

South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Salmon Fishery

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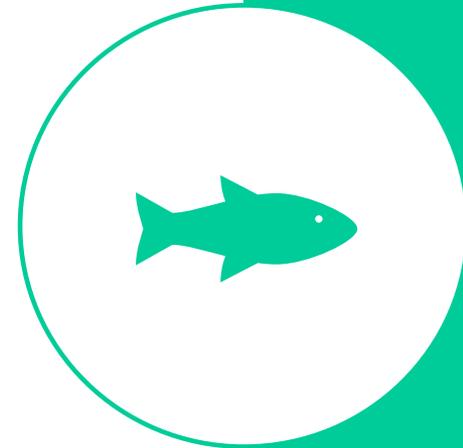
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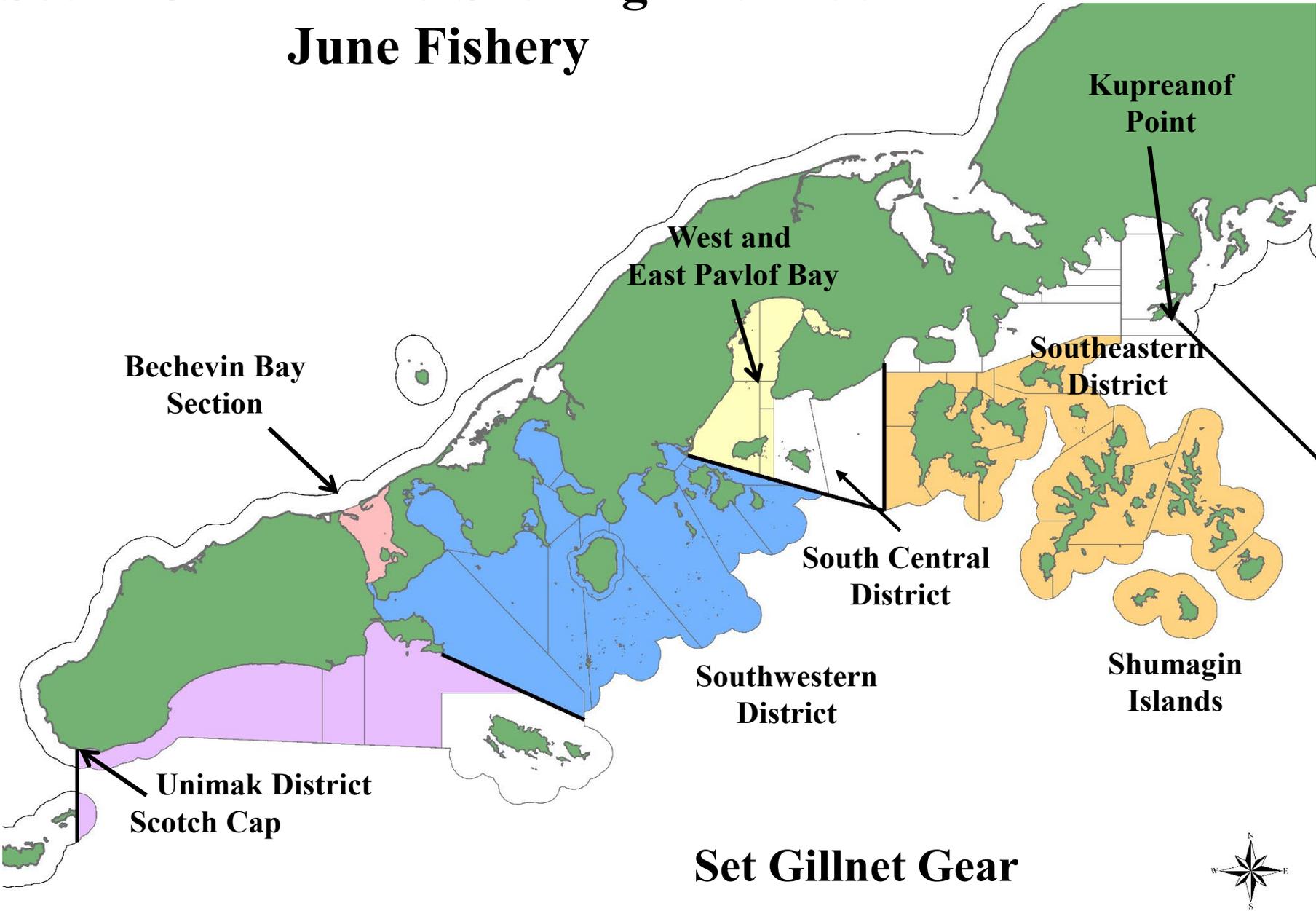
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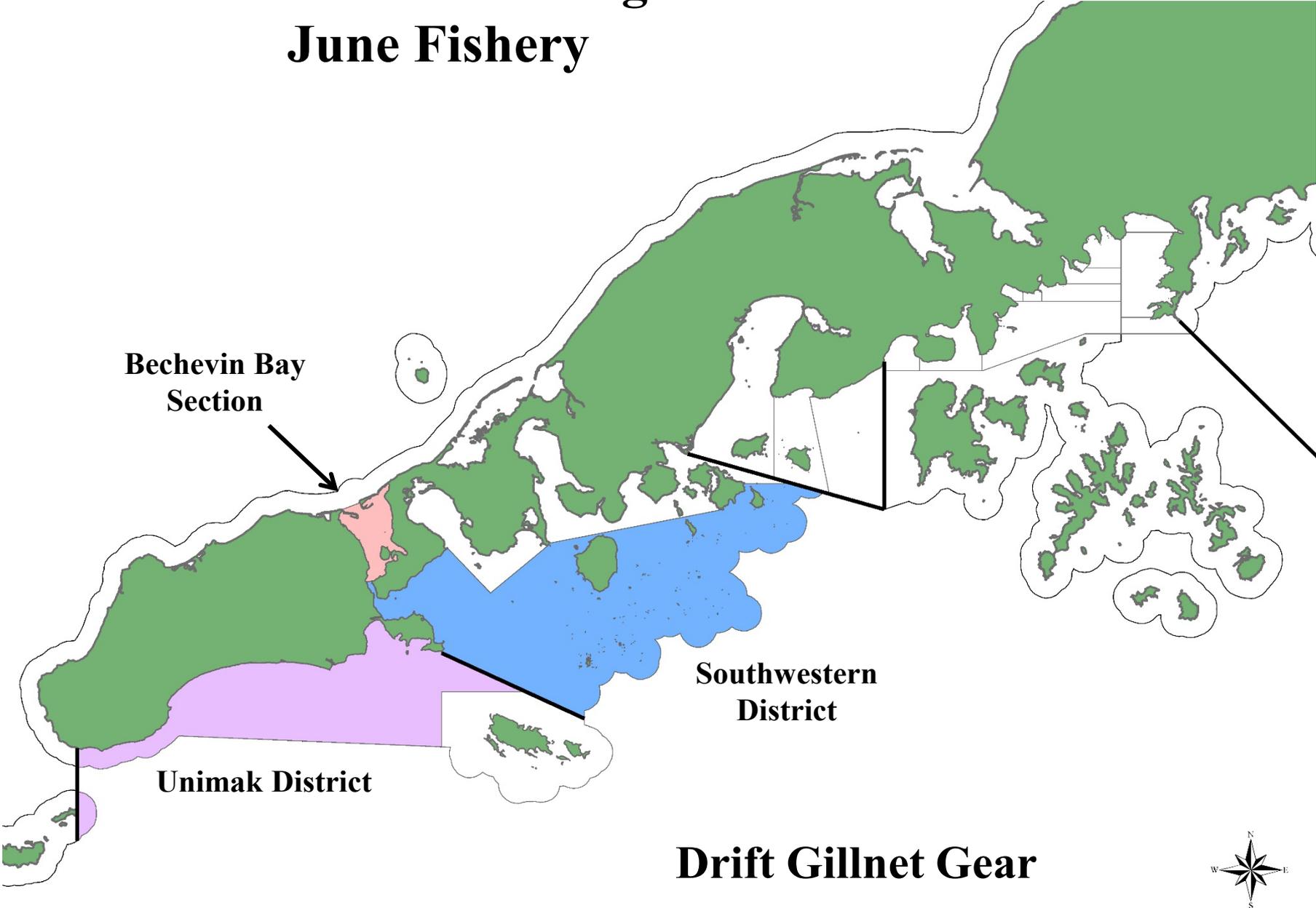
- Topics to be covered
 - Fishery location
 - History of fishery
 - Current regulations
 - 2023–2025 season summaries
 - Economic importance
 - Overview of proposals and issues



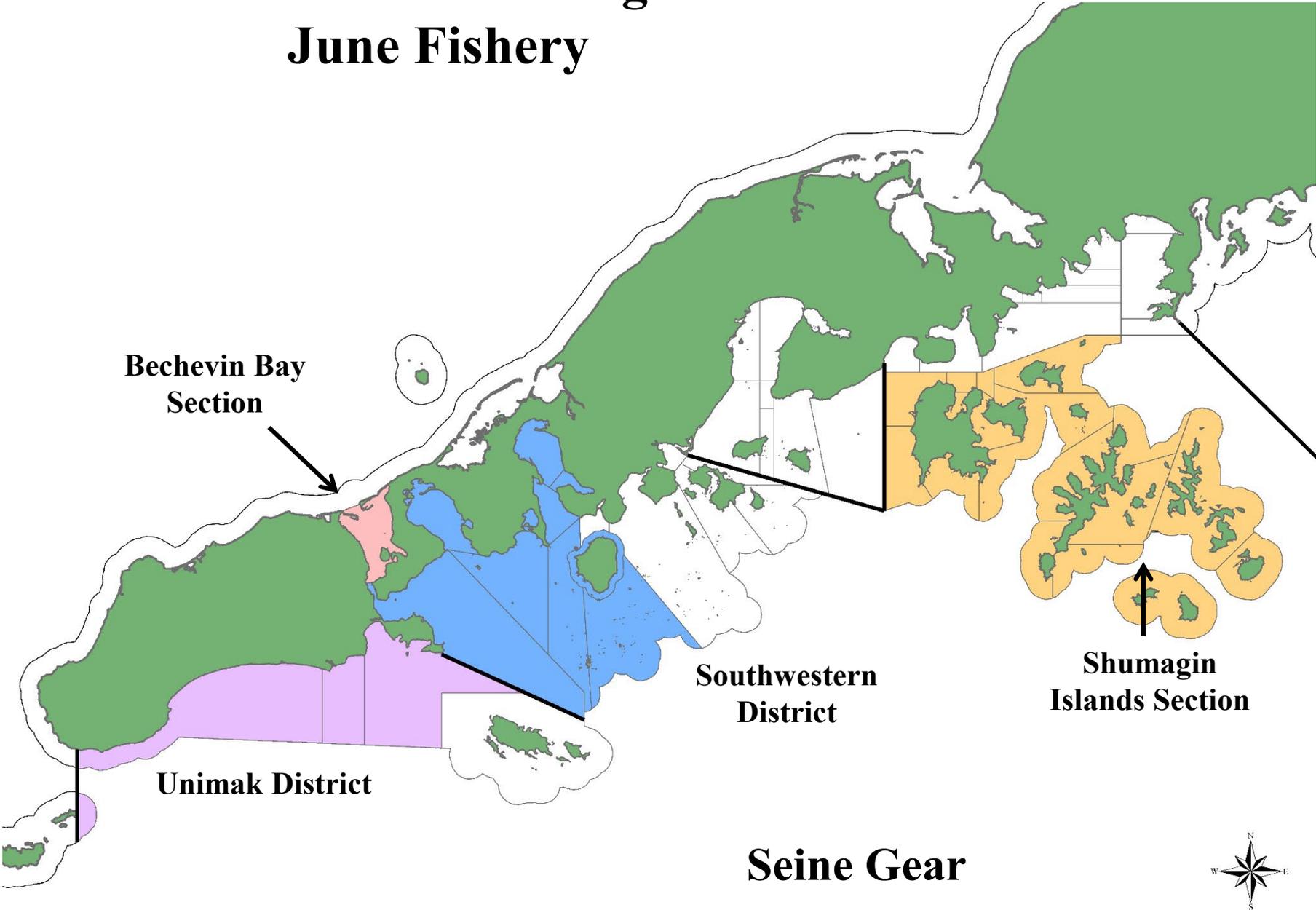
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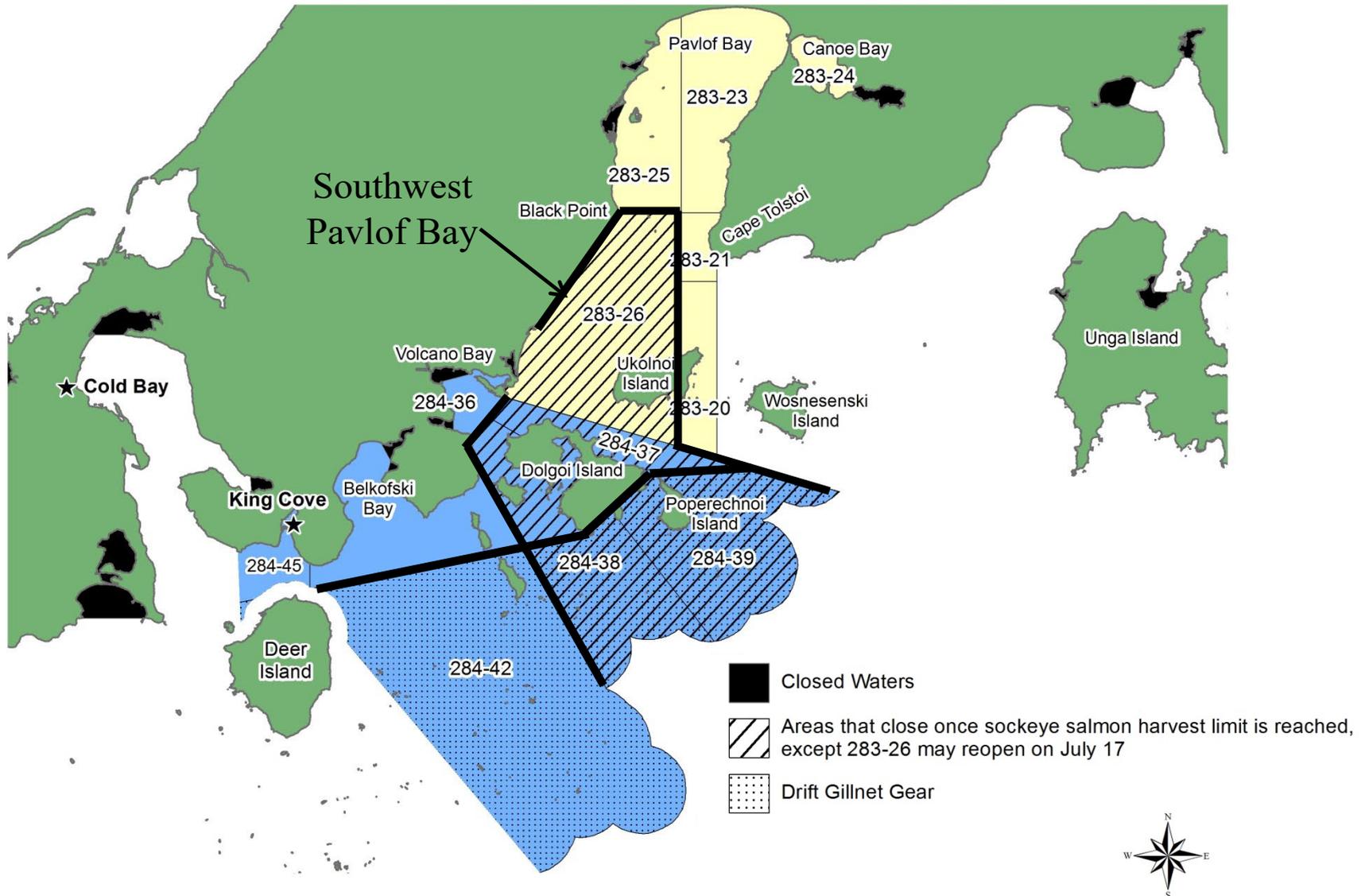


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Seine Gear

“Dolgoi Island area” June

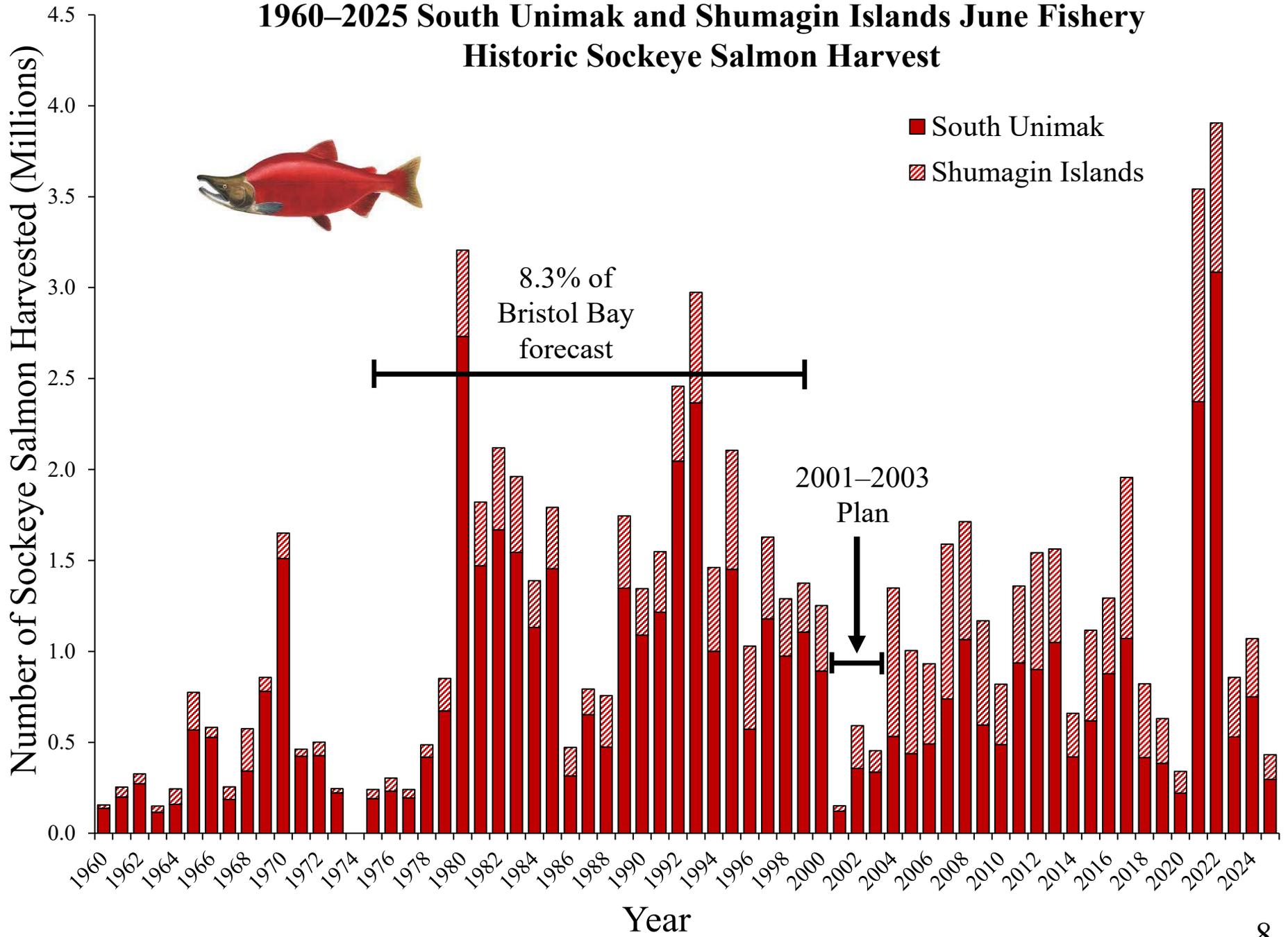
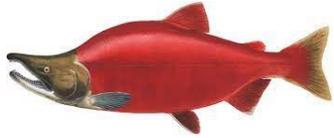


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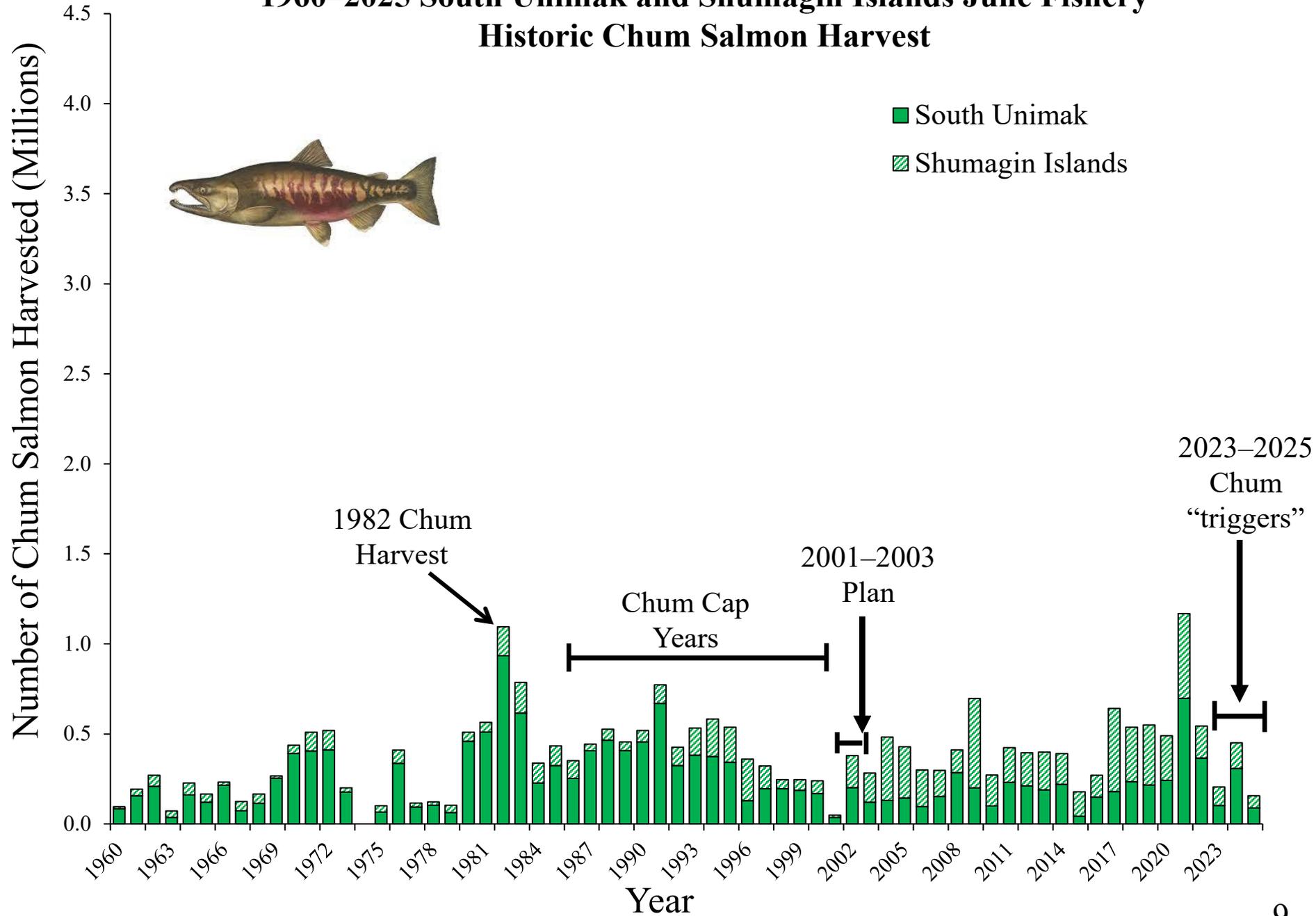
Historical Perspective

- Primarily harvest sockeye and chum salmon
- Complex regulatory history
 - 1960–1970's fishing 4.5 to 7 days per week
 - Bristol Bay sockeye salmon allocations
 - Seasonal and weekly harvest limits
 - Changes in season start dates and fishery windows
 - Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim sockeye:chum salmon ratios
- Various chum caps

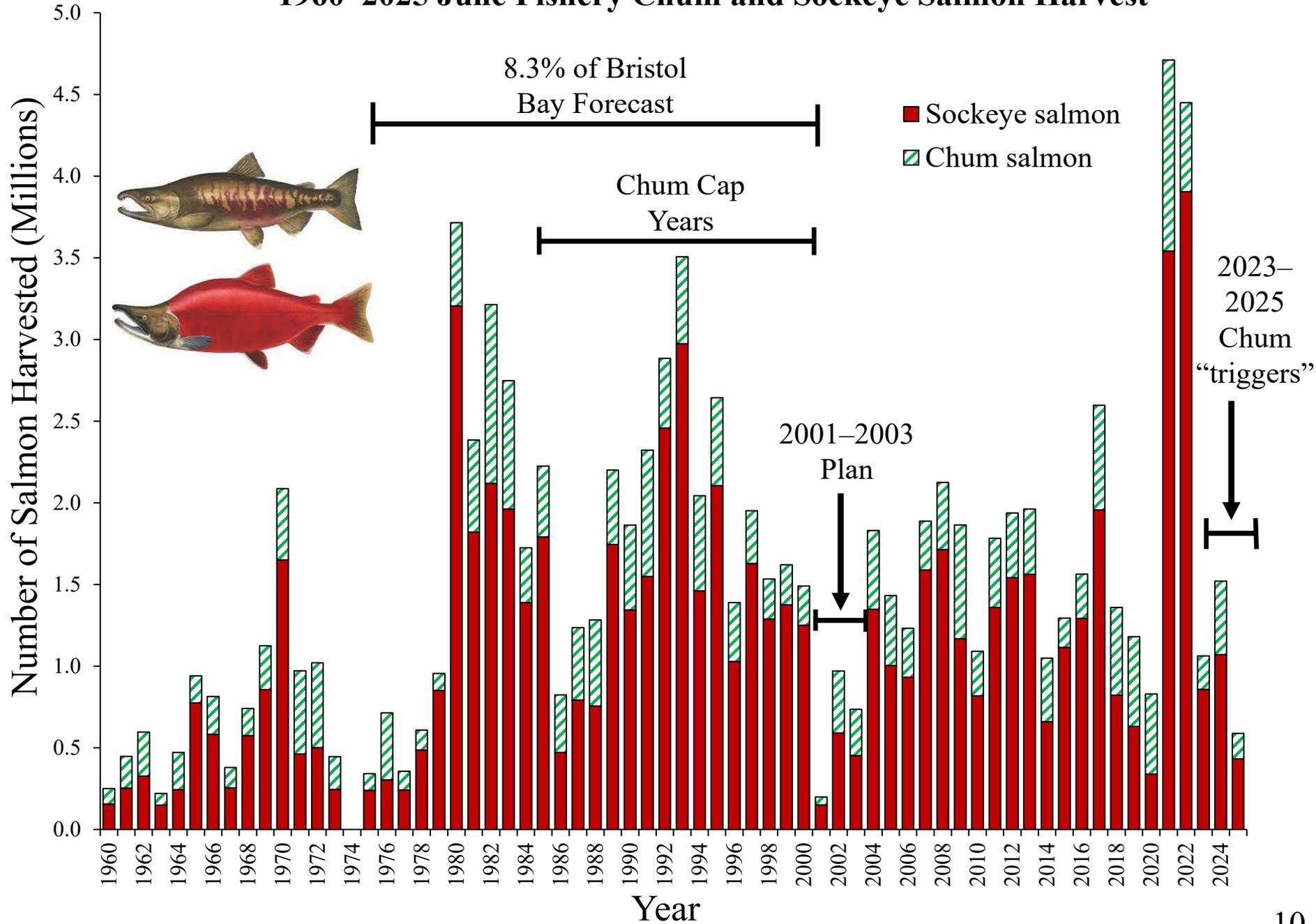
1960–2025 South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fishery Historic Sockeye Salmon Harvest



1960–2025 South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fishery Historic Chum Salmon Harvest



1960–2025 June Fishery Chum and Sockeye Salmon Harvest



June Salmon Fishery Current Regulations

- The season may open on June 6 for set gillnet gear only for 64 hours.
- Fishing periods on June 10, 15, 20, and 25 for set and drift gillnet gear.
 - Begin at 6:00 a.m. and is 88 hrs. in length
 - Close at 10:00 p.m.
 - Periods are separated by 32-hour closures.
- Fishing periods on June 10, 16, 20, and 25 for purse seine gear.
 - June 10 begins at 5:59 a.m. and is 68 hrs. followed by 76-hr closure.
 - June 16 begins at 5:59 a.m. and is 66 hrs. followed by 32-hr closure.
 - June 20 and 25 begin at 7:59 a.m. and are 88 hrs. interspersed by 32-hr closure.

June Salmon Fishery Current Regulations (continued)

- Chum salmon harvest “trigger” of 300,000 fish by June 18 and 450,000 fish by June 23.
 - Catch of 300,000 chum salmon by June 18 by all gear types = 50% reduction of last two fishing periods for purse seine gear only.
 - Catch 450,000 chum salmon by June 23 by all gear types = closure of final fishing period for purse seine gear only.
- Sanak Island Section of the Unimak District closed to all gear types in June.

June Gear Types Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Seine gear fishing periods						
Set /drift gillnet gear fishing periods						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Open 64 hours (Set Gillnet Gear Only)			5:59 AM	Open 68 hours		1:59 AM
			6 AM	Open 88 hours		10 PM
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
76-hr closure		5:59 AM	Open 66 hours		11:59 PM	32 hr closure
32-hr closure		6 AM	Open 88 hours		10 PM	300,000 chum trigger evaluation point
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Open 88 hours			11:59 PM	32 hr closure	Open 88 hours	
Open 88 hours			10 PM	450,000 chum trigger evaluation point	6 AM	Open 88 hours
28	29	30				
11:59 PM						
10 PM						

June Salmon Fishery Additional Actions Outside Regulation

- Confidentiality waivers signed by all processors
- Seine fleet conducted test fisheries June 8, 9, 10 to determine chum salmon abundance.
 - Cape Lutke and Cape Lazaref (Unimak District)
 - East side Popof Island (Shumagin Islands)
- Mandatory and voluntary closures implemented by the fleet of areas where high abundance of chum salmon are present
- Monitor Chignik sockeye salmon early run escapement due to stock of concern.
 - Beginning June 16 purse seine fishing periods in the Shumagin Islands reduced by 50% until lower bound of Chignik escapement met.

50 % reduced fishing periods due to Chignik early-run sockeye salmon.

June Gear Types Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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Seine gear fishing periods w CMA AP 50% reduction for Shum Island Section							
Set and drift gillnet gear fishing periods							
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
				6 a.m.	Open 64 hours		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	6 a.m.	Open 68 hours			2 a.m.	76-hr closure	
	6 a.m.	Open 88 hours			10 p.m.	32-hr closure	6 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
6 a.m.	Open 33 hours		3 p.m.	32 hr closure	Open 44 hours		4 a.m.
Open 88 hours			10 p.m.	300,000 chum trigger evaluation point	6 a.m.	Open 88 hours	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	32 hr closure	Open 44 hours			4 a.m.		
	10 p.m.	450,000 chum trigger evaluation point	6 a.m.	Open 88 hours			10 p.m.
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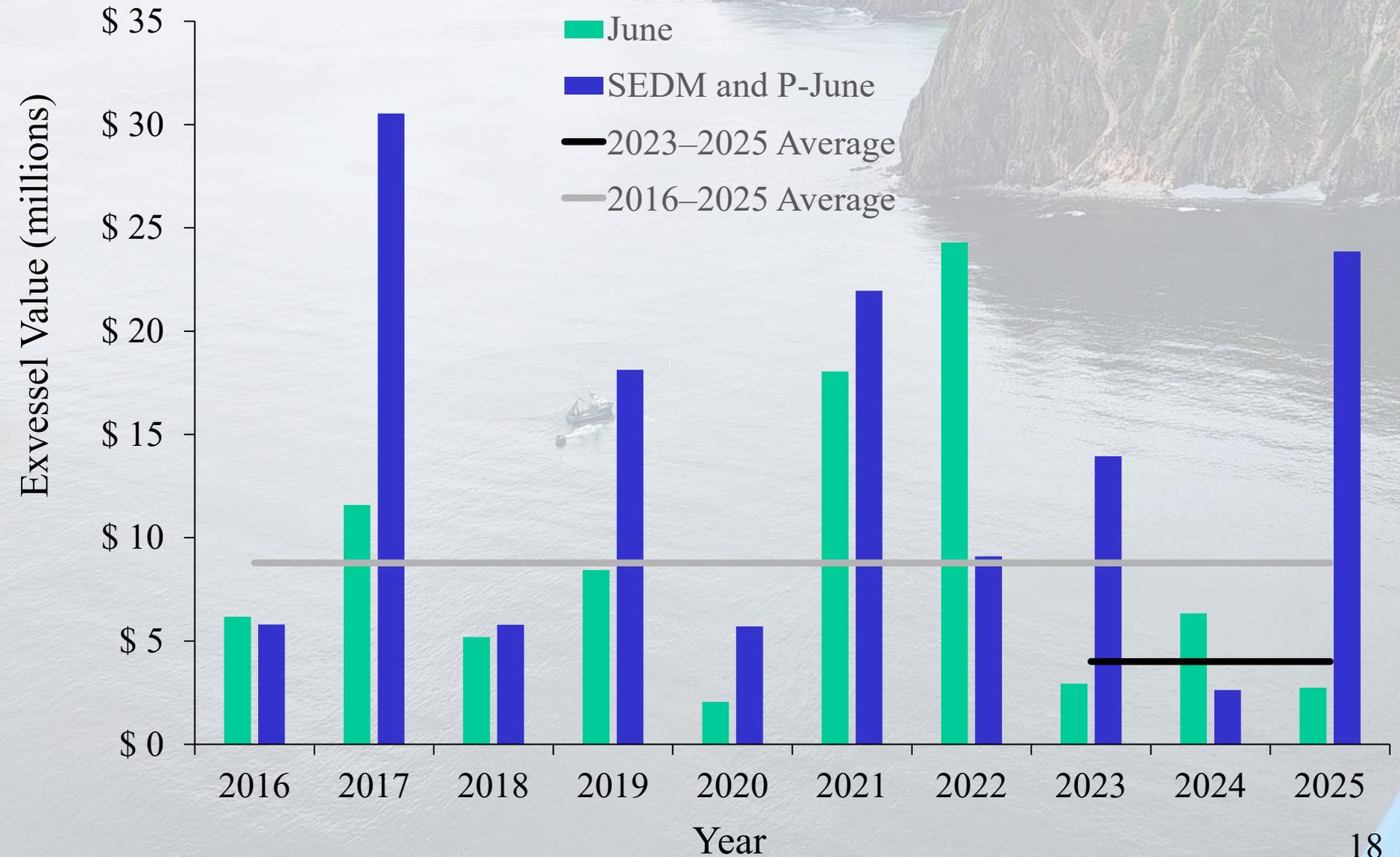
2023–2025 Season Summaries

Year	Total permits	Landings	Number of Salmon					Number of Permits		
			Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Drift gillnet permits	Purse seine Set permits	gillnet permits
2023	212	1,334	1,824	857,150	272	221,605	205,522	119	56	37
2024	180	1,075	1,257	1,069,829	136	276,379	450,839	94	51	35
2025	159	783	1,371	432,202	243	128,954	156,136	92	43	24
2023– 2025 Average	184	1,064	1,484	786,394	217	208,979	270,832	102	50	32
2019– 2022 Average	231	1,963	4,759	2,104,205	1,050	4,003,908	687,975	121	60	51
2016– 2018 Average	228	2,236	5,075	1,357,033	603	1,523,203	482,990	120	47	61

June Fishery Economic Importance

- Sand Point, King Cove, Cold Bay, and False Pass
- The June fishery 2016–2025 averages
 - 40% of exvessel value of South Alaska Peninsula fisheries
 - 22% of exvessel value of entire Area M fisheries
 - Total exvessel value for June fishery average = \$8,779,945

June Fishery Exvessel Value and Post-June and SEDM Fisheries Exvessel Value, 2016–2025



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2026 Proposals (11 Proposals)

Proposal 127

Amend June plan to establish a ten consecutive day closure between June 10 to June 23 for purse seine and drift gillnet.

Proposal 128

Establish time closures and mandate fleet movement when a predetermined threshold of king, chum, and coho salmon are incidentally harvested.

Proposal 129

Establish fishing periods later in June and reduce the total number of hours that are fished by all gear types.

Proposal 130

Amend fishing periods for purse seine gear in the Shumagin Islands fishery.

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2026 Proposals (continued)

Proposal 131

Establish a closed fishing period from June 12 through June 23 inclusively.

Proposal 132

Reduce fishing time for all gear types and increase the closed fishing period for both purse seine and drift gillnet gear between the second and third fishing periods and eliminate the chum harvest triggers.

Proposal 133

Amend fishing periods for purse seine and drift gillnet gear in the South Unimak fishery and only purse seine gear in the Shumagin Islands fishery.

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2026 Proposals (continued)

Proposal 134

Revert fishing periods for purse seine gear back to the fishing periods that were established during the 2013 BOF meeting.

Proposal 135

Allow non-retention of king salmon 28 inches or greater in length from June 1 through October 31.

Proposal 136

Close the South Alaska Peninsula to commercial salmon fishing during the month of June.

Proposal 137

Add an additional 24 hours of fishing time to the final fishing period for set gillnet gear only in June.

Questions?

