

# Chignik Management Area Salmon Fishery

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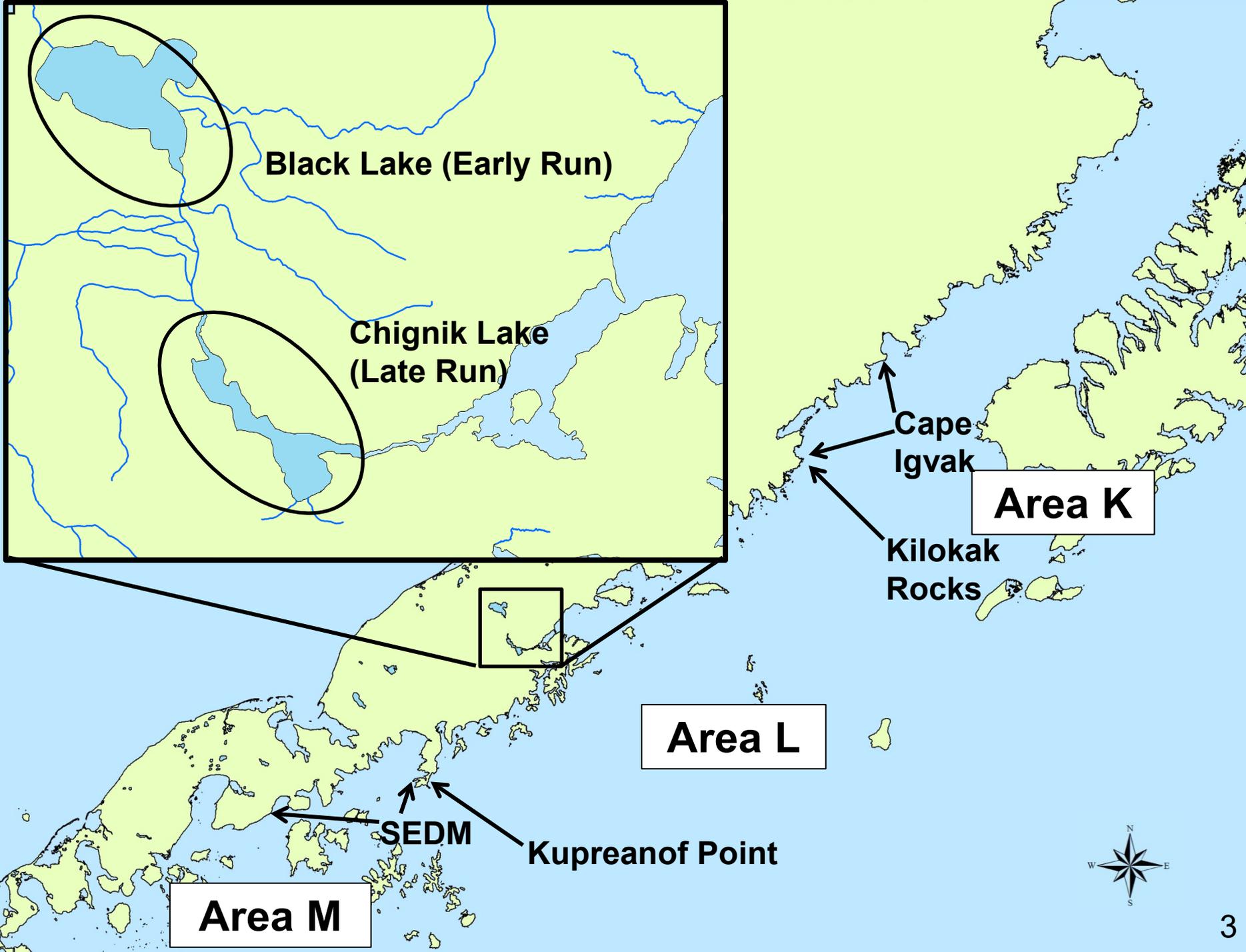
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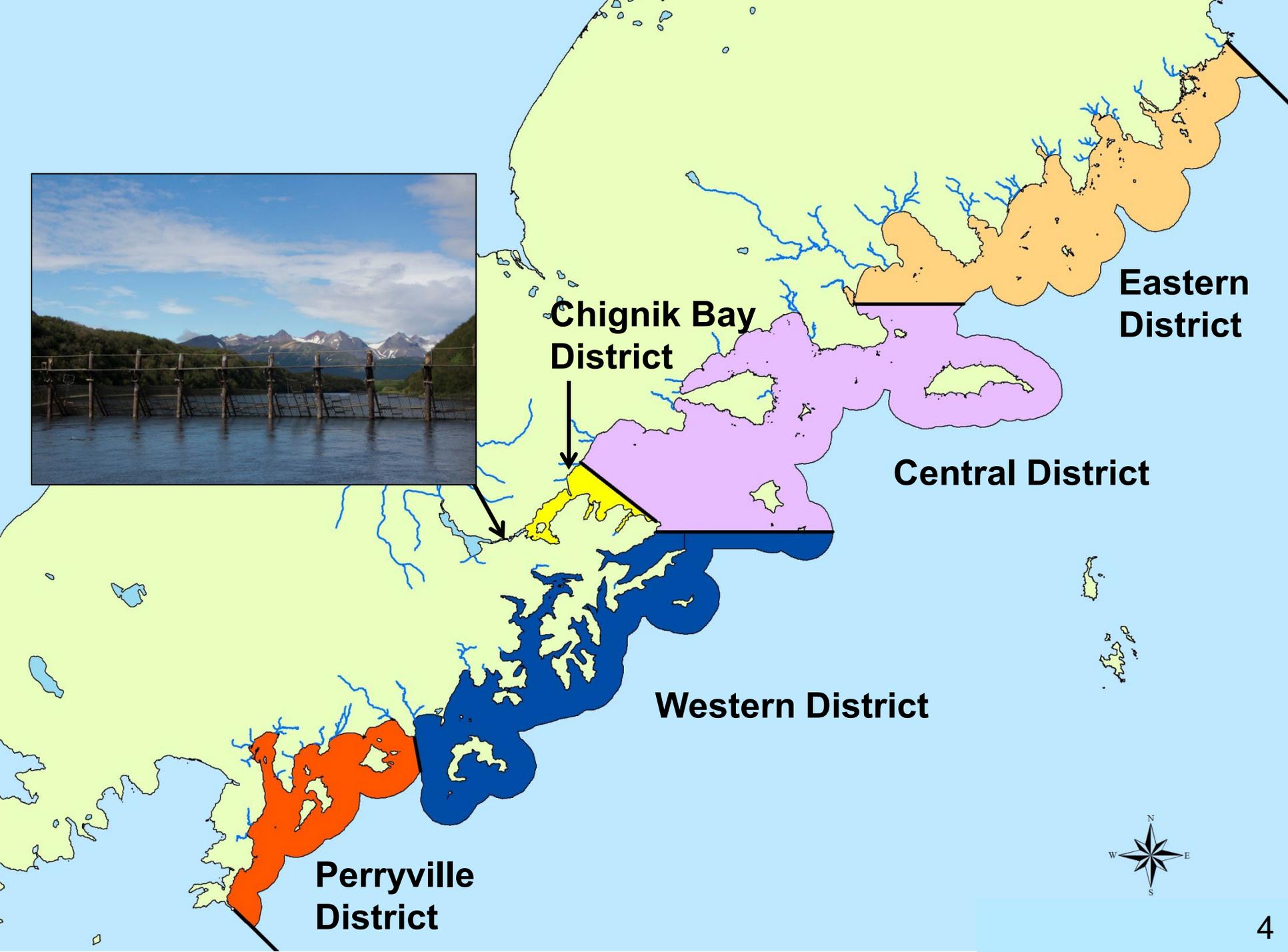
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# **Chignik Management Area Salmon Fishery**

## Overview

1. Geographic description of the Chignik Management Area (CMA)
2. Salmon management and harvest strategy
3. Escapement, harvest, and value information
4. 2023–2025 season summaries
5. Summary of proposals





**Chignik Bay District**

**Eastern District**

**Central District**

**Western District**

**Perryville District**

# **Chignik Management Area Salmon Fishery**

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## **Chignik Salmon Management Plan (1999; 5 AAC 15.357)**

🐟 In effect from June 1–October 31

🐟 Fishing periods established by emergency order (EO)

🐟 Purse seine and hand purse seine gear

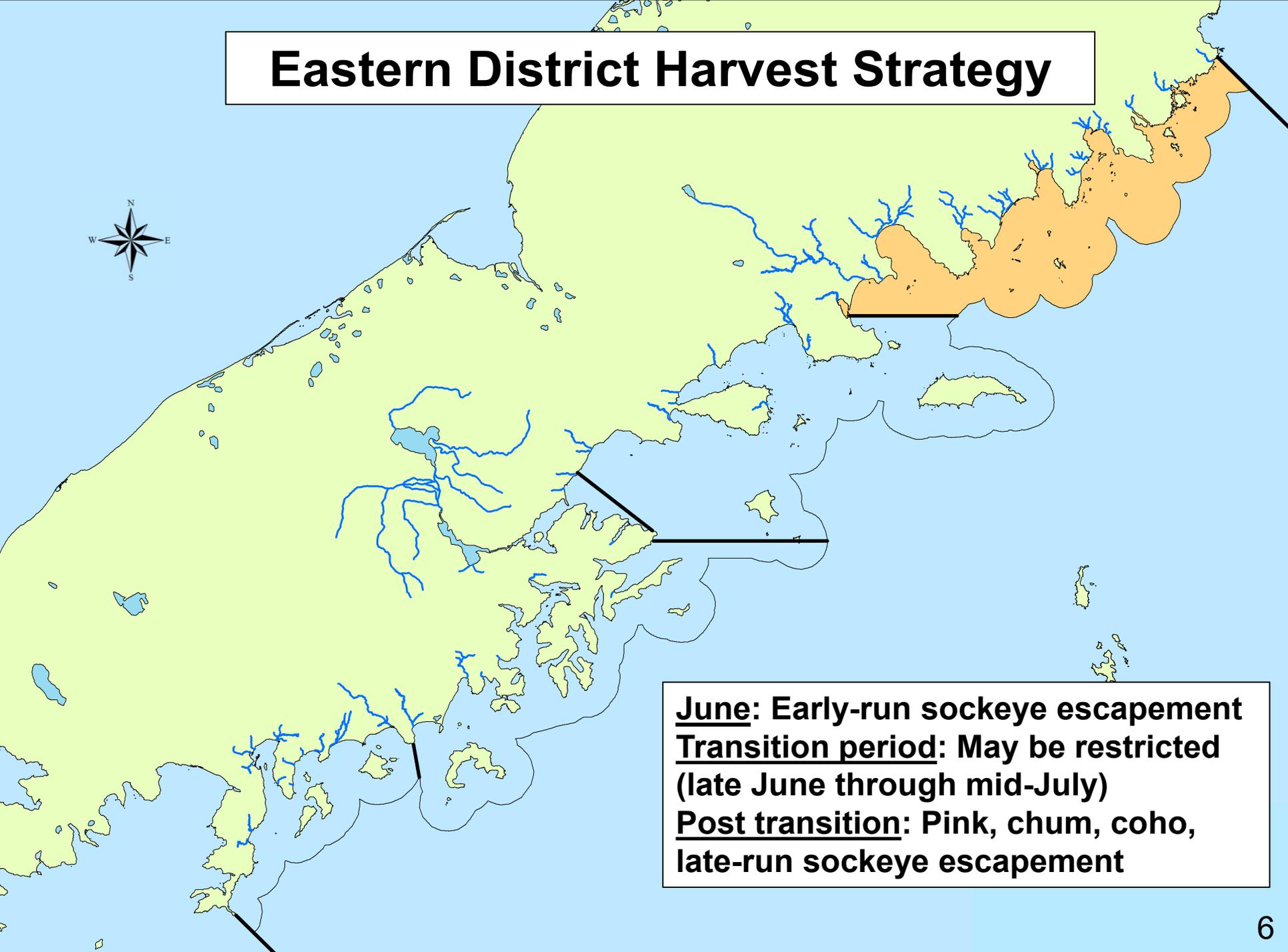
🐟 Organized into districts or groups of districts

🐟 Eastern District

🐟 Chignik Bay and Central Districts

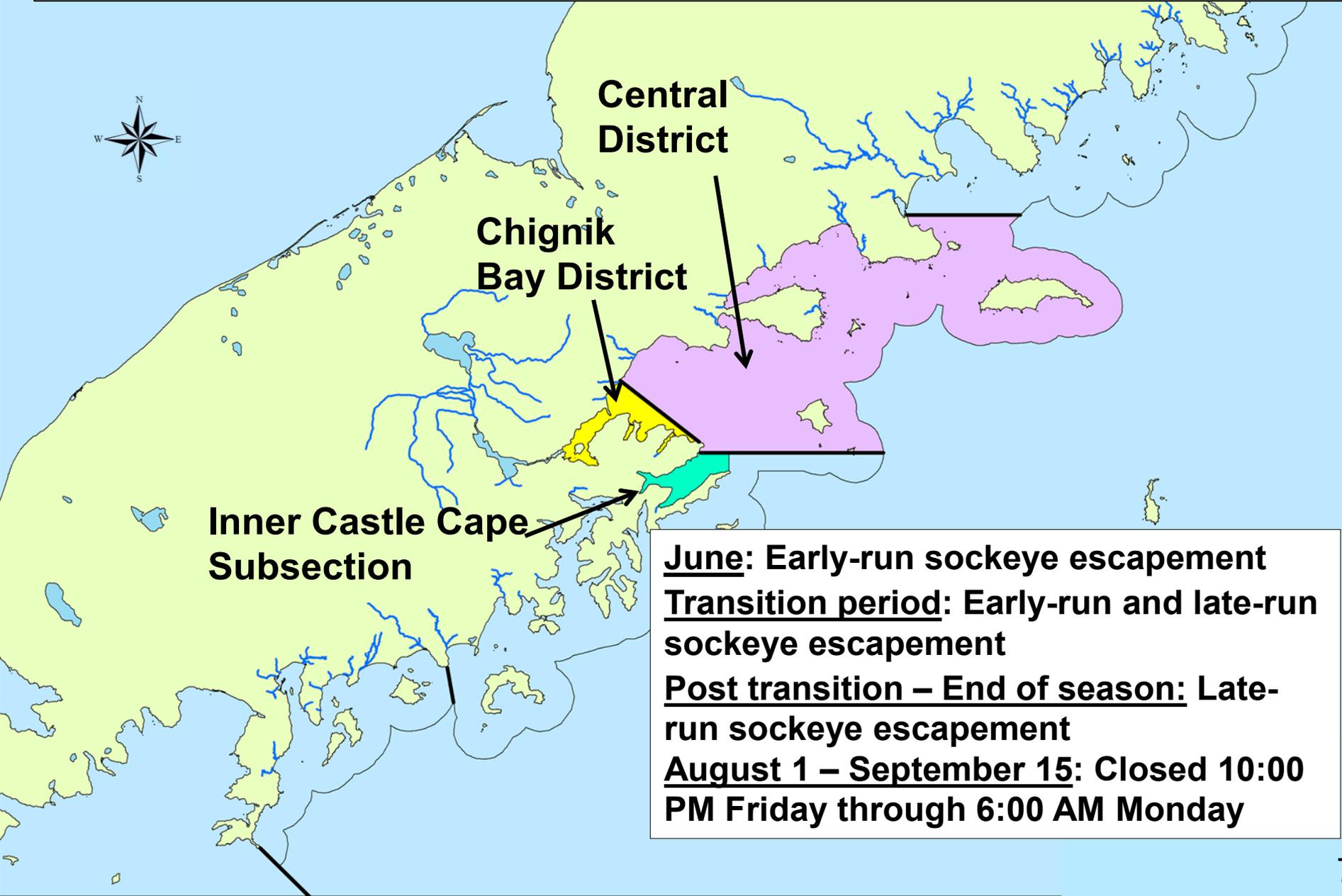
🐟 Western and Perryville Districts

# Eastern District Harvest Strategy



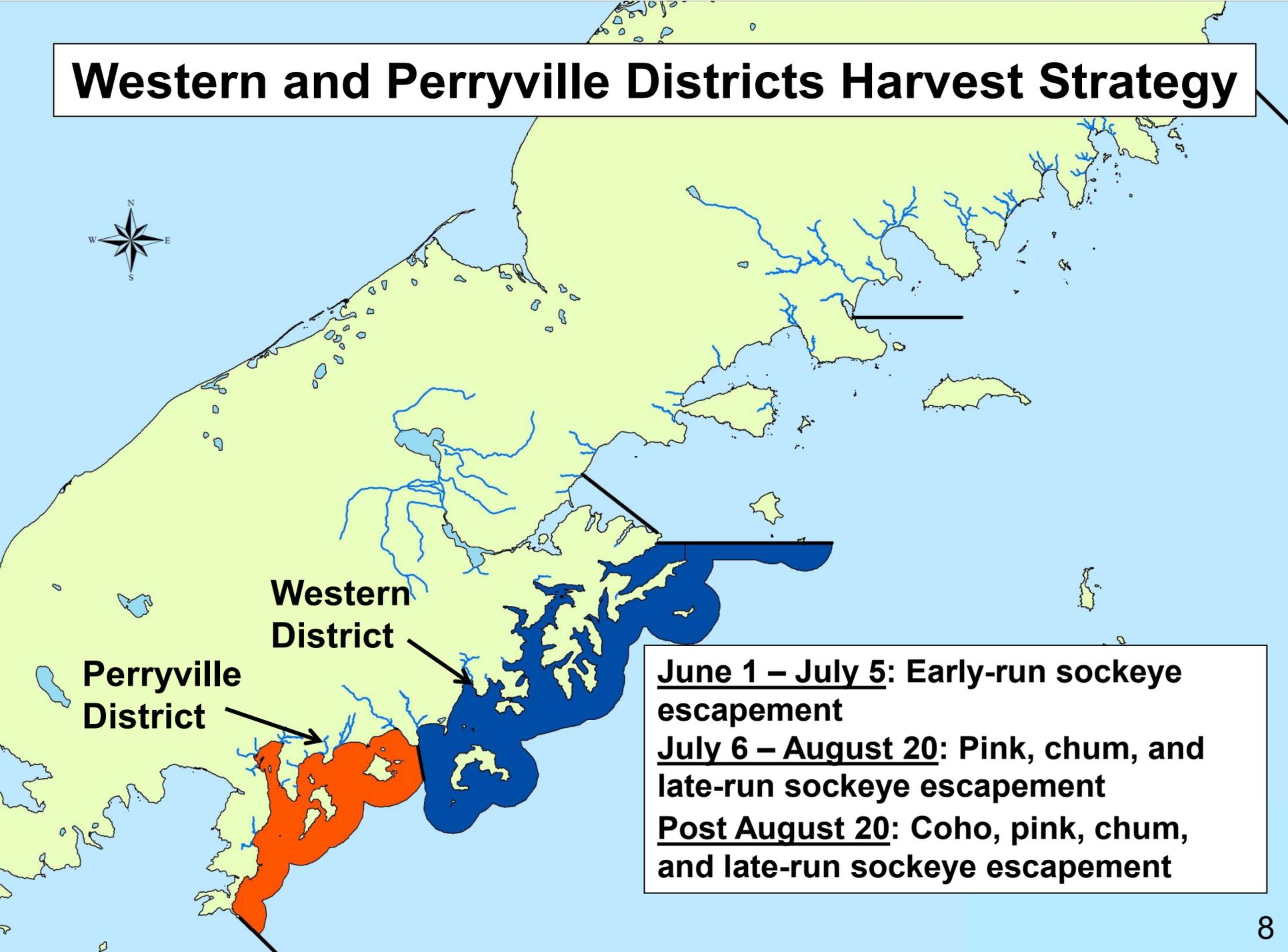
**June: Early-run sockeye escapement**  
**Transition period: May be restricted**  
**(late June through mid-July)**  
**Post transition: Pink, chum, coho,**  
**late-run sockeye escapement**

# Chignik Bay and Central Districts Harvest Strategy



**June: Early-run sockeye escapement**  
**Transition period: Early-run and late-run sockeye escapement**  
**Post transition – End of season: Late-run sockeye escapement**  
**August 1 – September 15: Closed 10:00 PM Friday through 6:00 AM Monday**

# Western and Perryville Districts Harvest Strategy



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## Chignik River Sockeye Salmon Escapement Goals

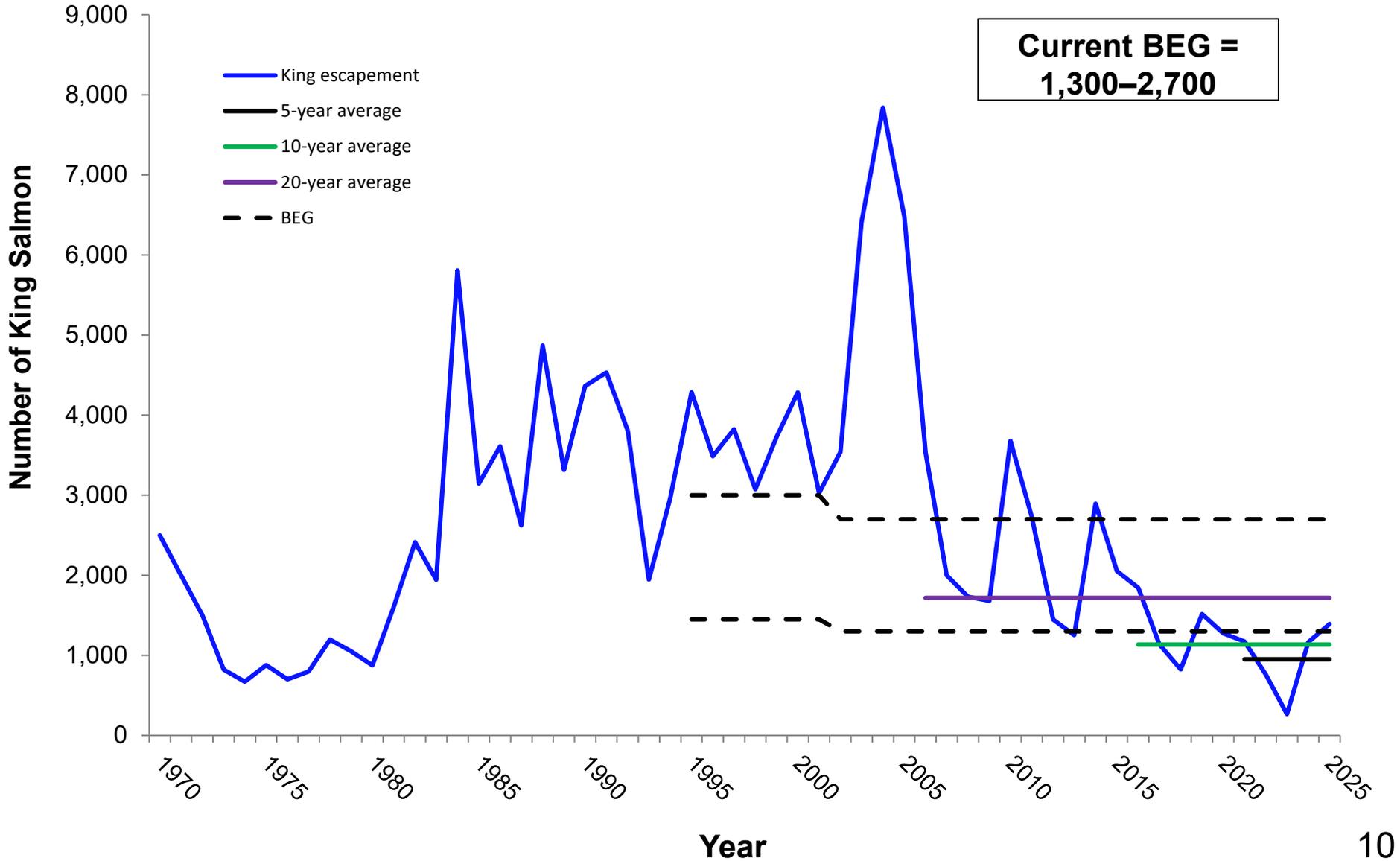
Early-run OEG: 300,000–400,000

Late-run OEG: 240,000–360,000

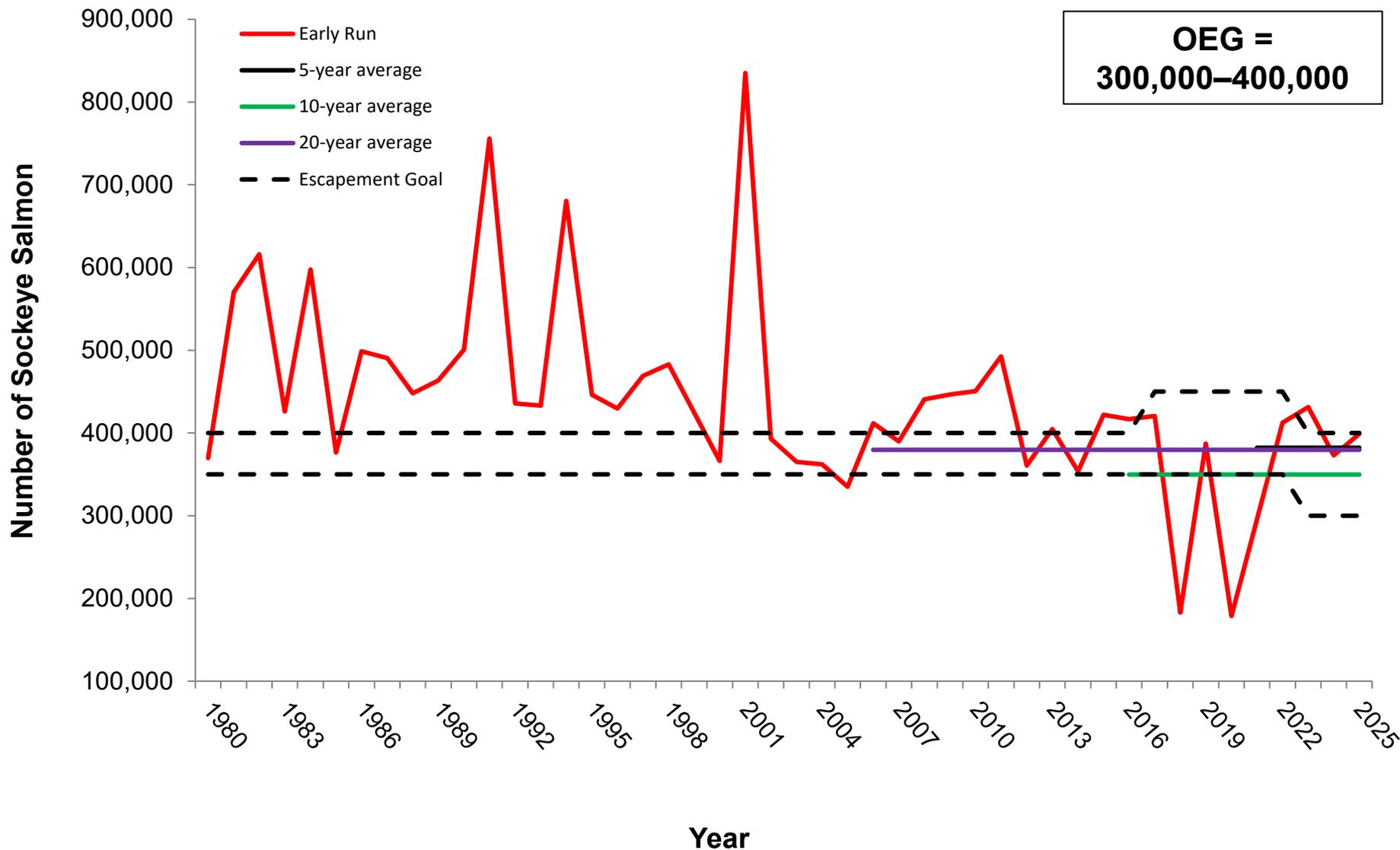
Combined BEG: 450,000–800,000

Date	Early Run OEG			Late Run OEG			Combined		
	Lower		Upper	Lower		Upper	Lower		Upper
5-Jun	2,100	–	8,500	0	–	0	2,100	–	8,500
10-Jun	8,300	–	45,800	0	–	0	8,300	–	45,800
15-Jun	29,400	–	101,400	0	–	300	29,400	–	101,700
20-Jun	67,300	–	186,500	100	–	1,400	67,400	–	187,900
25-Jun	118,600	–	269,500	500	–	5,400	119,100	–	274,900
30-Jun	176,500	–	334,300	2,100	–	14,200	178,600	–	348,500
5-Jul	223,600	–	369,300	7,100	–	29,000	230,700	–	398,300
10-Jul	256,800	–	387,400	18,500	–	57,800	275,300	–	445,200
15-Jul	280,800	–	395,600	38,200	–	103,400	319,000	–	499,000
20-Jul	291,900	–	398,900	68,500	–	160,600	360,400	–	559,500
25-Jul	297,100	–	399,700	99,900	–	203,200	397,000	–	602,900
30-Jul	299,100	–	399,900	129,800	–	234,700	428,900	–	634,600
4-Aug	299,700	–	400,000	152,400	–	260,700	452,100	–	660,700
9-Aug	299,900	–	400,000	172,800	–	281,400	472,700	–	681,400
14-Aug	300,000	–	400,000	187,900	–	298,100	487,900	–	698,100
19-Aug	300,000	–	400,000	201,000	–	311,600	501,000	–	711,600
24-Aug	300,000	–	400,000	212,200	–	321,900	512,200	–	721,900
29-Aug	300,000	–	400,000	221,700	–	331,400	521,700	–	731,400
31-Aug	300,000	–	400,000	225,300	–	335,100	525,300	–	735,100
September	300,000	–	400,000	240,000	–	360,000	540,000	–	760,000

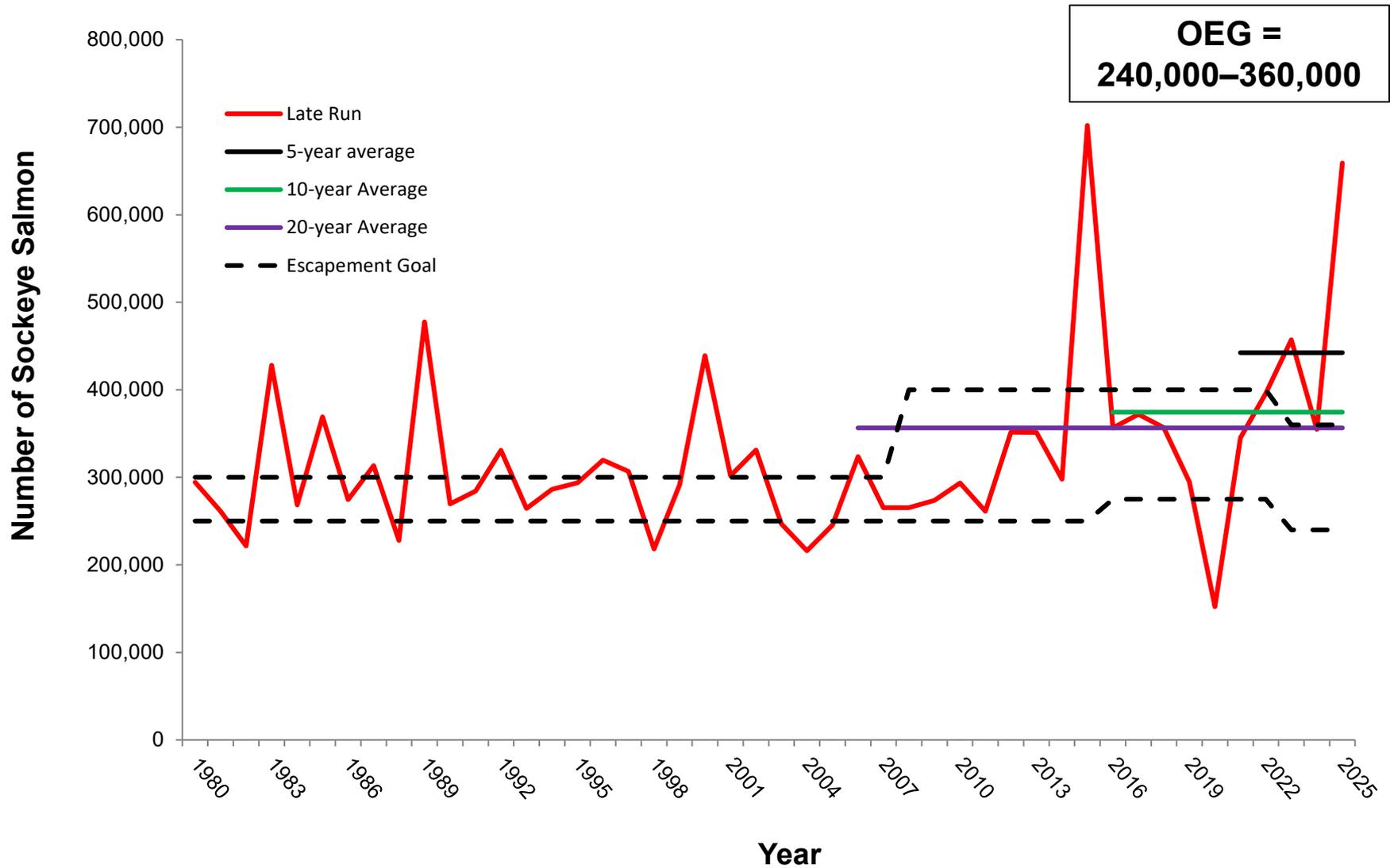
# Chignik River King Salmon Escapement



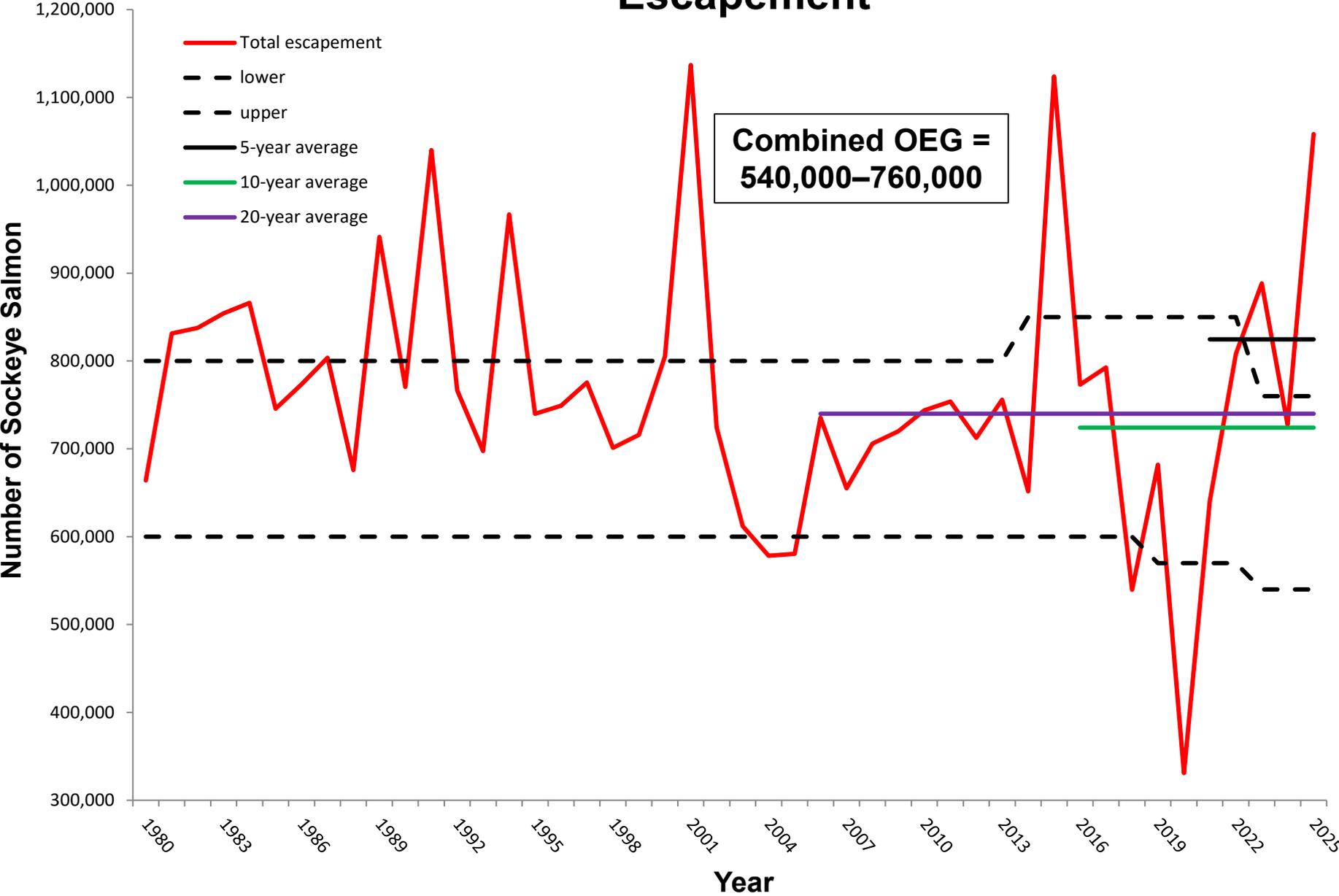
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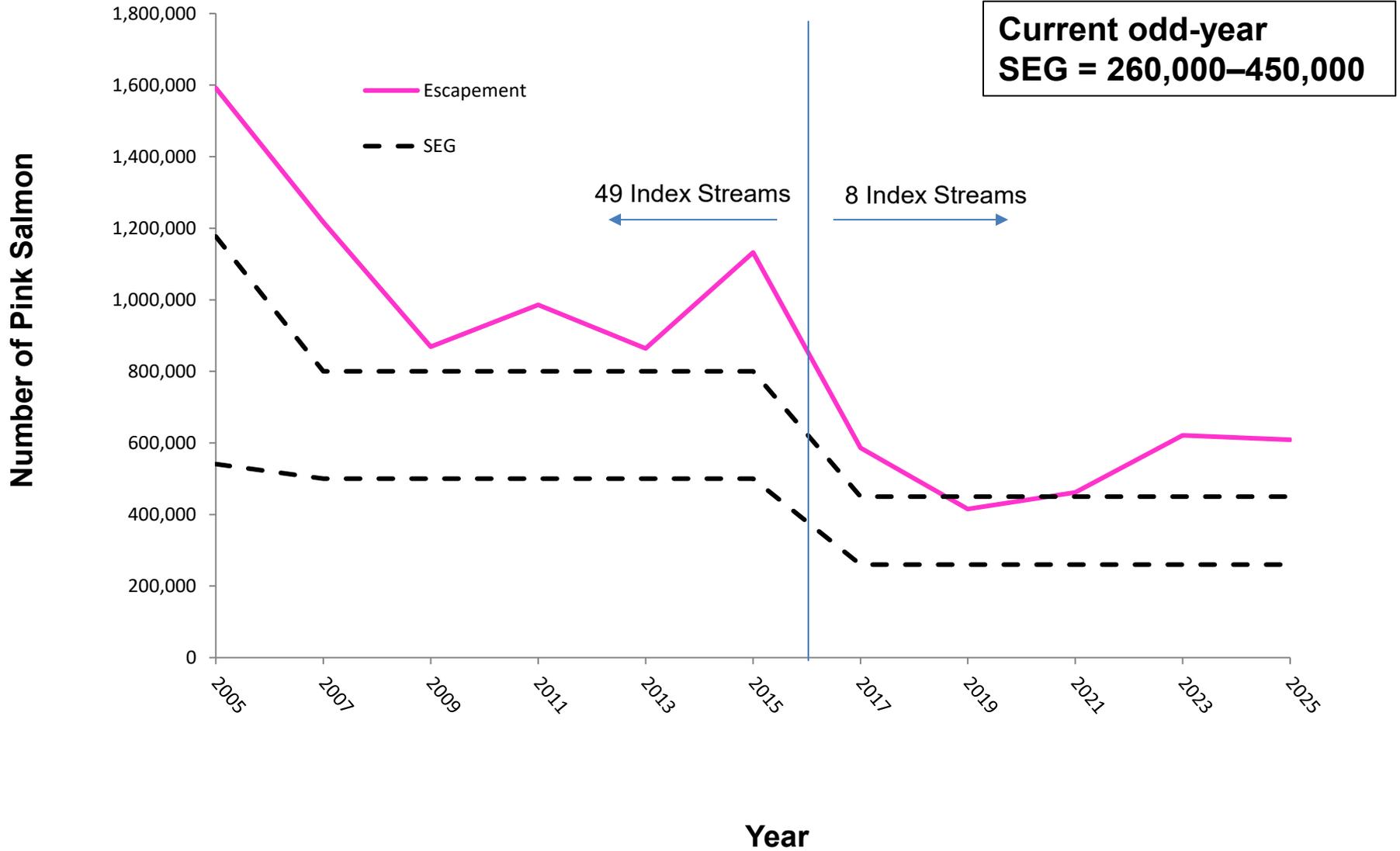
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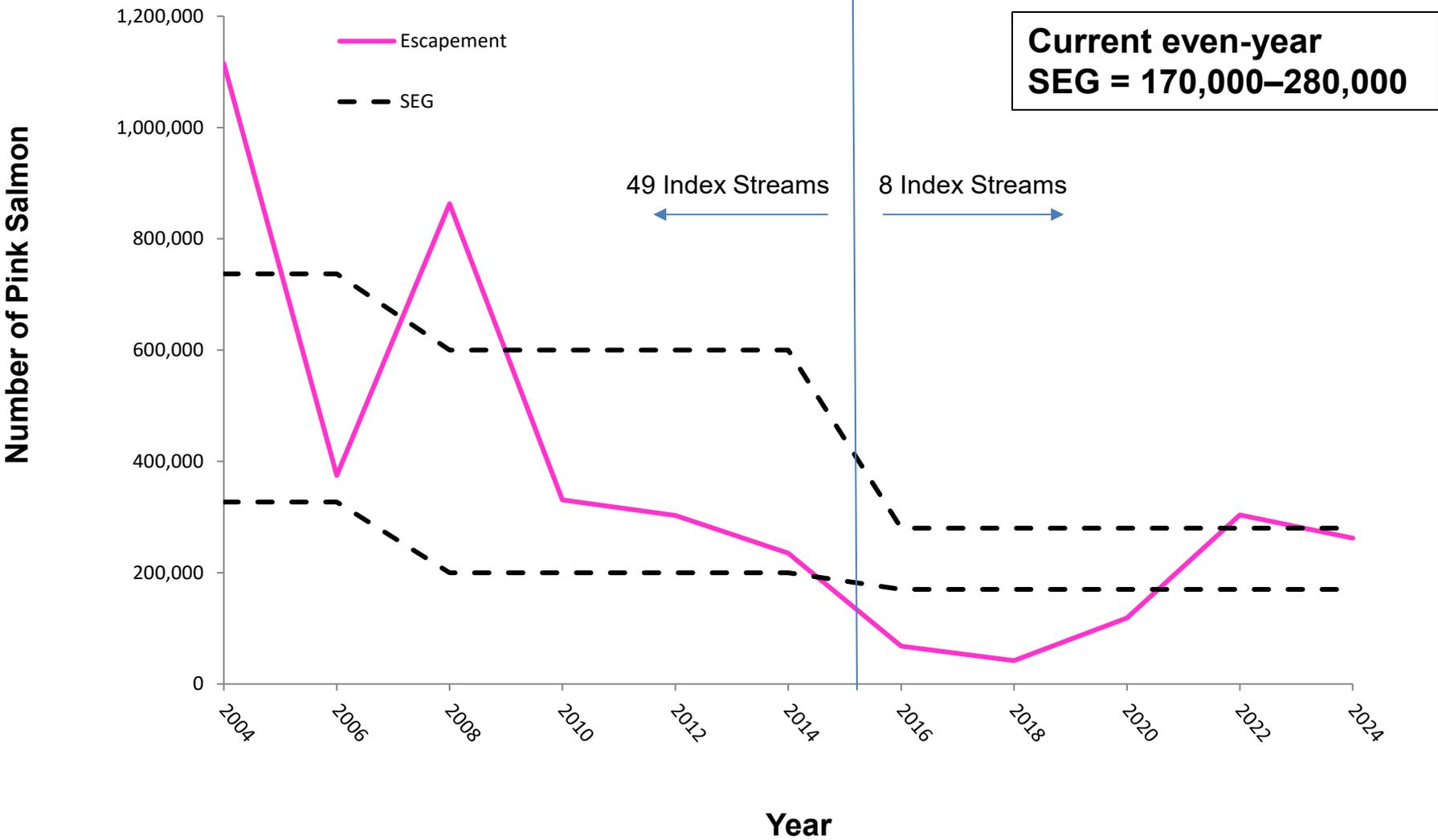
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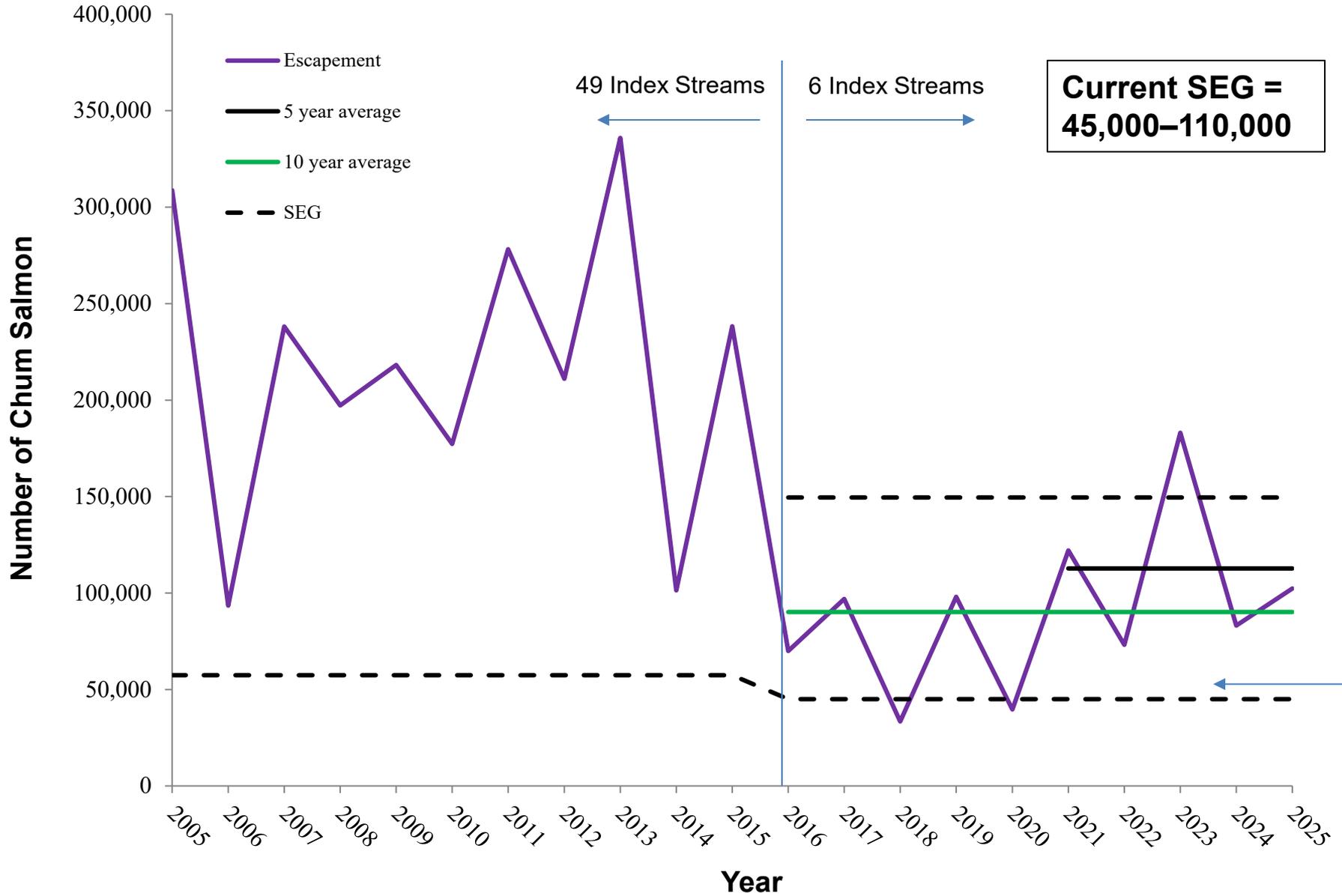
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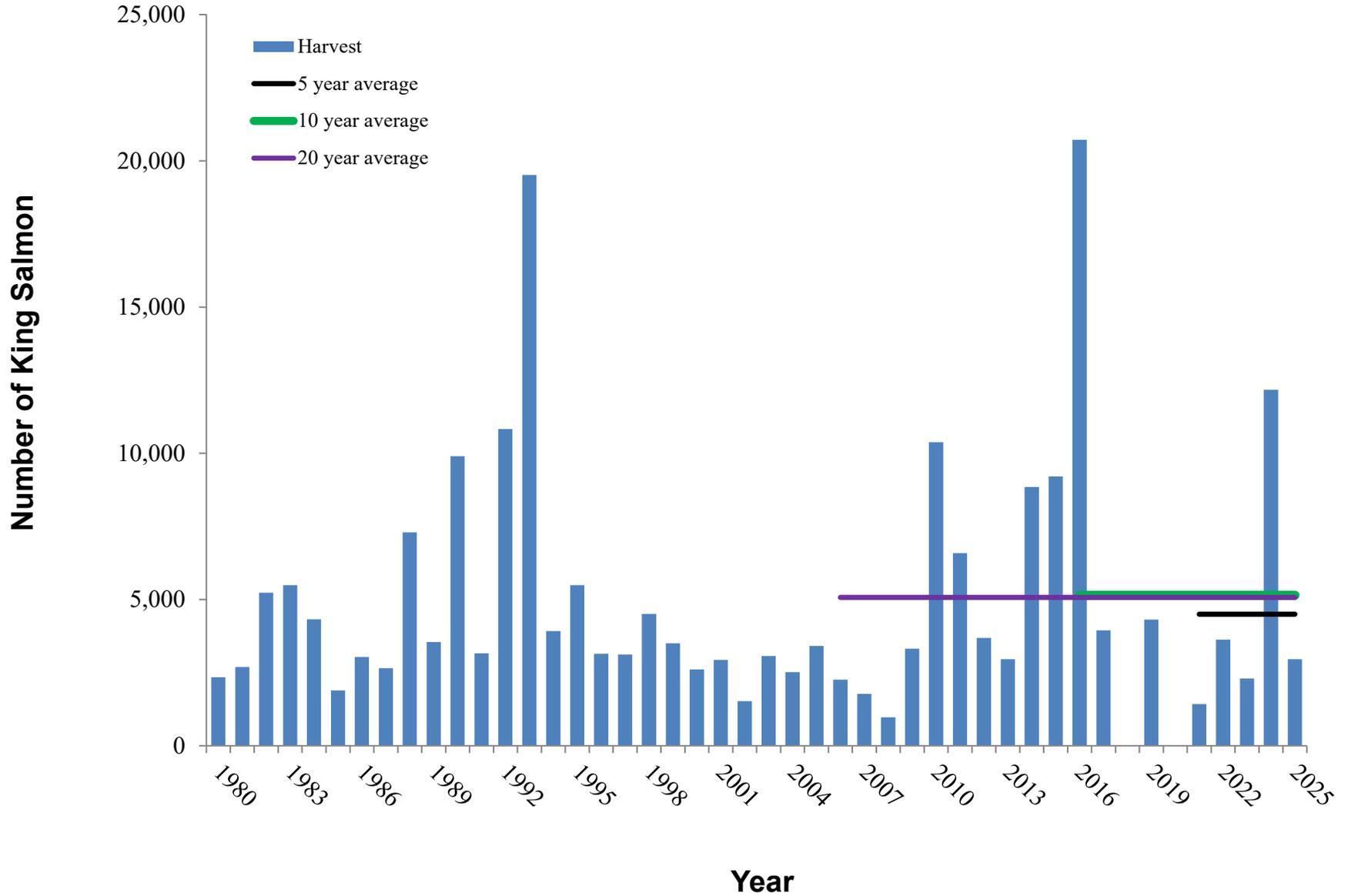
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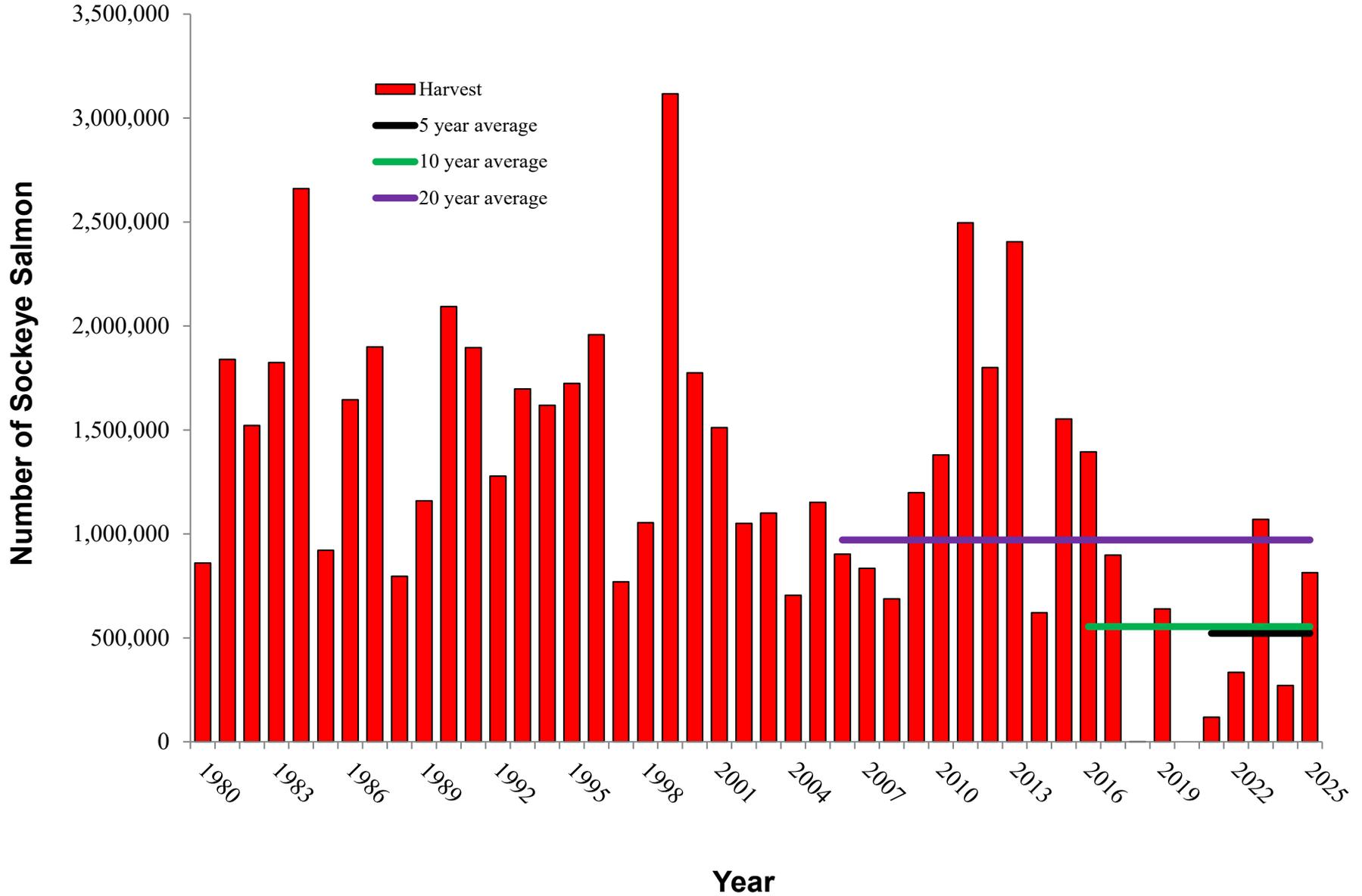
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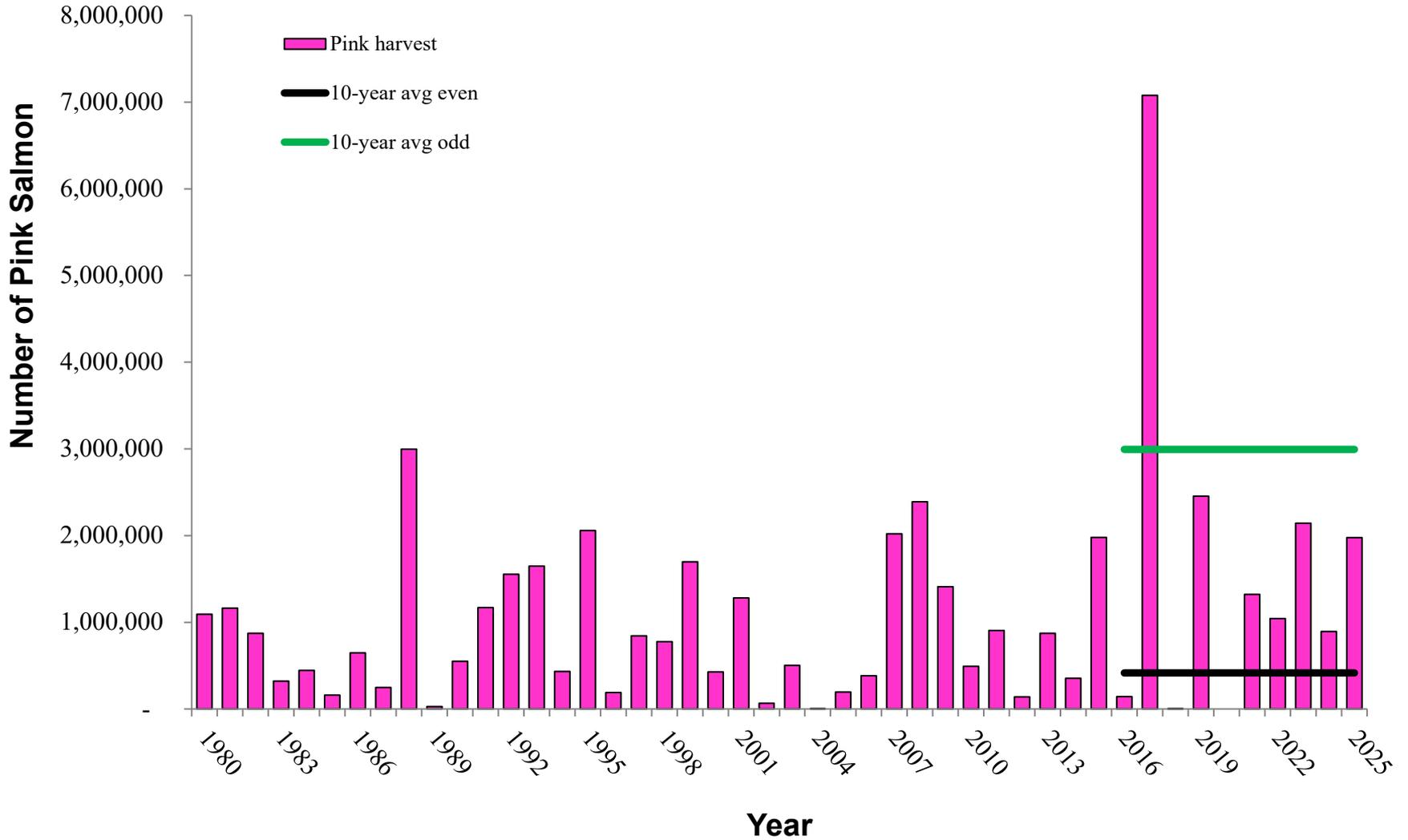
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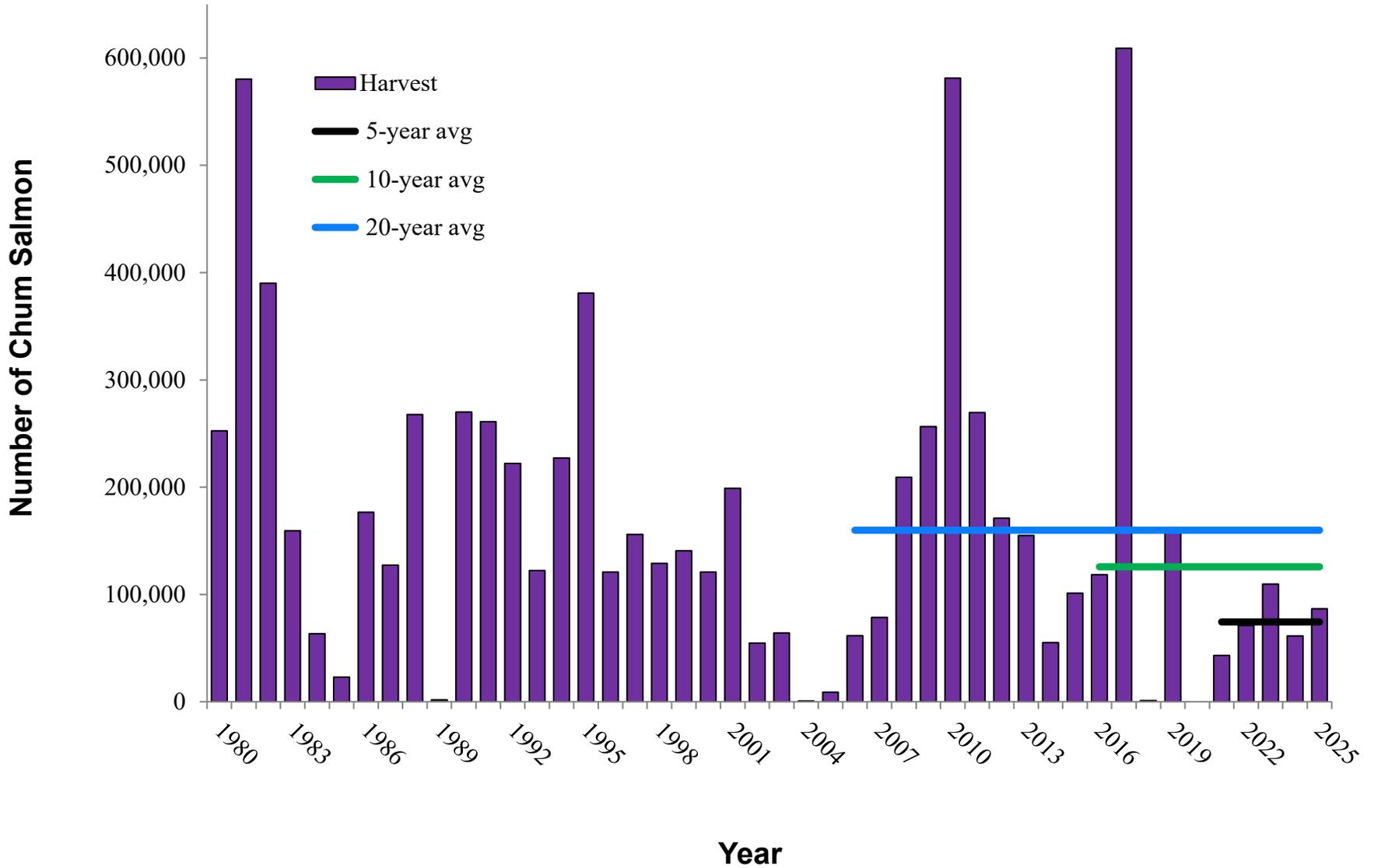
# CMA Sockeye Salmon Harvest



# CMA Pink Salmon Harvest

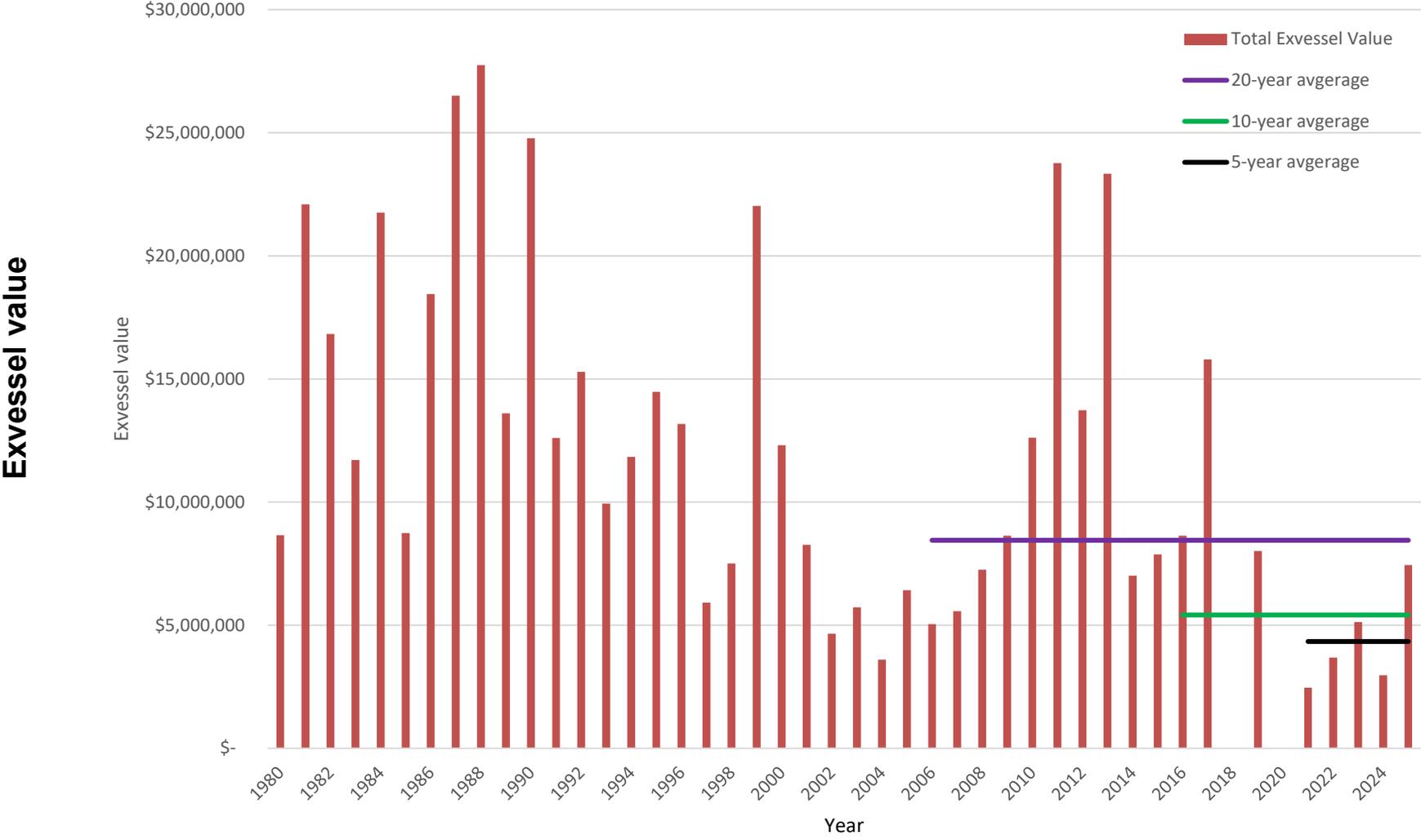


# CMA Chum Salmon Harvest



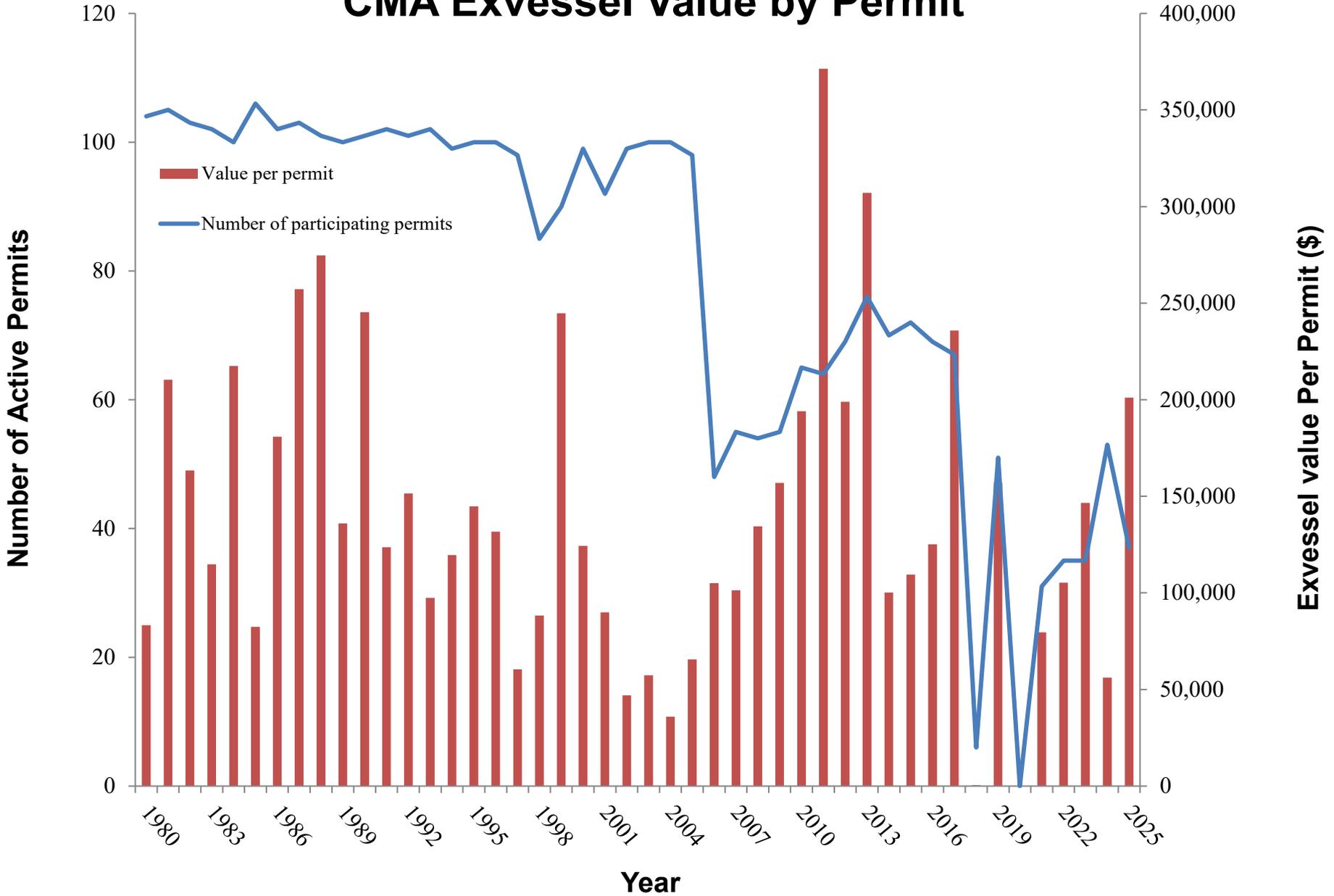
# CMA Exvessel Value

CMA Total Exvessel Value



Year

# CMA Exvessel Value by Permit



# CMA 2023–2025 Season Summary

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Year	Number of Permits	Number of Salmon Harvested					Exvessel Value
		King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
2023	35	2,302	1,069,712	52,644	2,143,701	109,695	\$5,130,309
2024	53	12,166	271,199	68,020	892,096	61,310	\$2,973,294
2025	37	2,951	814,095	50,937	1,974,836	86,539	\$7,440,405

# 2026 Chignik Salmon BOF Proposals

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- **Proposal 108:** Amend the *Chignik Area Salmon Management Plan* to prohibit fishing in the Western and Perryville Districts until July 6
- **Proposal 109:** Alter district boundaries moving the Jack's Box area of the Central District into the Chignik Bay District
- **Proposal 110:** Reduce allowable mesh depth in the CMA
- **Proposals 111:** Create East and West Mitrofanina Island areas.
- **Proposal 112:** Dependent on an active King salmon stock of concern status, implement area closures within the Chignik Bay District and Mitrofanina Island area. Implement King salmon caps throughout the CMA



Questions?

