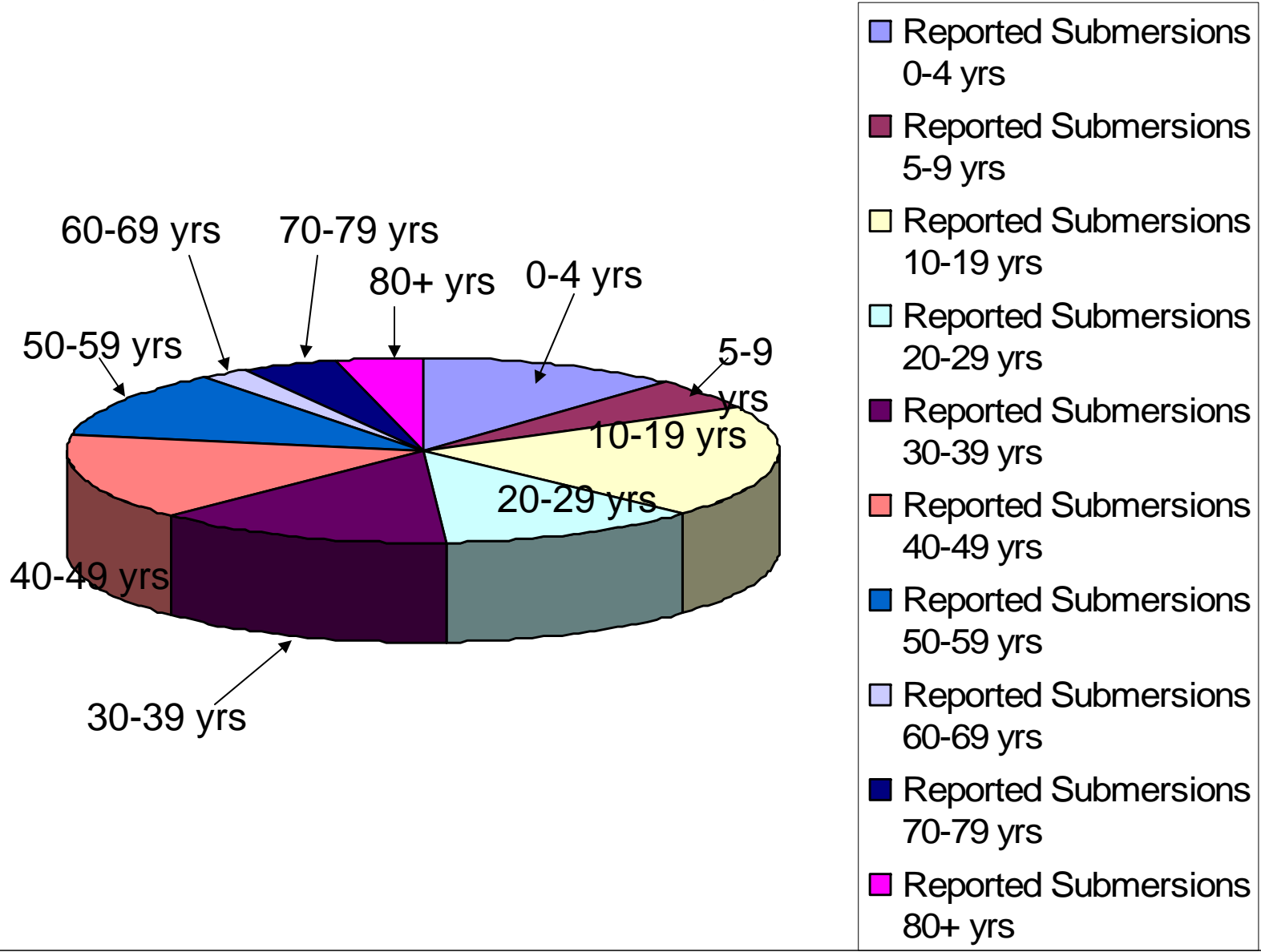
Location of submersions 2005



- Marine
- River
- Lake
- Pool
- Other

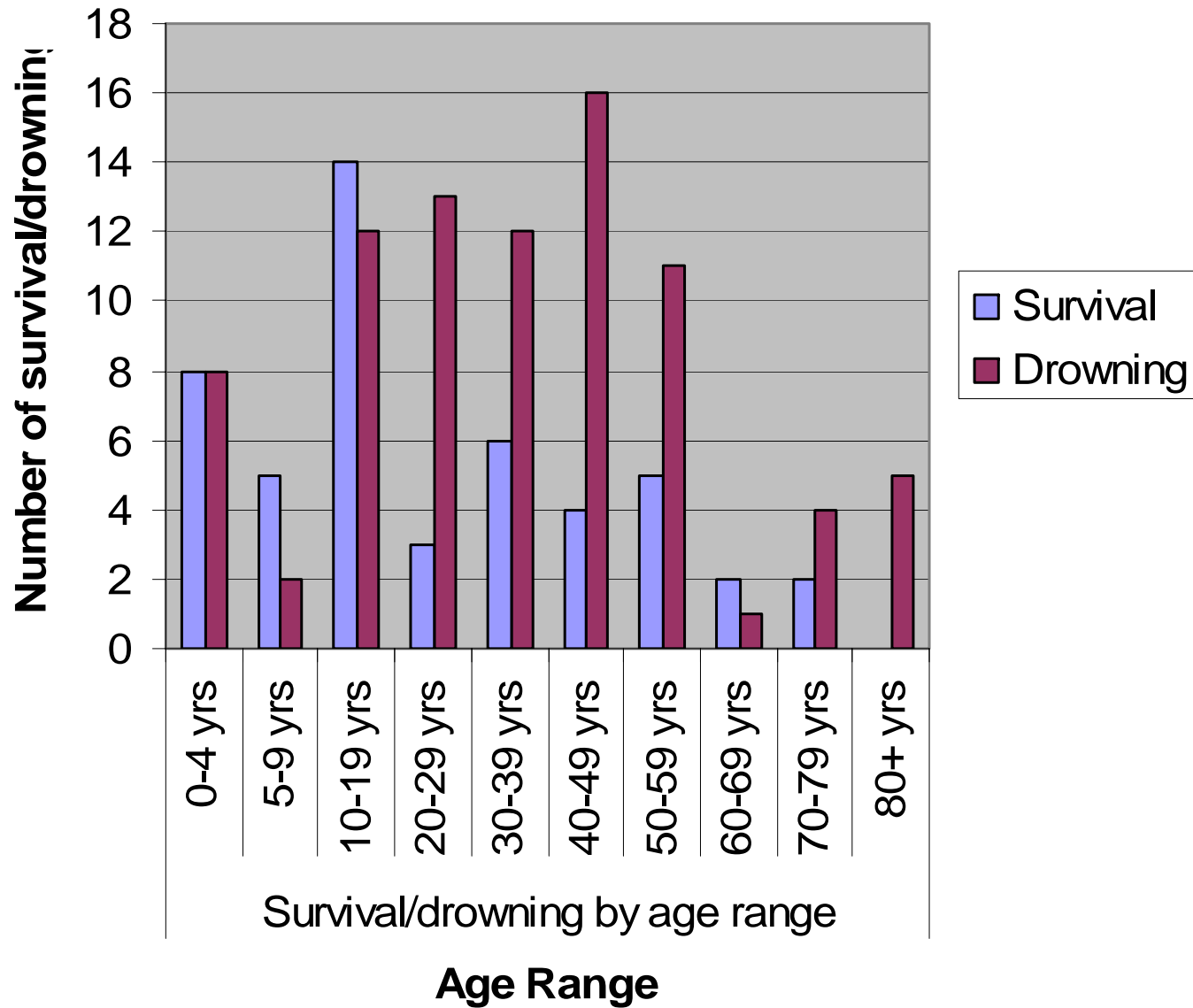


Reported submersions by age group 2005



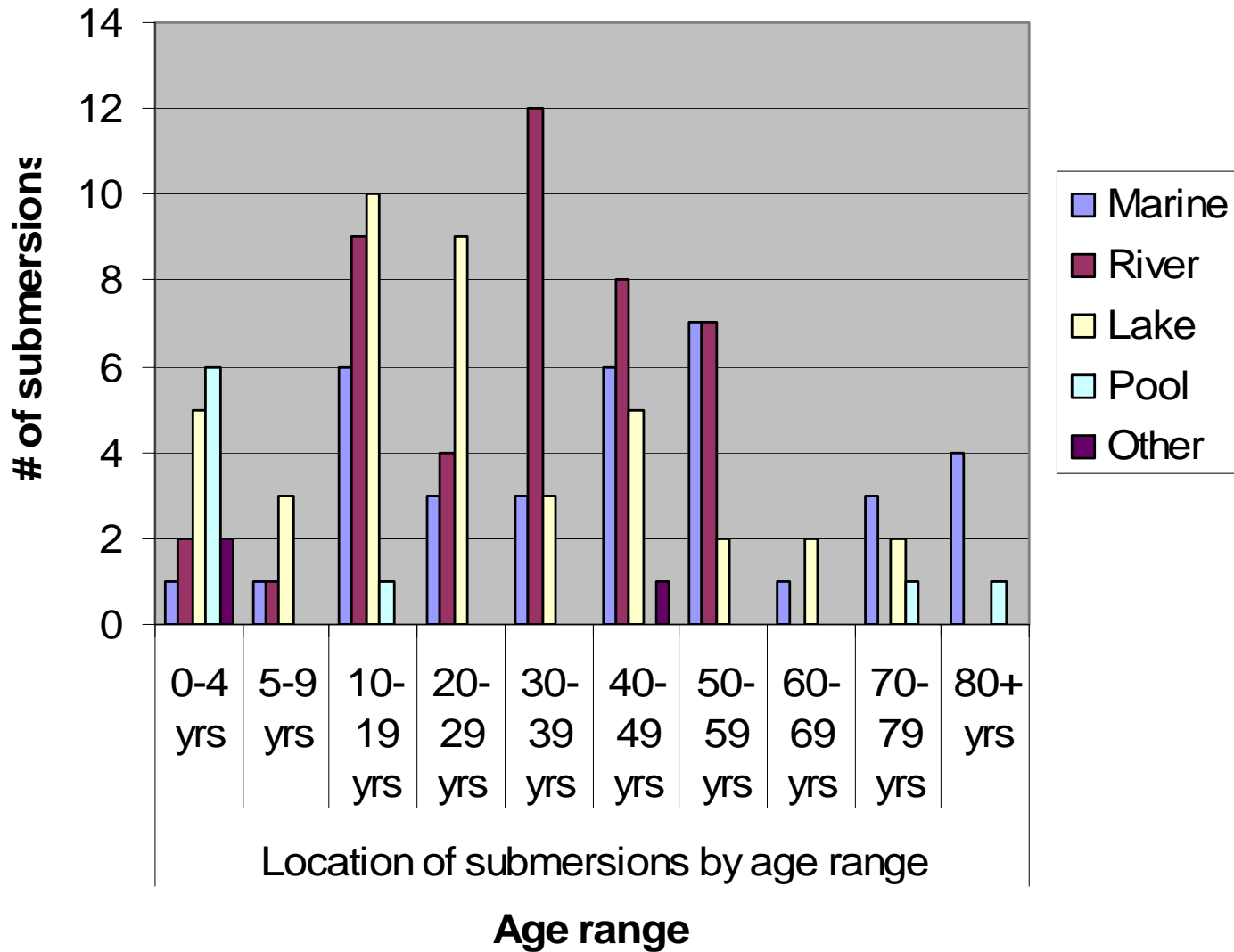


Survival/drowning by age group 2005



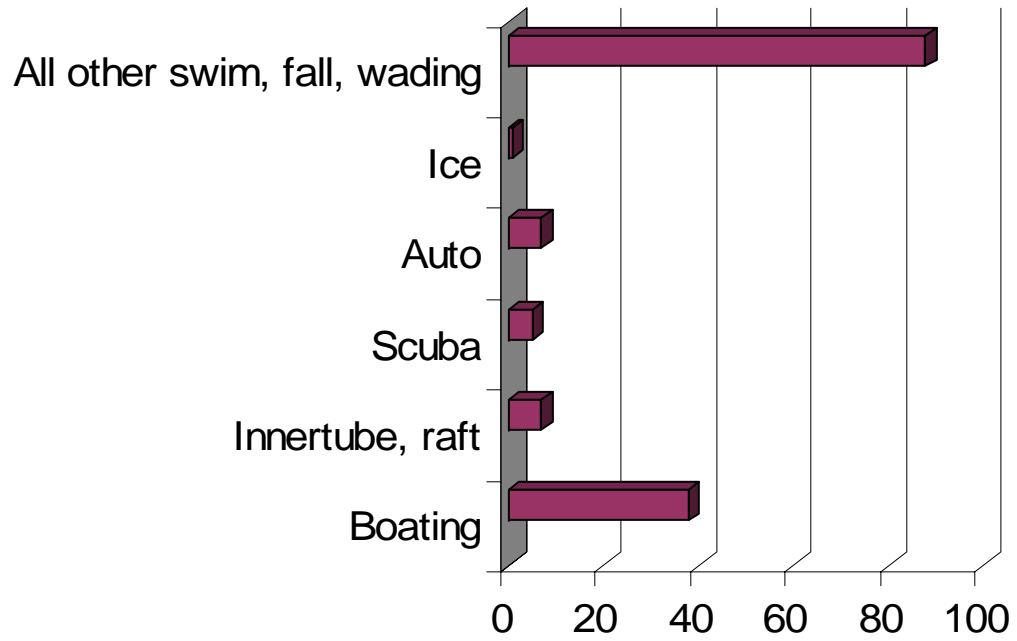


Location of submersions by age range 2005





Activity during submersion 2005





Patterns Rip Currents & Sneaker Waves

- Grays Harbor 2005
 - Ocean Shores –Quinault Lodge Area 1 victim
 - Griffith Pryday St Pk - 3 victims at same time
- Pacific County 2005
 - Bolstad Approach – 5 victims
- Grays Harbor 2004
 - Ocean Shores – Chance A la Mer 6 victims
 - Ocean Shores – North Jetty 1 victim
- Pacific County 2004
 - Washaway Beach -3 victims at same time
 - Grayland – 2 victims at same time
 - Bolstad Approach – 2 victims at same time



Patterns – Boat swamped, overturned

○ Jefferson County

- 1 teenager kayaking Discovery Bay, overturned, 15 minutes later boater retrieved. Life jacket saved him. 53 degree water.
- 2 teenagers Discovery Bay, Kayaks overturned, hypothermic, midday
- 10 y/o, Ft Warden SP, drifted out 6' inflatable
- 82 M, in skiff, fell & hit head trying unwrap rope on prop
- 4 people in dinghy overloaded, swamped, by Southpoint Hood Canal 2 tried swim to shore, 2 remained in boat all trted hypothermia
- 2 M stole 2 personal watercraft, Dabob Bay Hood Canal, one made it to shore, other missing in Bay

○ Chelan

- 2 teenagers in canoe, Lk Chelan, 10:30 PM Sept 3. wind came up and swamped. One was rescued, one drowned.



Boat swamped overturned

- Grant
 - Fishing alone on Blue Lake, small boat, wind came up and body found days later
- Grays Harbor
 - Fishing alone in Pacific, Boat found CG Body several weeks later
- King
 - 3 men 18' boat, suddenly capsized, one w/ lifejacket, hyperthermic
 - 4 people 28' capsized, harbor patrol retrieved all
- Okanogan
 - Fishing with wife in small boat on Lake, while trying to bring in fish, boat capsized, wife lived, husband drowned
- Pierce
 - 2 men borrowed canoe in Feb to retrieve a duck they shot 4 PM, assumed canoe overturned. Took over a month to retrieve bodies
- Thurston
 - Young adult late night party, gets in canoe on lake and paddling with hands, caught in lily pads and capsized. Alcohol at party.



Patterns Freshwater Currents and Falls

- Chelan County
 - Victim tubing down river and caught on rock [wearing PFD]. Another person floating rescued, provided CPR.
- Kittitas County China Falls by Salmon La Sac area, 3 persons drowned after first went under and 2 others went to rescue.
- Skamania
 - Washougal River 46 M rafting and pinned to rock, Dive team rescued, hypothermic taken to hospital
- Snohomish
 - Sultan & Skykomish River 4/9 Man retrieving rocket, caught in current
 - Sultan & Skykomish River 7/28 Man trying to retrieve a shoe, caught in current
 - Stillaguamish River – Haller Park, Father rescued son and then drowned. River has eddies in this area that can catch people. [This has been an area of past rescuer's attempts ending up drowning.



Small Children - Wandering

- Clark
 - 1 Y/O M found in bottom of above ground pool, EMS to hosp. Survival
- Grays Harbor
 - Duck Lake, Ocean Shores. Victim wandered off from his home and his body was found in lake next day by divers.
- King
 - Family pool, 2 Y/O F found by 4 Y/O brother, EMS got heart started, she died in Children's.
- Kittitas
 - Pond near home, 1 Y/O M wandered from home and apparently fell down 7' bank into pond. Neighbor performed CPR, airlifted to Children's and died.
- Lewis
 - Toledo, county park, 6 Y/O M was in water and was missing, couldn't be revived
- Pend Oreille
 - 3 Y/O M Victim visiting grandmother's home, walking on ice and broke through on river. Underwater 5 minutes, did recover 7 days later.
- Pierce
 - 1 Y/O F Victim wandered to pond behind house and fell in and drowned.
 - 3 Y/O M Victim unlocked bedroom window and was found in the above ground family pool.
- Spokane 9 month old F drowned in plastic bucket used to cool drinks and still had melted plastic bag of ice.
- Thurston
 - 2 Y/O M found by his mother in pool. Airlifted to Mary Bridge. Condition not noted.