

Chignik River King Salmon Stock of Concern Action Plan



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Overview

- Escapement review
- 2023 Action plan and 2024 & 2025 seasons review
- 2026 Action plan options
- Conditions for delisting

Definitions

Stock of Management Concern

“Means a concern arising from a chronic inability, despite the use of specific management measures, to maintain escapements for a salmon stock within the bounds of the SEG, BEG, OEG, or other specified management objectives for the fishery.”

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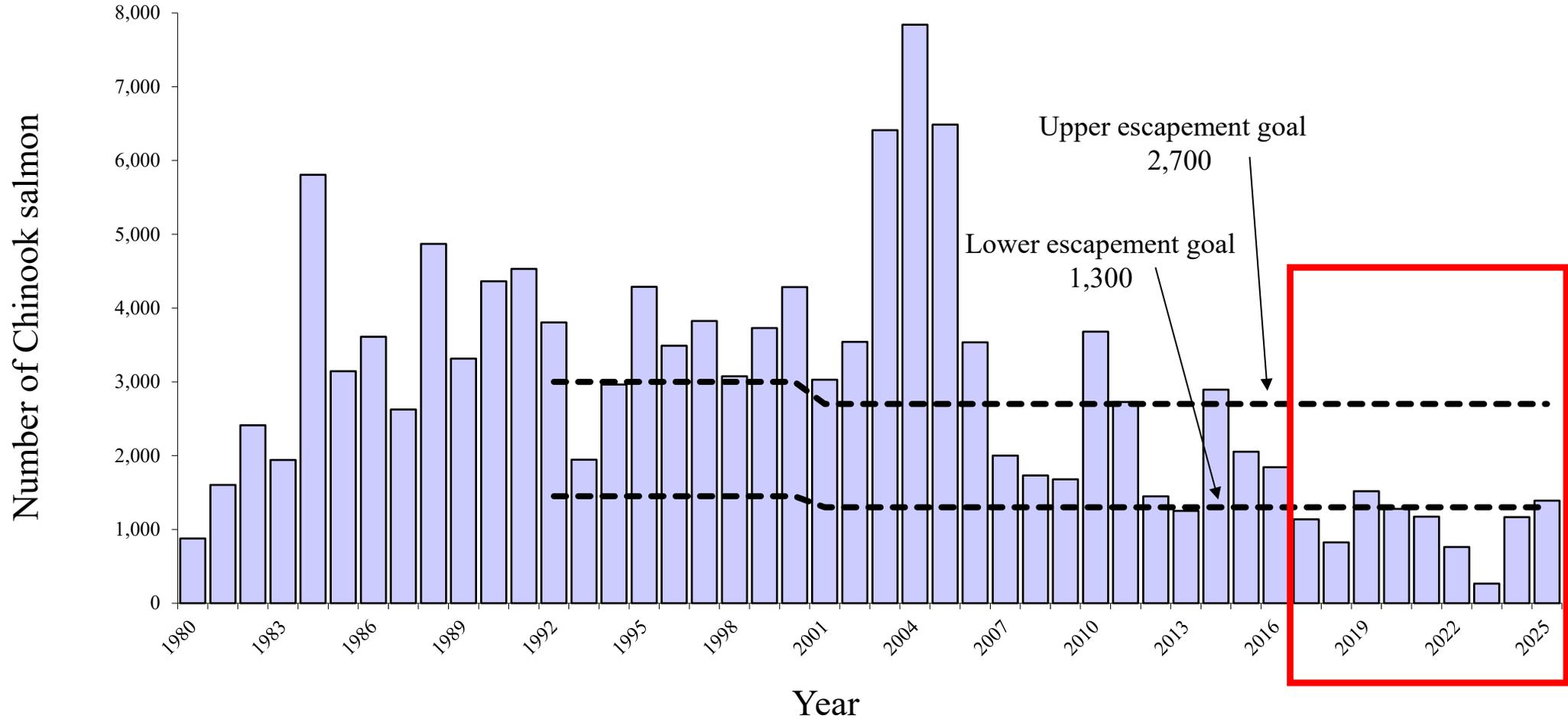
Chronic Inability

“Chronic inability means the continuing or anticipated inability to meet escapement thresholds over a four- to five- year period, which is approximately the generation time of most salmon species.”

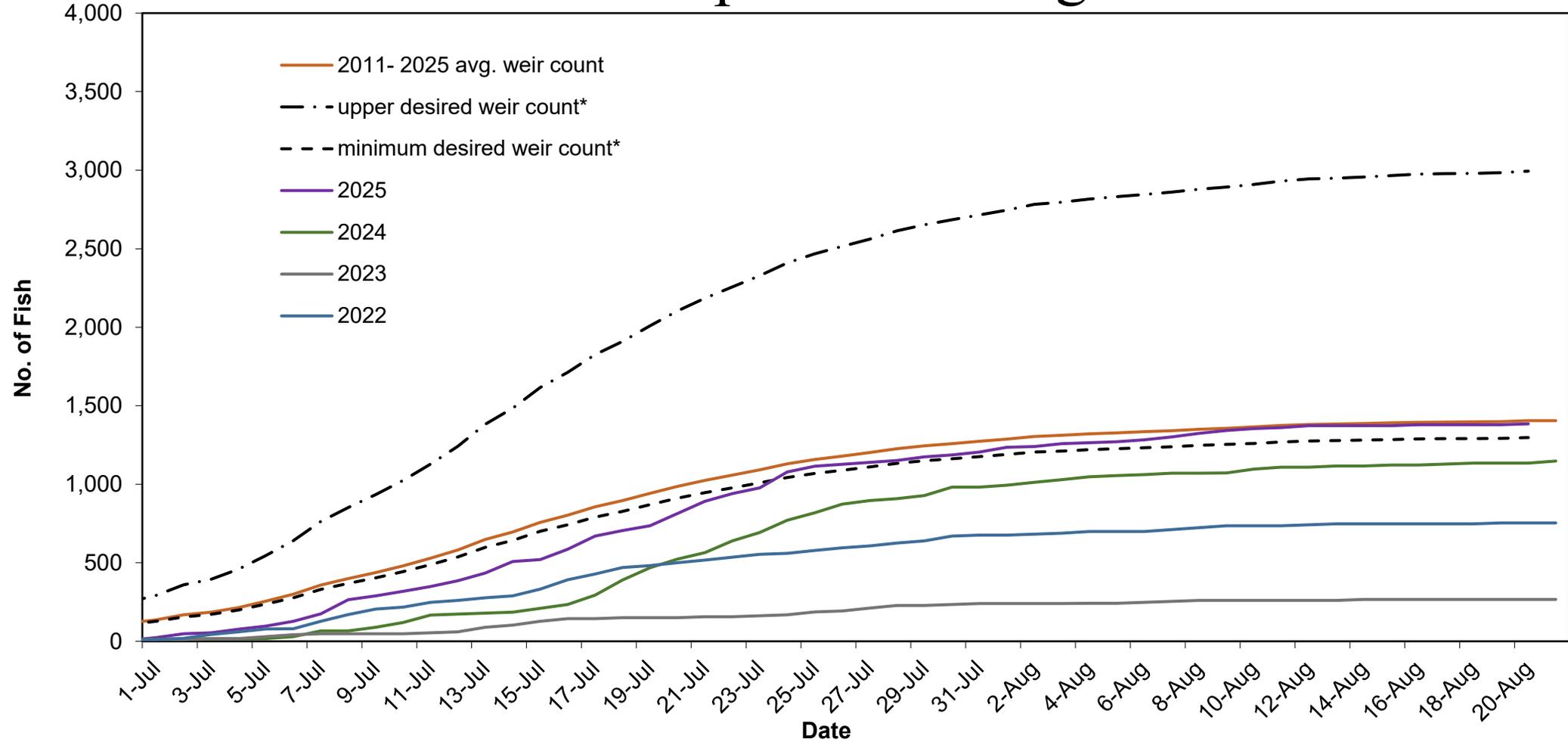
Designation review

- Chignik River King salmon adopted as a stock of concern by BOF at October 2022 work session.
- Action plan adopted at February 2023 board meeting.
- Retained stock of management concern at October 2025 board work session.

Chignik River King salmon escapement 1980–2025



Chignik River King salmon escapement timing



2023 Commercial Action Plan Review

- Non-retention of Chinook salmon >28 inches in the Chignik Bay and Central Districts.
- Following historically low 2023 returns, department decided additional action beyond the 2023 action plan was required.
- 2024 & 2025 – Chignik Bay District limited to 48 hours of commercial time per week throughout July. Closed waters around the “king hole”.
- 2025 – Implemented king salmon harvest cap throughout CMA.

2023 Subsistence Action Plan Review

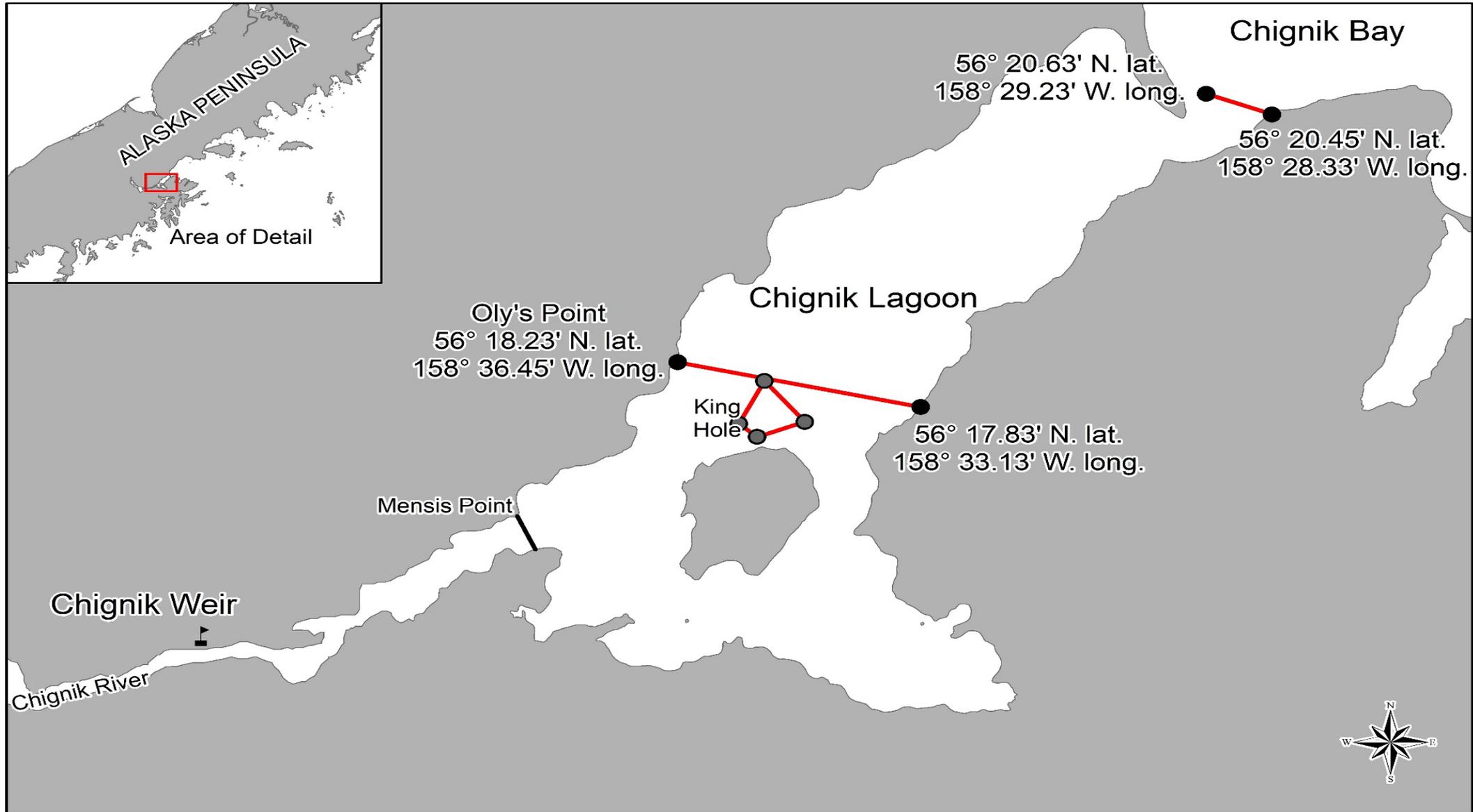
- Status Quo – continue to use EO authority to manage subsistence fishery.
- The department has opted implement non-retention in the subsistence fishery earlier each year.
- Increased area to encompass entire Chignik Lagoon in 2024 and 2025.
- Federal subsistence has closed in conjunction.

2023 Sport Action Plan Review

- Status Quo – continue to use EO authority to manage sport fishery.
- The department has opted to close the sport fishery earlier each year.
- Increased area to encompass entire Chignik Lagoon in 2024 and 2025.
- Saltwater bag limit reduce in 2025.

2026 Action Plan Options

- 5 commercial options for action plan.
- Separated into 3 for the Chignik Bay District, and 2 for the whole CMA.
- 1 subsistence option (status quo - no change).
- 4 sport options.
- Proposal 112.



Chignik Bay District Commercial Action Plan Option #1

- Status quo to 2025 actions.
- 48 hours of commercial fishing per week throughout July in the Chignik Bay District.
- Closed waters around the “king hole”.
- Non-retention on 28-inches and greater.

Chignik Bay District Commercial Action Plan Option #2

- 72 hours of commercial fishing per week throughout July in the Chignik Bay District.
- Closed waters inside “Oly’s point”.
- Non-retention on 28-inches and greater.

Chignik Bay District Commercial Action Plan Option #3

- 48 hours of commercial fishing per week throughout July in the Chignik Bay District.
- Closed waters inside “Oly’s point”.
- Non-retention on 28-inches and greater.

CMA Wide Commercial Action Plan Option #1

- Harvest cap of 1,000 king salmon within a 48-hour period.
- 7-day closure of **Statistical Areas** primarily responsible if triggered.
- Mandatory retention of all king salmon in Eastern, Western, and Perryville Districts.

CMA Wide Commercial Action Plan Option #2

- Status quo to 2025 actions.
- Harvest cap of 1,000 king salmon within a 48-hour period.
- 7-day closure of Districts primarily responsible if triggered.
- Mandatory retention of all king salmon in Eastern, Western, and Perryville Districts.

Subsistence

Action Plan Option #1

- Status Quo, continue to use EO authority.
- Likely to continue implementing non-retention of 28 inches and greater each season.
- First management action to be relaxed if lower end of goal is hit more consistently.

Sport Action Plan Option #1

- Status Quo to 2023, continue to use EO authority to manage sport fishery.

Sport Action Plan Option #2

- Status Quo to 2024 and 2025, continue to use EO authority.
- Continue closing the Chignik Lagoon and Chignik River watershed preseason.
- The most restrictive of all sport fish options.

Sport Action Plan Option #3

- Restrict Chignik River king salmon to non-retention in the Chignik Lagoon and Chignik River watershed (Board action).
- Bait prohibited.
- Gear restricted to single hook.

Sport Action Plan Option #4

- Close the Chignik king salmon sport fishery in the Chignik River (Board action).
- Bait prohibited.
- Gear restricted to single hook in Chignik River drainage.

Proposal 112

- Three tiers of restrictions on the Chignik Bay District in July.
- Reduced fishing time at Mitrofania Island in July. Up to 48 on, at least 72 off.
- Harvest caps identical to CMA wide action #1 (Statistical area closures).

Proposal 112

- First tier: Lagoon closed inside Oly's point, no time restrictions.
- Second tier: Lagoon closed inside spit line, no time restrictions.
- Third tier: Up to 48 hours on, at least 72 hours off schedule, in addition to or instead of area closures.

Proposal 112 Potential Issues

- Unclear how effective area restrictions are in comparison to time restrictions.
- Ranges between least to most restrictive of Chignik Bay District options.
- However – it is unclear when it is appropriate to move between tiers.

Recommended Conditions For Delisting SOC

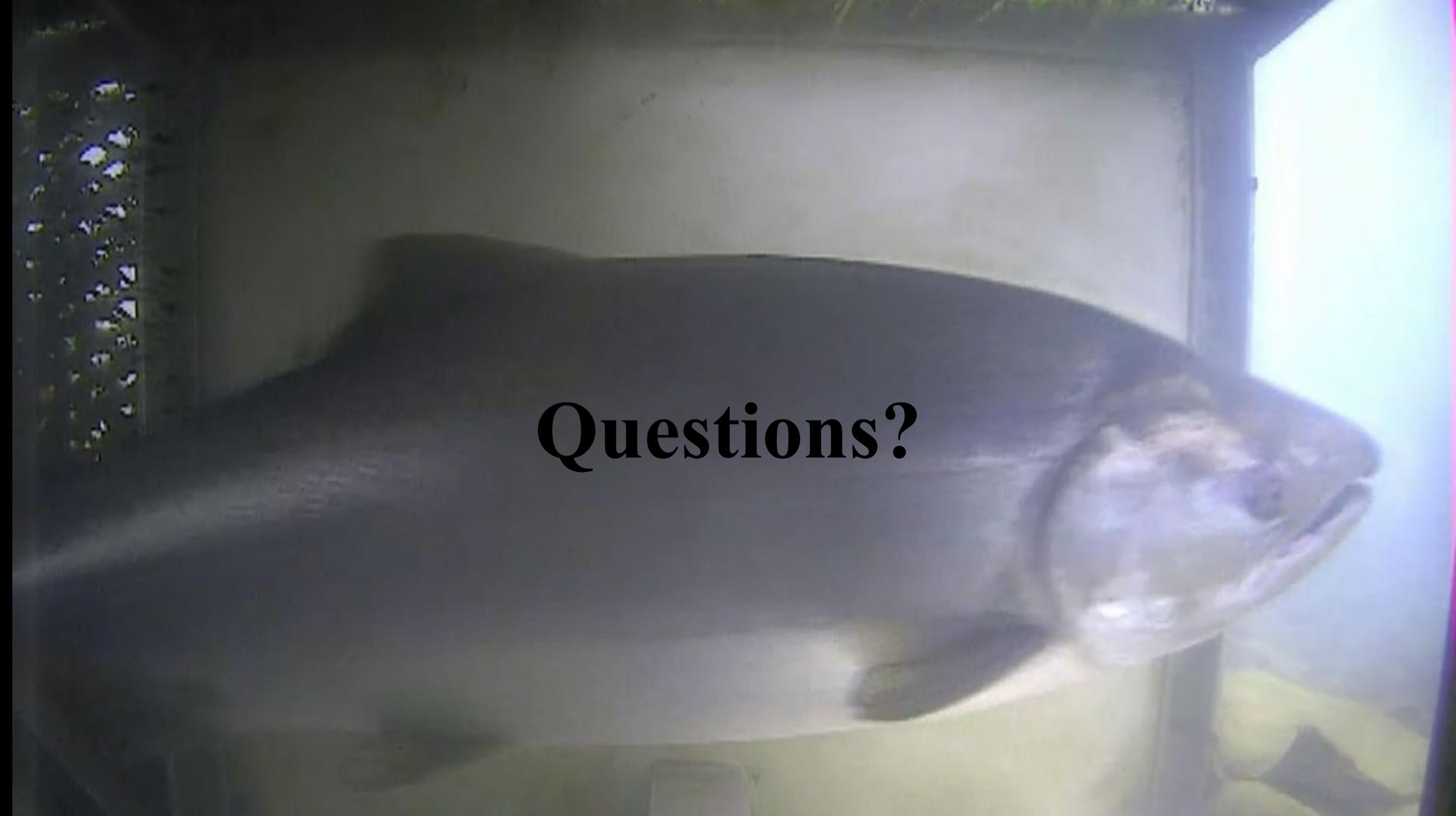
- Lower bound of the BEG range met or exceeded in 3 consecutive years AND Expecting to meet goal range in future years.

OR

- Lower bound of BEG range met or exceeded in 4 out of 6 consecutive years AND Expecting to meet goal range in future years.

Conditions For Reducing Management Restrictions on SOC

- Inseason management measures if escapement numbers met.
- In the event that 2 consecutive years of escapements are near the upper bound of the escapement goal range or above the range, management restrictions may be relaxed or set aside using EO authority.



Questions?