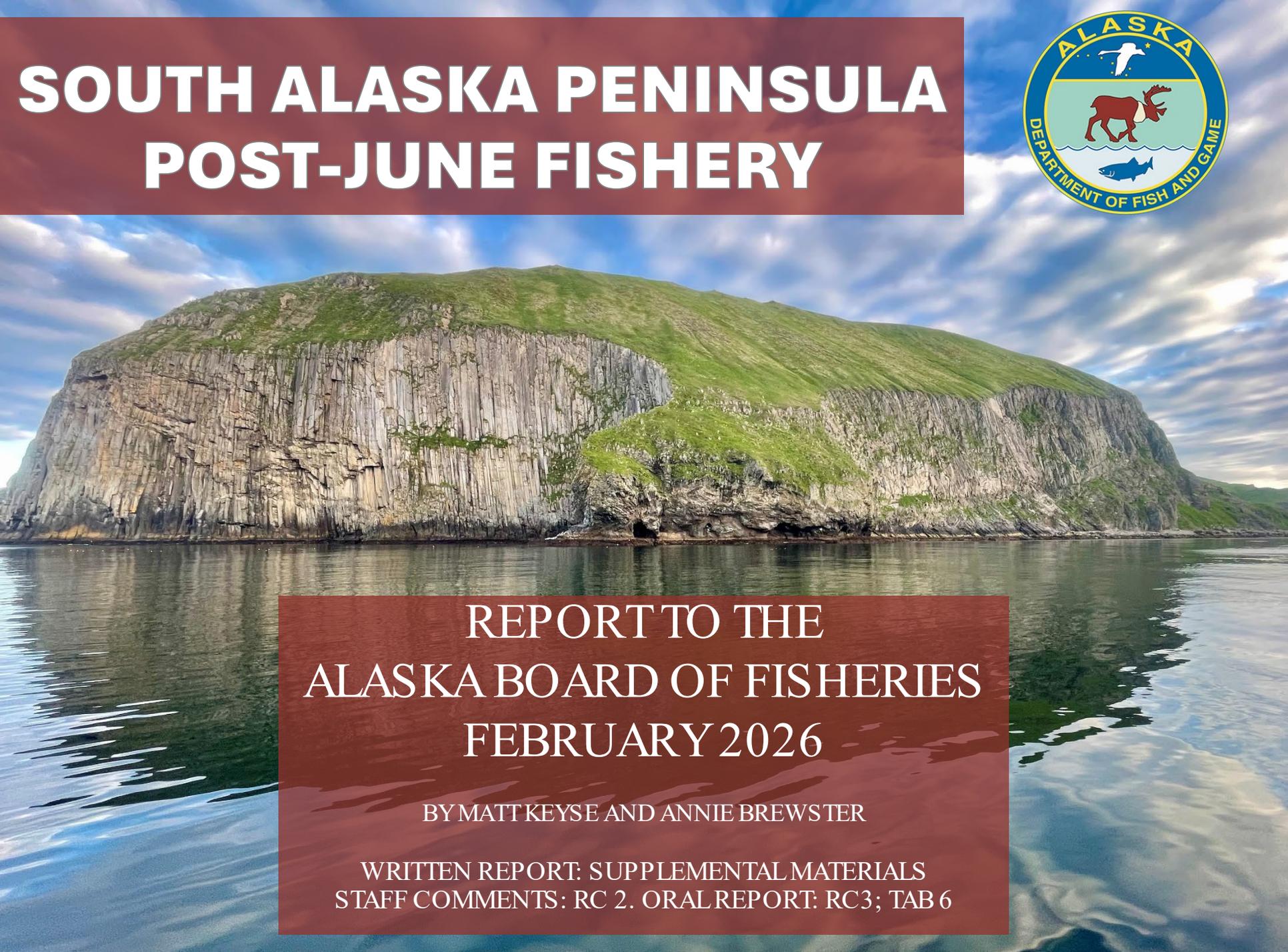




SOUTH ALASKA PENINSULA POST-JUNE FISHERY

A scenic photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there is a body of water reflecting the sky and the cliff. The middle ground is dominated by a large, steep cliff with a distinct columnar jointing pattern. The top of the cliff is covered in green grass. The background shows a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

REPORT TO THE ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES FEBRUARY 2026

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POST-JUNE SALMON FISHERY (5 AAC 09.366)



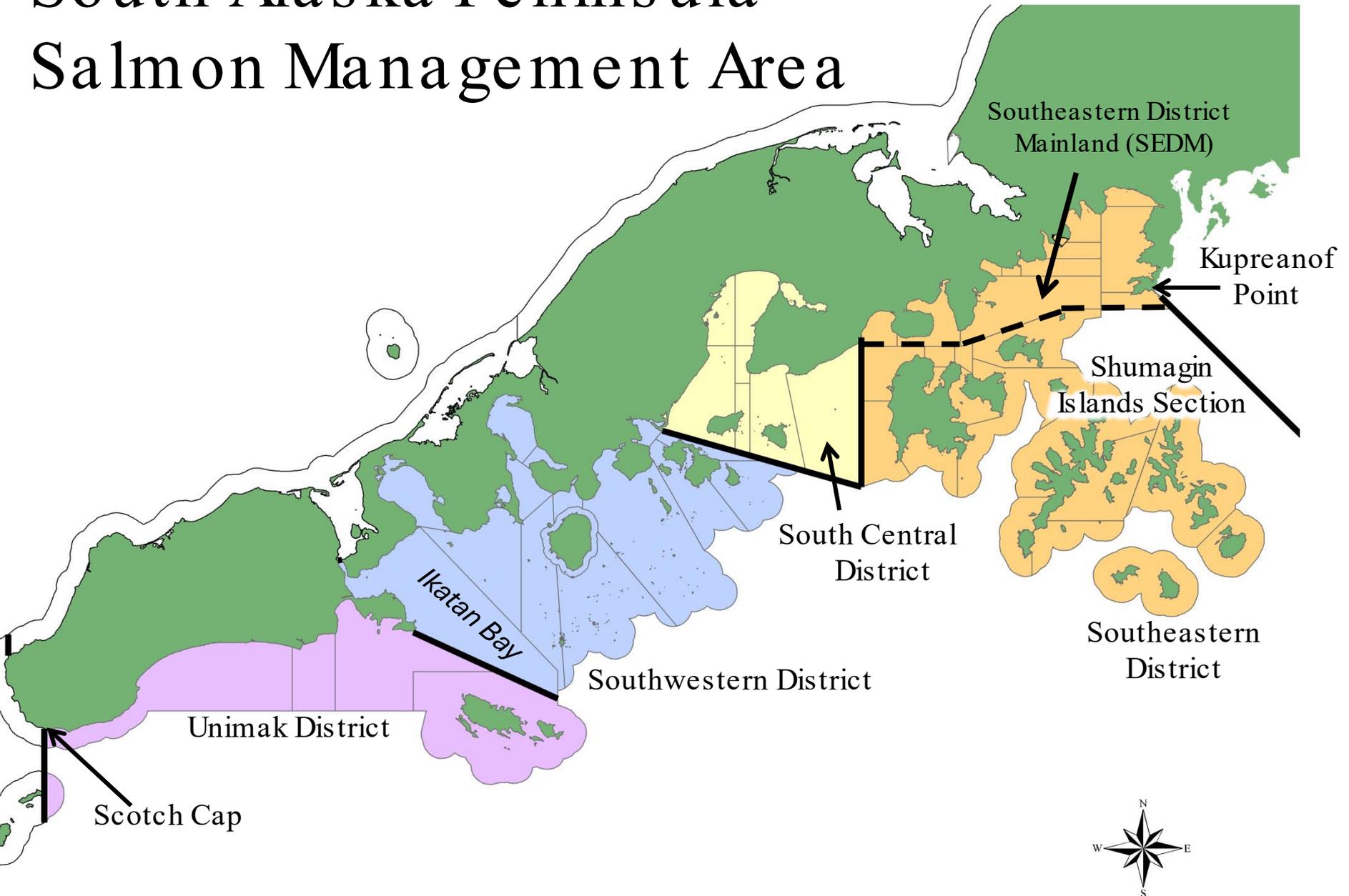
Topics to be covered:

- Fishery location
- History of fishery
- Current regulations
- 2023–2025 season summaries
- Economic importance
- Overview of post-June proposals

POST-JUNE FISHERY AREA

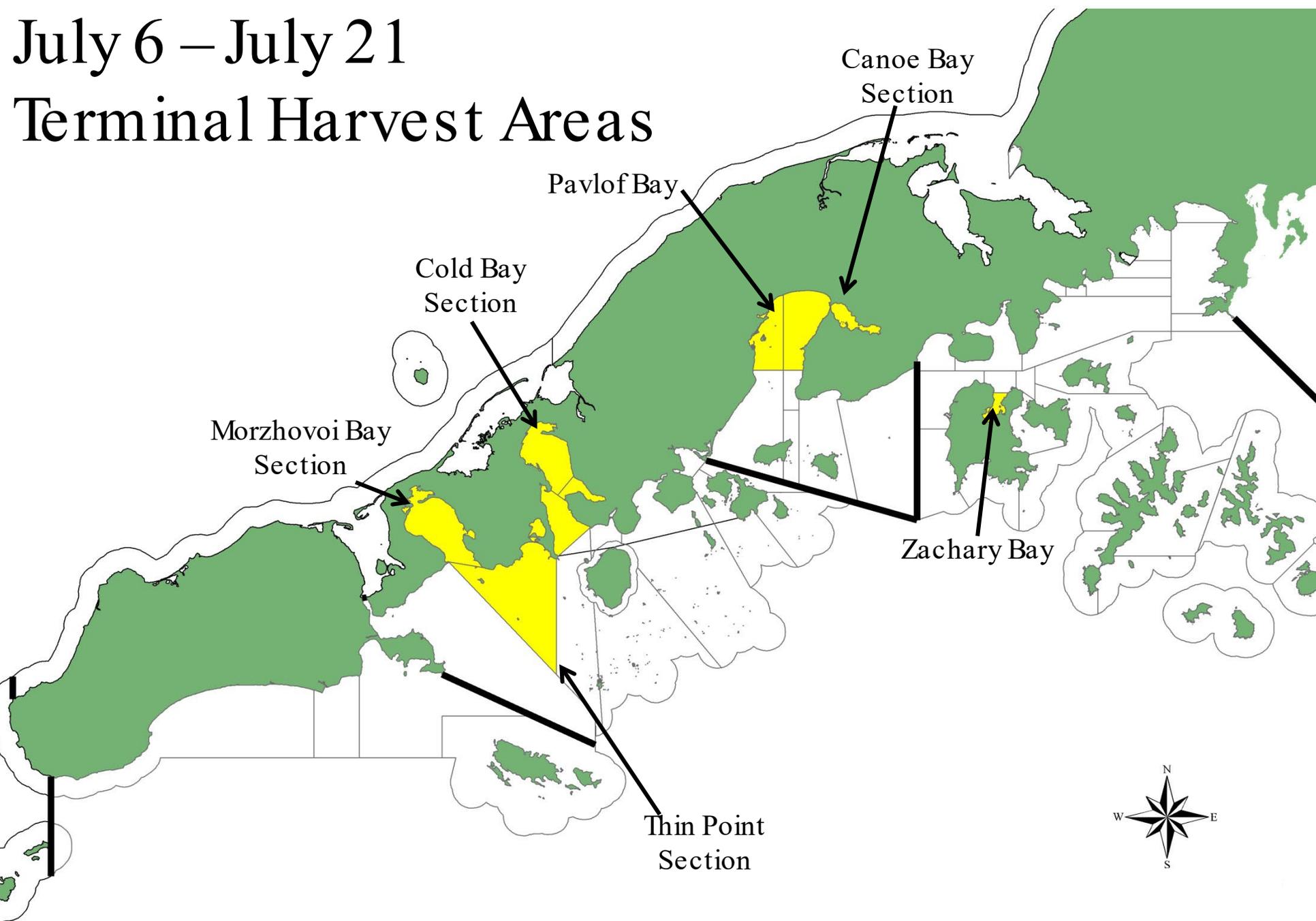


South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Area



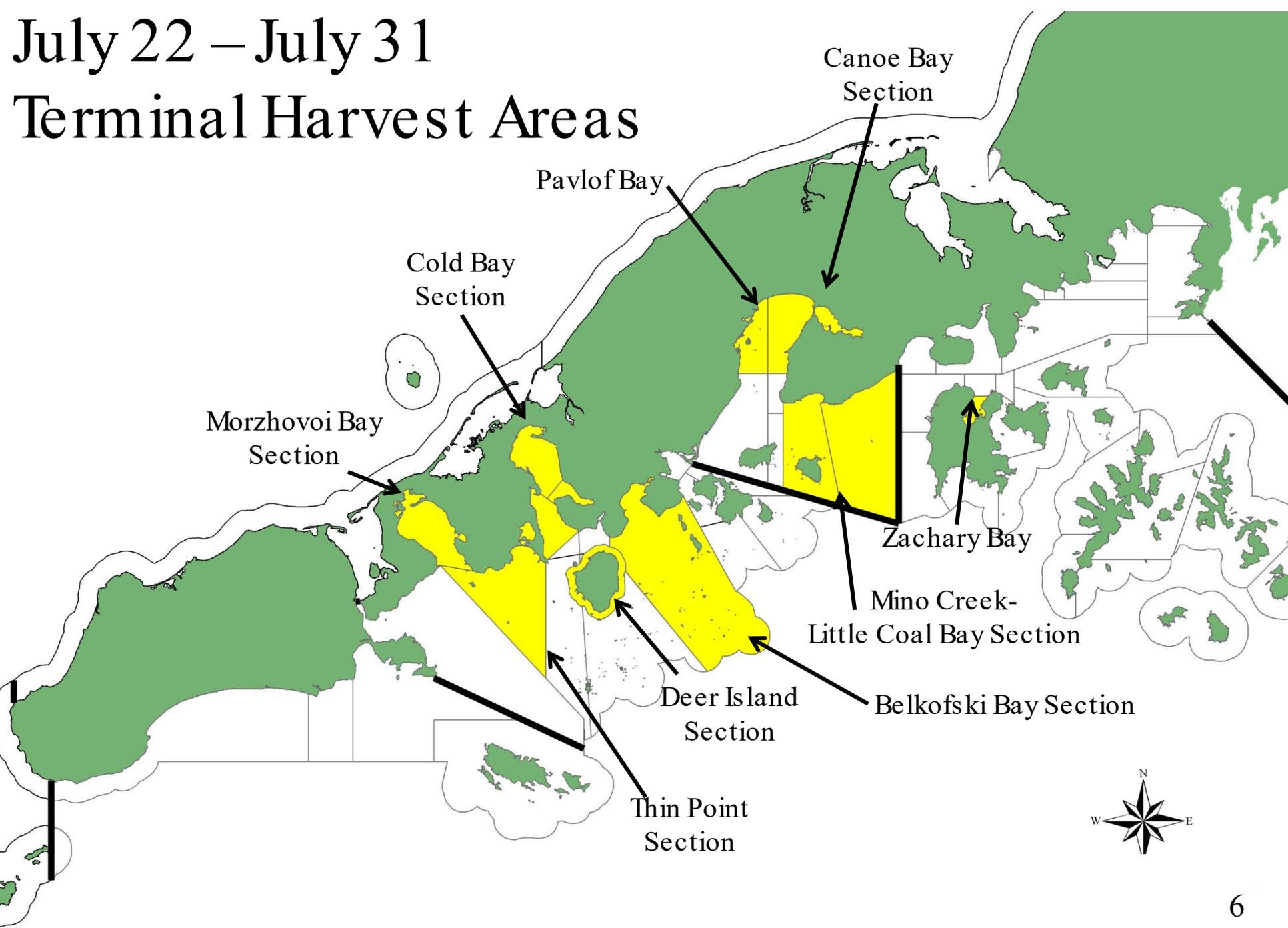
July 6 – July 21

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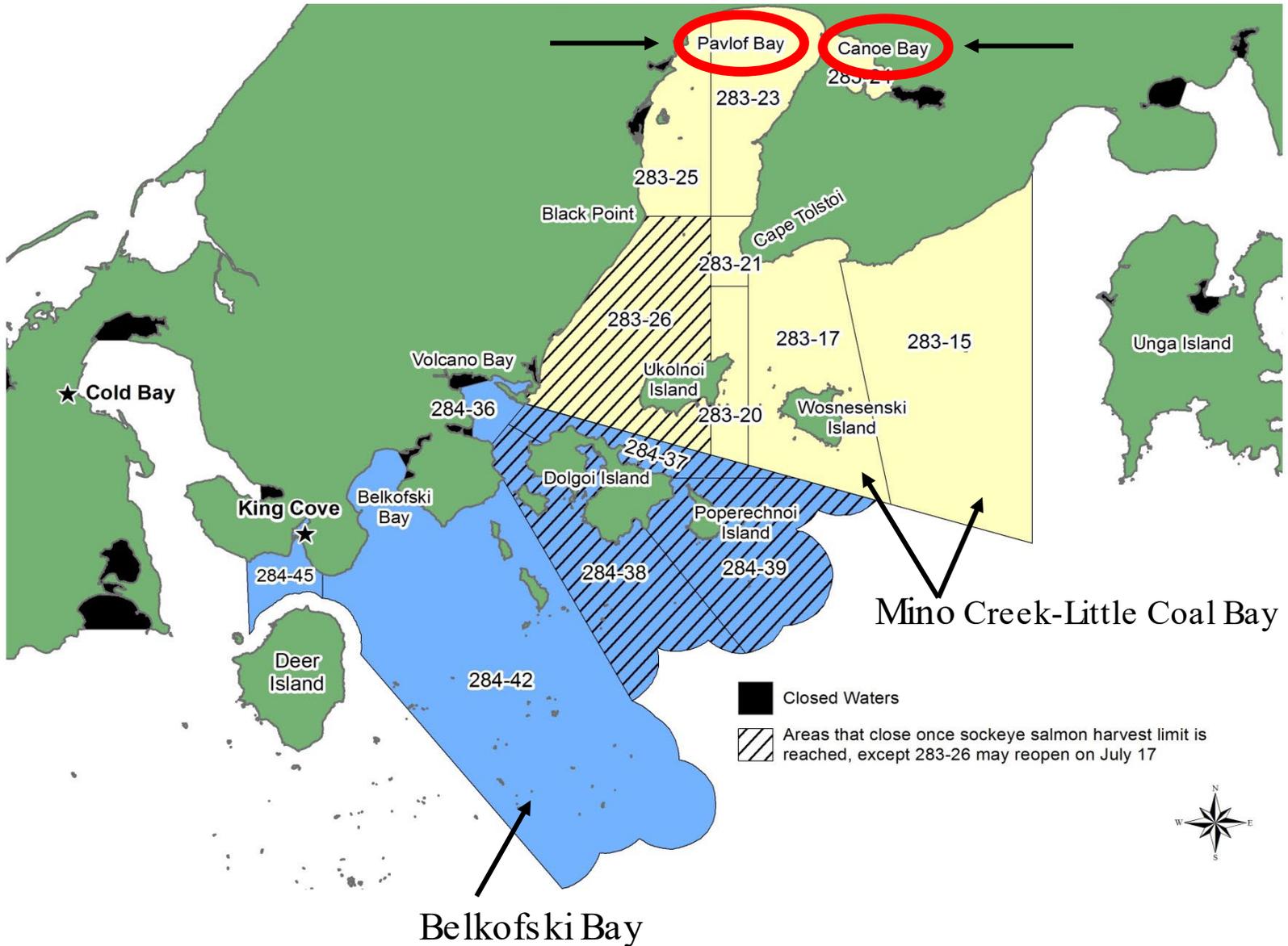


July 22 – July 31

Terminal Harvest Areas



The “Dolgoi Island area” Terminal Harvest Areas



Regulatory History

Fishing schedule

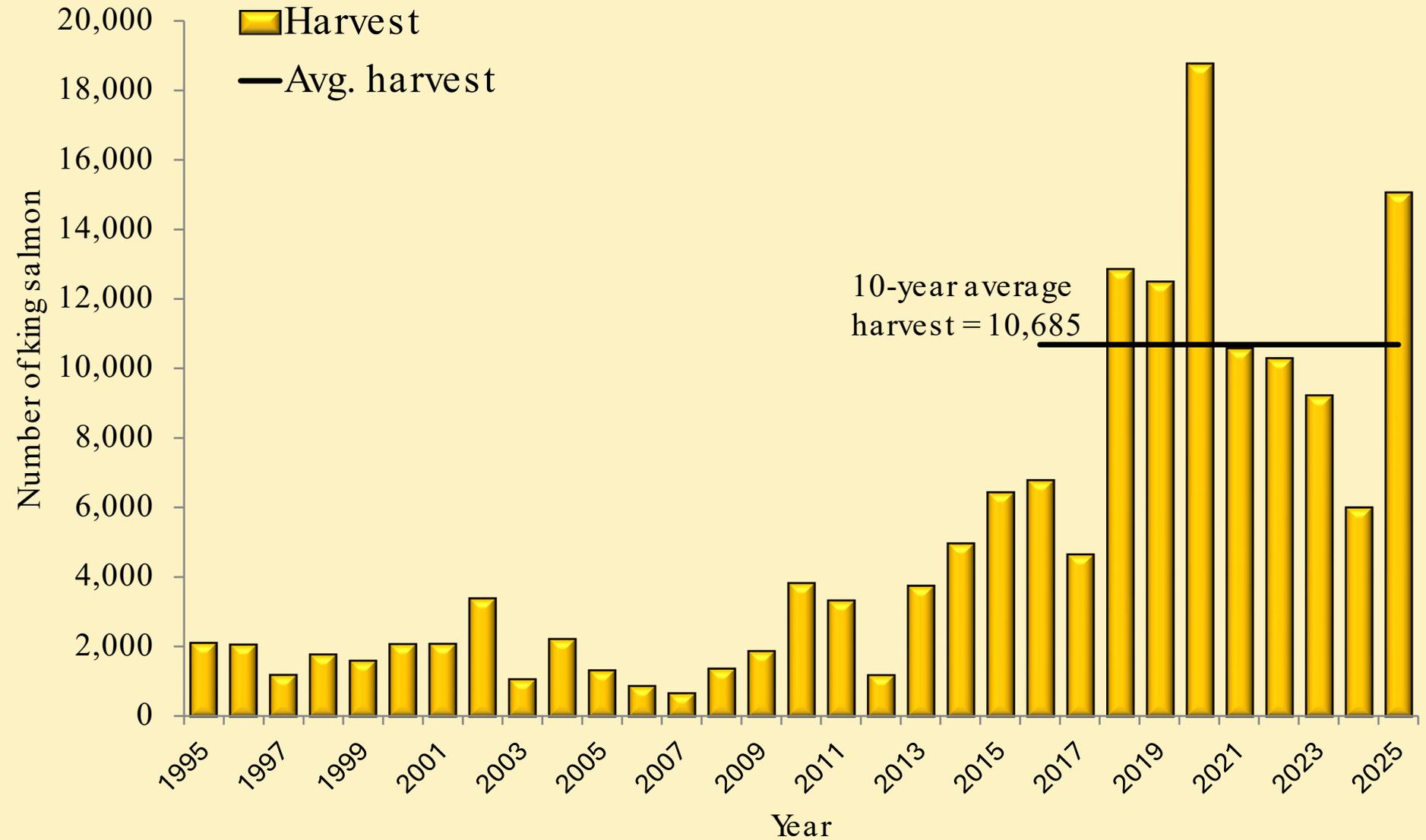
- Before 1974: open 5 days per week
- 1974–1998: terminal vs non-terminal harvest schedules varied
- 2001: terminal harvest area boundaries
- 2013: current fishing schedule for July adopted
- Gear specifications
 - Increased set gillnet lead length
 - Repealed minimum mesh size

South Alaska Peninsula 2023–2025 Escapement

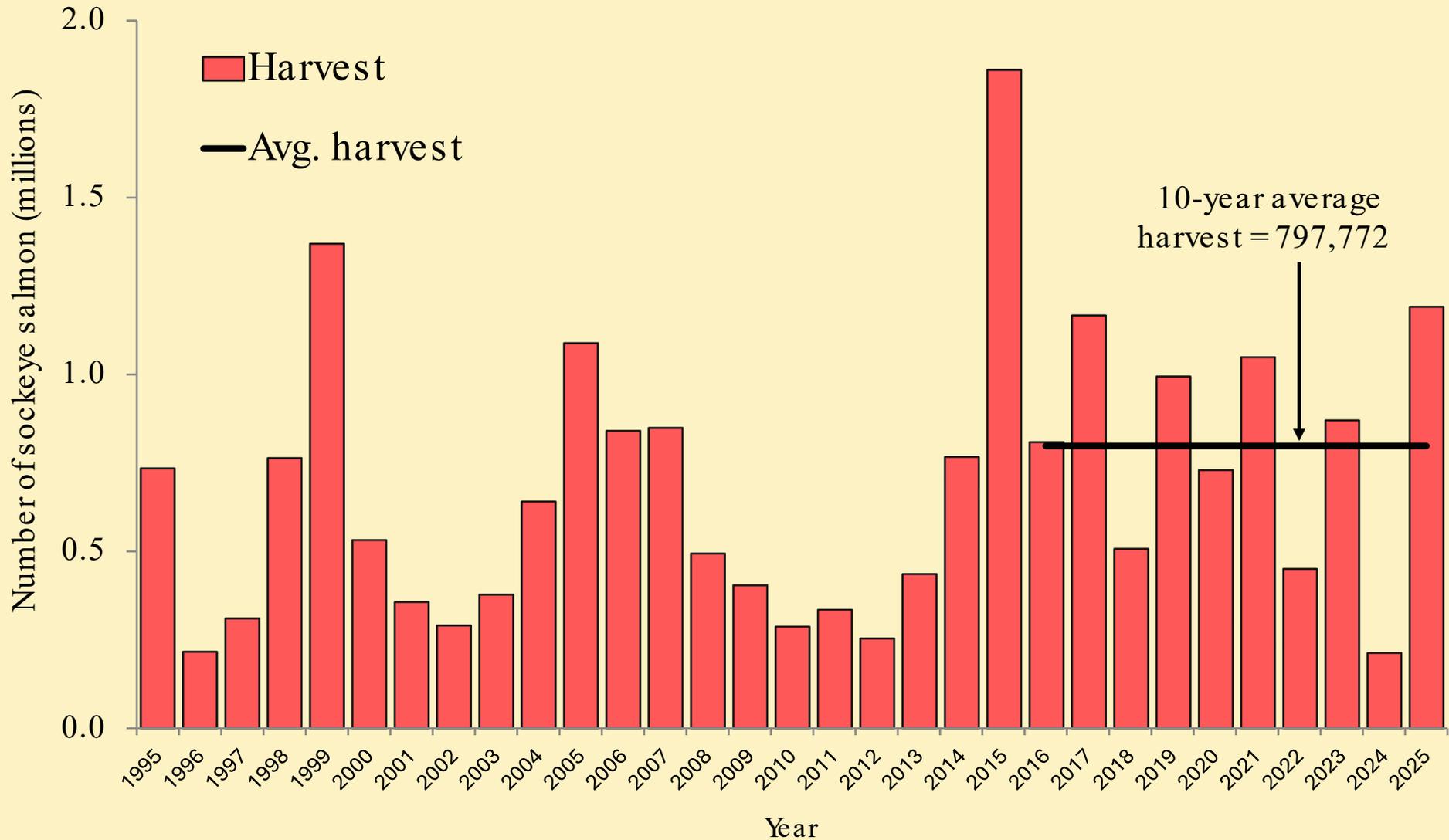
Total Indexed Salmon Escapement

Year	Sockeye	Pink	Chum
2023	69,811	5,914,600	912,410
2024	46,291	2,486,157	382,357
2025	42,845	4,442,350	528,400
2023–2025 Average	52,982	4,281,036	607,722
SEG		1,750,000– 4,000,000	330,400 –660,800

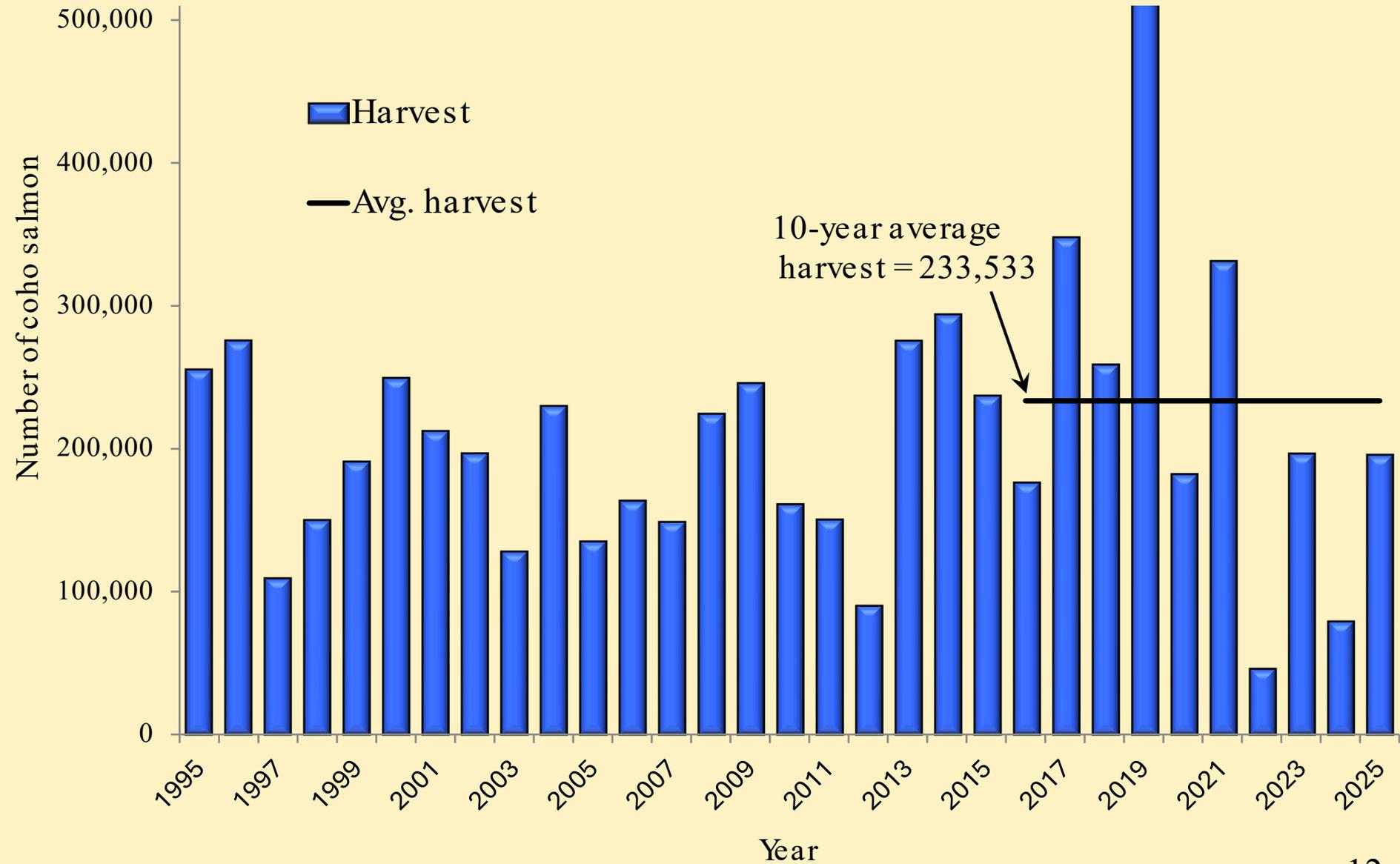
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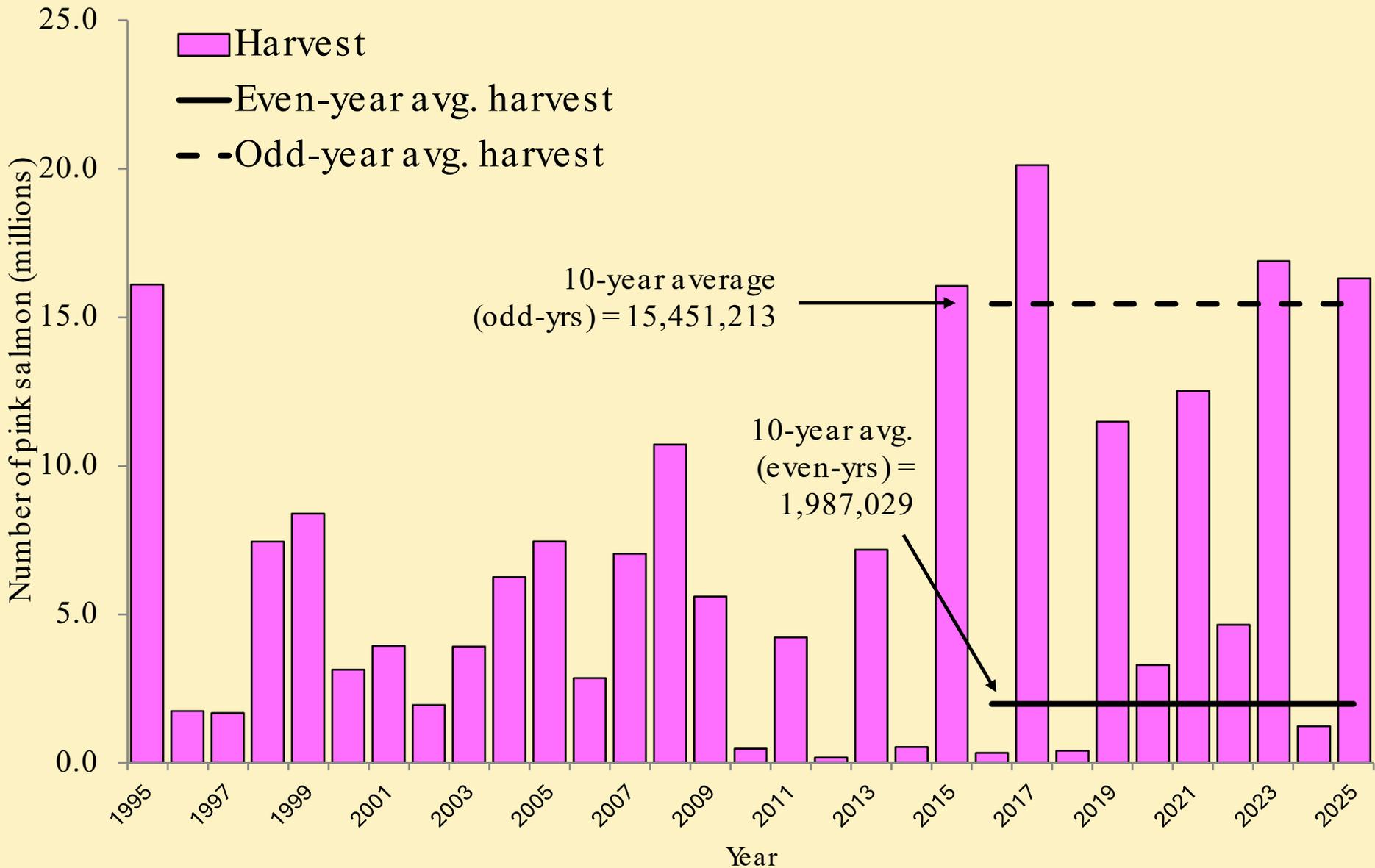
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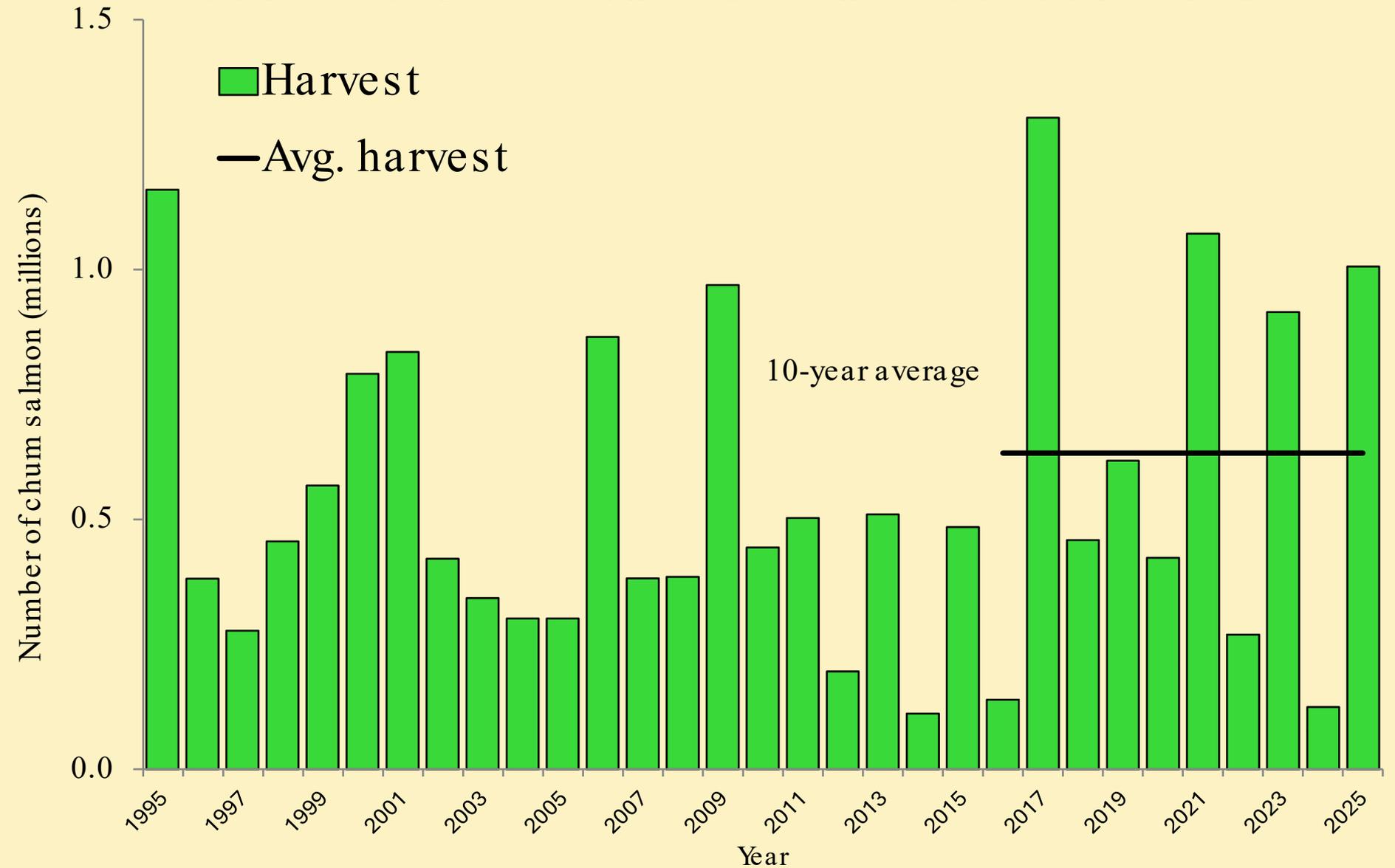
Post-June Coho Salmon Harvest 1995–2025



Post-June Pink Salmon Harvest, 1995–2025



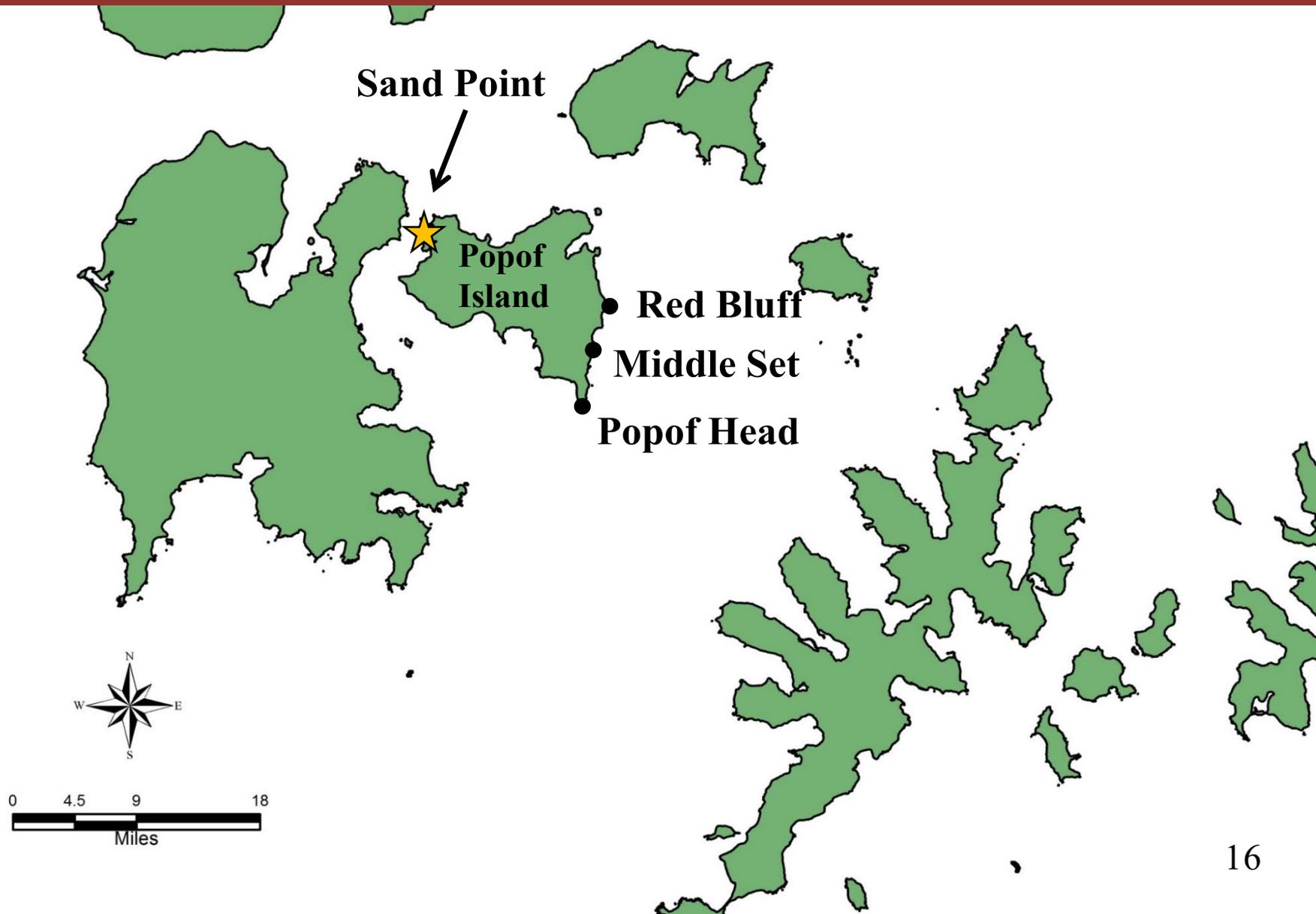
Post-June Chum Salmon Harvest 1995–2025



JULY 2026 SALMON FISHERY SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
Note: All fishing periods start at 6:00 AM. All fishing periods are for all gear types.						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	6:00 AM 33 Hours 3:00 PM				6:00 AM 36 Hours 6:00 PM	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		6:00 AM 36 Hours 6:00 PM				6:00 AM 36 Hours
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Shumagin Islands Immature Salmon Test Fishery



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- Test fishing prior to the start of the post-June Fishery
- Immature salmon are incidentally harvested, most often by the purse seine fleet



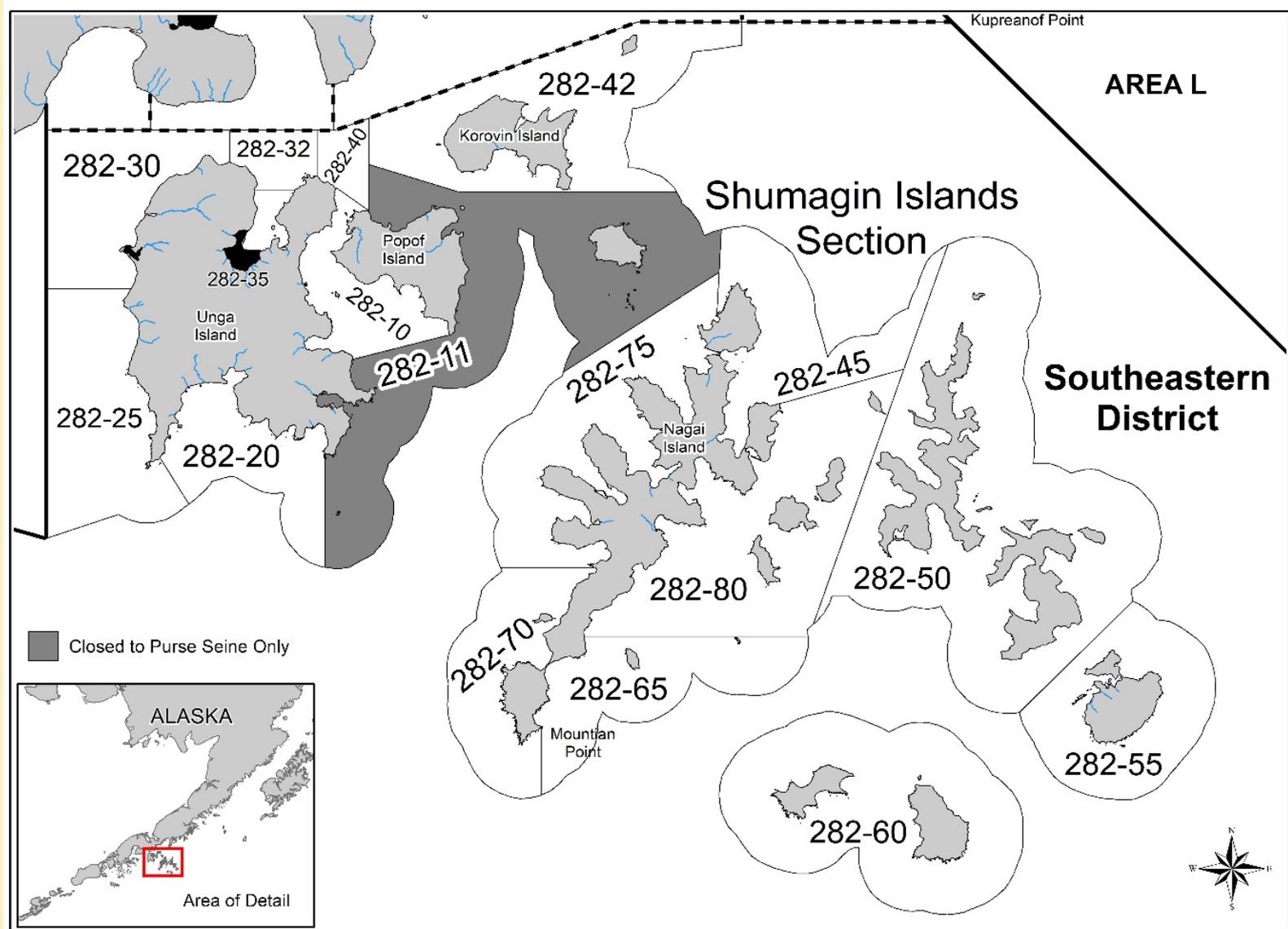
Shumagin Islands Immature Salmon Test Fishery

- (5 AAC 09.366(i)): “Immature salmon, per set” are defined as the number of king, sockeye, coho, and chum salmon observed to be gilled in the seine web
 - > 100 immature salmon gilled
 - Seine fishery closed
 - Set gillnet gear permitted including between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs
 - < 100 immature salmon gilled
 - Fishery may open on July 6 to all gear types
 - Area between Popof Head and Dark Cliffs
 - Seine gear only

Shumagin Islands King Salmon Management

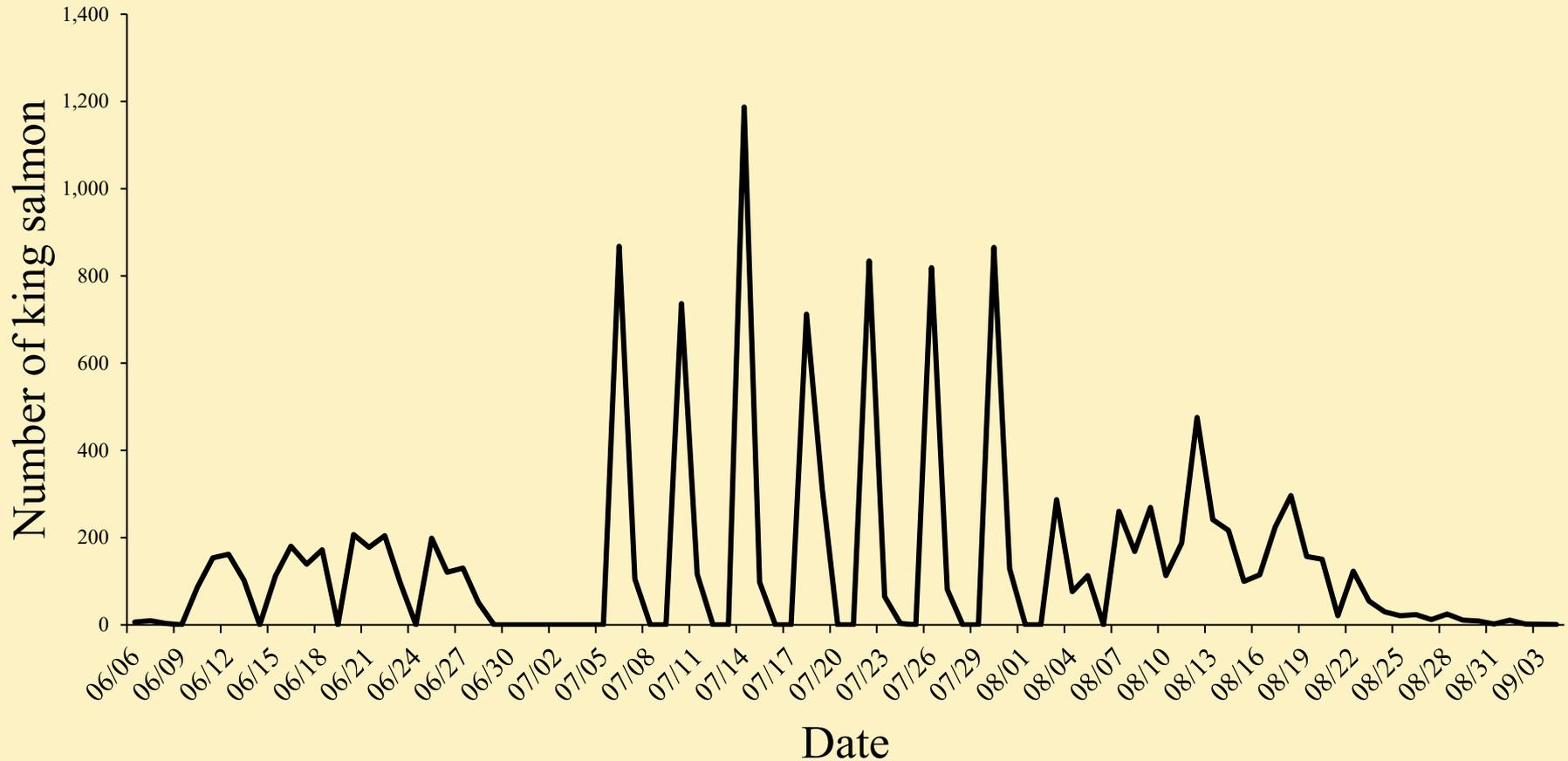
- Additional actions taken by the department to curtail king salmon harvest in July.
 - Monitor king salmon harvest in the Shumagin Islands.
 - If 1,000 king salmon harvested, would close stat-area 282-11 to purse seine gear for next scheduled fishing period.
 - Full retention of all salmon in the South Alaska Peninsula from July 1 through July 31.
- Fishing periods that began on July 14 and July 22 closed to purse seine gear in statistical area 282-11.

Shumagin Islands King Salmon Management



Shumagin Islands King Salmon Management

South Alaska Peninsula 5-year daily average king salmon harvest, 2021–2025



August and September openers

- (5 AAC 09.366(h))
 - By emergency order
 - (1) from August 1 through August 31, fishing periods shall be based on the abundance of local sockeye, coho, pink, and chum salmon stocks;
 - (2) from September 1 through October 31, fishing periods shall be based on abundance of coho salmon stocks.

Post-June Salmon Fishery 2023–2025 Season Summaries

Number of salmon harvested

Year	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
2023	9,240	870,588	197,206	16,873,928	914,289
2024	6,023	212,779	79,575	1,234,589	124,674
2025	15,065	1,189,873	196,264	16,295,999	1,005,267
2023–2025 average	10,109	757,747	157,682	11,468,172	681,410

Average participation by gear type:

Purse seine = 55 of 121

Drift gillnet = 38 of 162

Set gillnet = 42 of 116

Average percent of harvest:

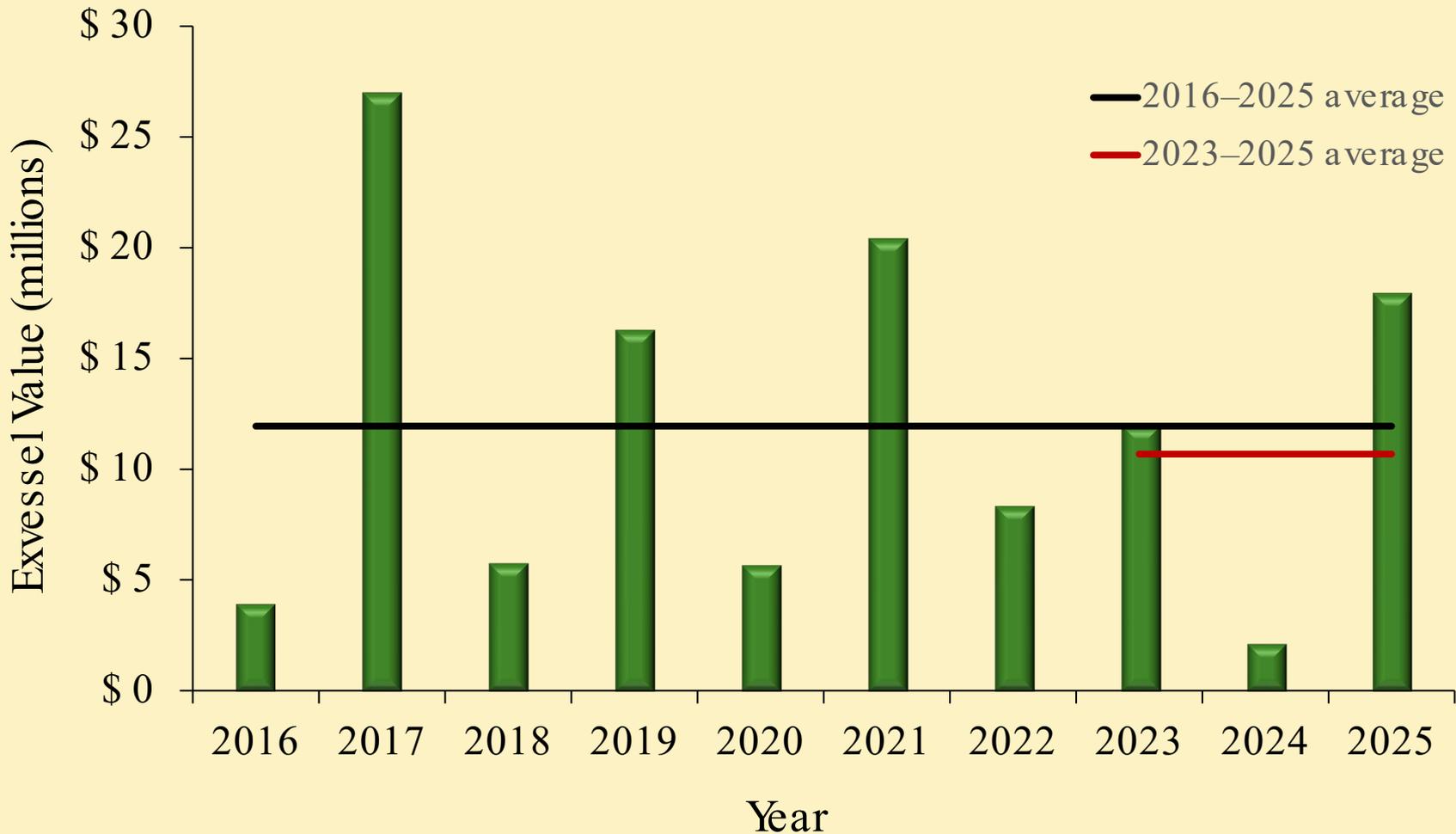
Purse seine = 72%

Drift gillnet = 23%

Set gillnet = 5%

Economic Importance

Post-June Fisheries Exvessel Value, 2016–2025



Post-June Proposals

- Proposal 138
 - Increase scheduled fishing period time in July for set gillnet gear
- Proposal 139
 - Increase fishing periods for set gillnet gear in August by implementing a schedule that is based on pink salmon escapement
- Proposals 140
 - Modify terminal harvest areas in the Belkofski Bay, Mino Creek-Little Coal Bay, and East and West Pavlof Bay Sections

Post-June Proposals

- Proposal 141
 - Institute king salmon caps that would reduce fishing time
- Proposal 142
 - Allow fishing periods in August for specific or multiple gear types
- Proposal 143
 - Immature test fishery
 - Include set gillnet gear with seine gear for closures
 - Change definition of immature salmon
 - Include genetic sampling
 - Conduct a June test fishery for king salmon

Post-June Proposals



- Proposal 144
 - Allow fishing periods in August for set gillnet gear only before escapement goals are met
- Proposal 145
 - Allow fishing periods in August for specific or multiple gear types
- Proposal 146
 - Increase scheduled fishing period time in July for set gillnet gear

Gear Specification Proposals

- Proposal 147
 - Reduce maximum gillnet depth to 70 meshes
- Proposal 148
 - Reduce depth from 375 to 325 meshes
 - Reduce seine lead length to 100 fathoms and reduce maximum aggregate seine and lead length to 250 fathoms
- Proposal 149
 - Increase maximum set gillnet length to 200 fathoms
- Proposal 150
 - Allow use of monofilament in gillnets specifications

Gear Specification Proposals

- Proposal 151
 - Remove the 25 fathoms of seine webbing that set gillnet gear is permitted to use on the shoreward end
- Proposal 152
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 - Reduce seine lead to 100 fathoms and reduce maximum aggregate seine and lead length to 250 fathoms
- Proposal 153
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Questions?

