

The Southeastern District Mainland Commercial Salmon Fishery

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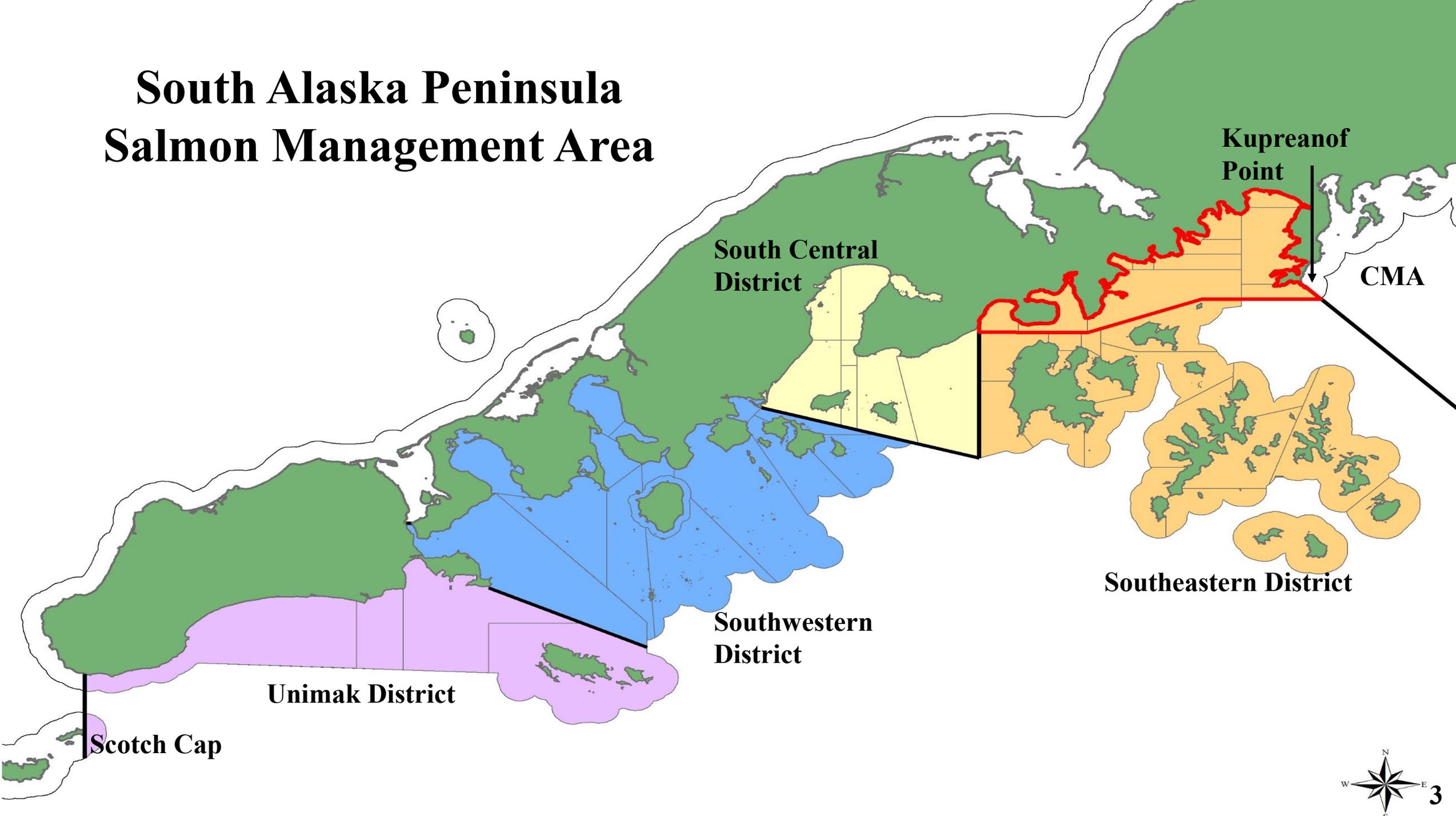
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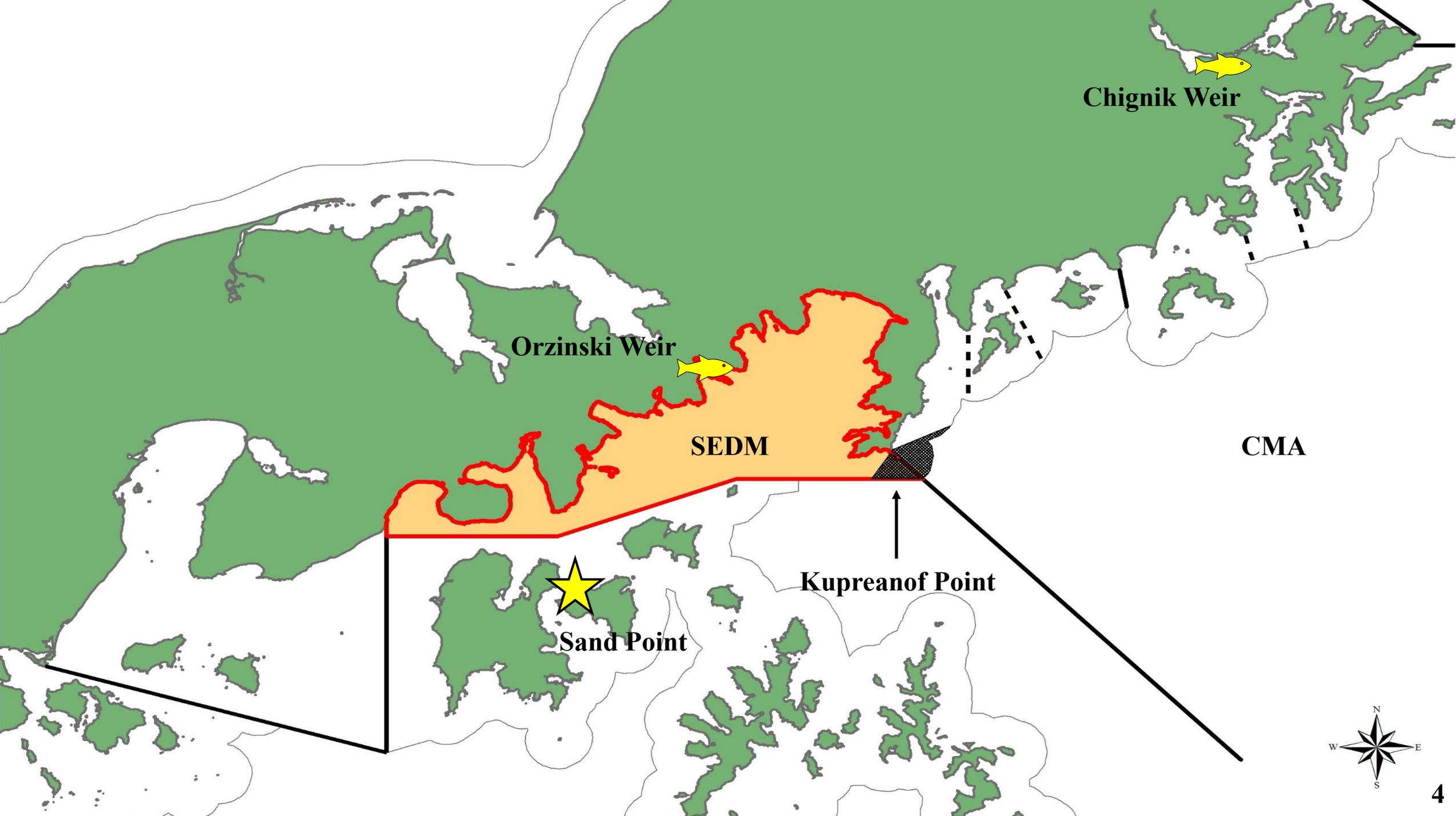
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Topics to be Covered

- Fishery location
- History of the fishery
- Current fishery overview
- 2026 SEDM fishery proposals

South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Area







Stepovak Flats

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Northwest Stepovak

East Stepovak

Balboa Bay

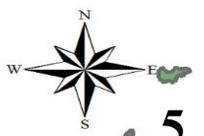
Beaver Bay

Southwest Stepovak

Kupreanof Point

McGinty Point

Sand Point



Historical Perspective

- Prior to 1974 – Set weekly fishing periods, generally 5 days per week
- 1974–1977 – Day for day fishing with Chignik Lagoon
- 1978–1984 – 3 or 5 days per week
 - No more than 60,000 Chignik-bound could be harvested before July 10
 - SEDM *Management Plan* adopted in 1980
 - 80% of the sockeye salmon harvest in SEDM considered Chignik-bound

Historical Perspective (continued)

- 1985 – SEDM *Management Plan* modified based on the *Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan*
 - 6.2% of the Chignik-bound Harvest until July 25th
- 1988 – Harvest and escapement criteria for CMA added
- 1996 – Northwest Stepovak Section managed for local stocks beginning July 1
- 2007 – allocation changed to 7.6% of the CMA harvest

Management Plan

The allocation period is June 1 – July 25

- Set gillnet from June 1 – July 25
- Purse seine from July 11 – July 25

Biological and Allocative Criteria

- Chignik River escapement goals being met
- 300,000 CMA harvest projected by July 8
- 600,000 CMA harvest projected by July 25
- Fishing disallowed or severely restricted from June 26 through July 8 (overlap period)

Management Plan (continued)

SEDM allocation is 7.6% of the sockeye salmon harvested within the CMA

June 1 – July 25, 80% of the sockeye salmon harvested are considered Chignik bound (excluding Northwest Stepovak Section after July 1)

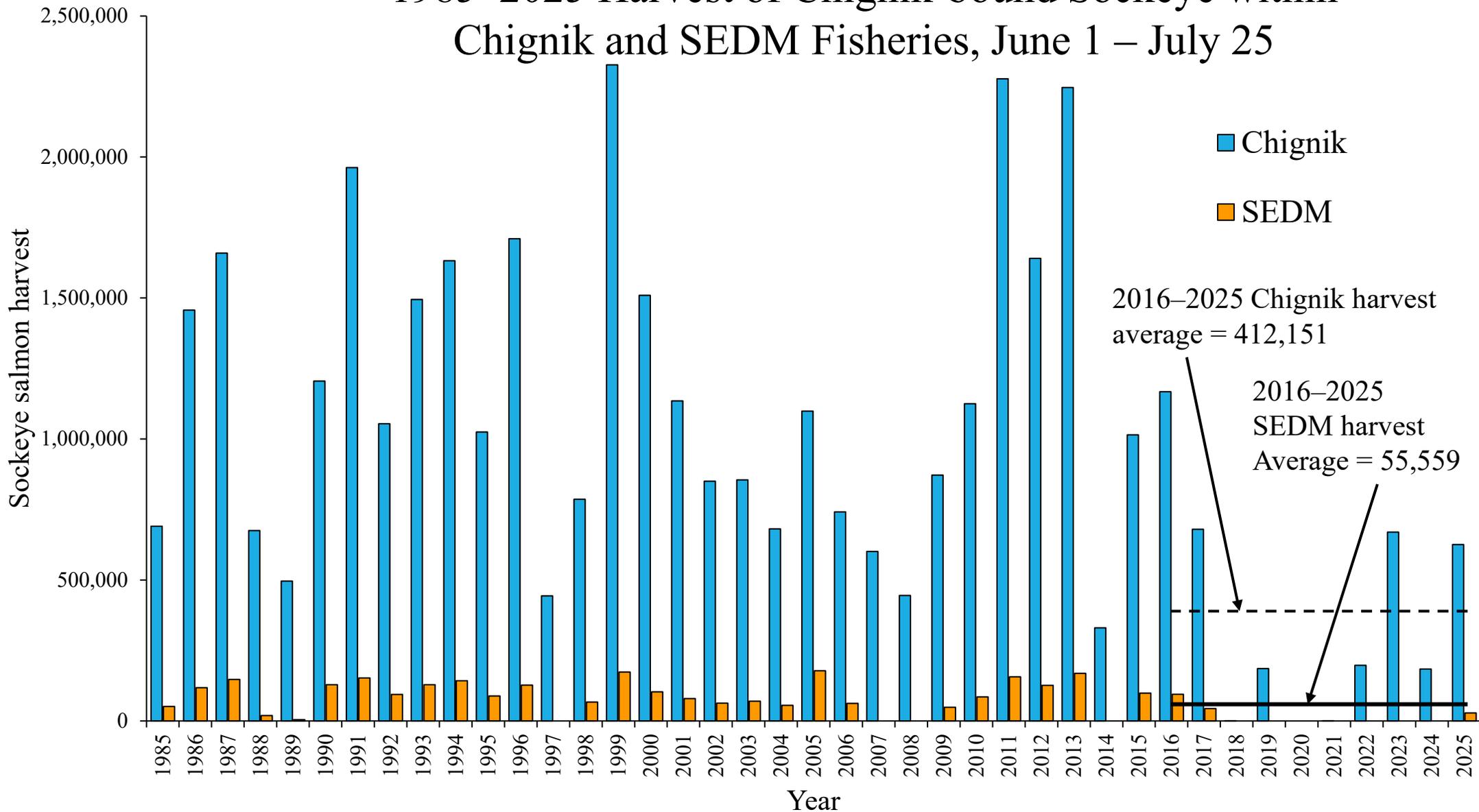
Beginning July 1, Northwest Stepovak Section managed for Orzinski Lake sockeye salmon escapement

May not open more than 96 hours during a 7–day period

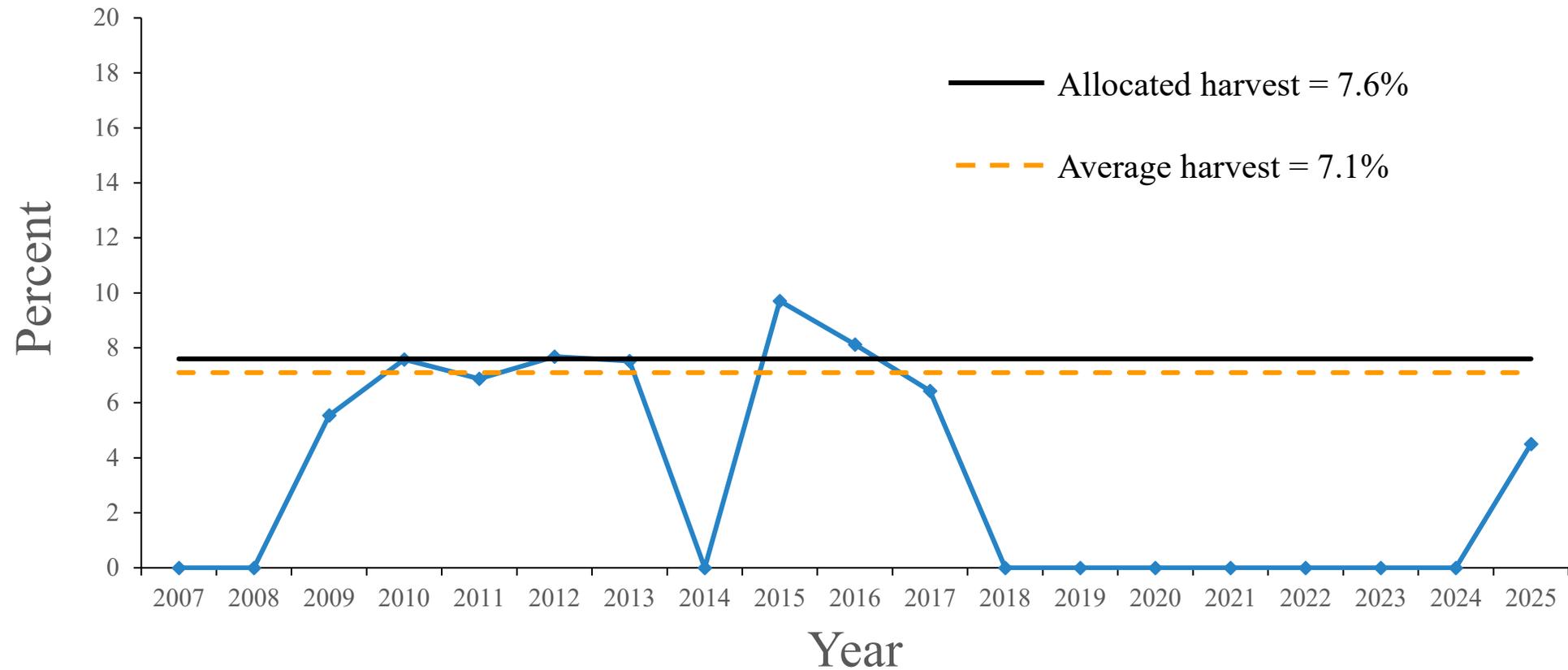
July 26 – October 31, SEDM managed for local pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks

Fishery closed at least one 36-hour period within a 7–day period

1985–2025 Harvest of Chignik-bound Sockeye within Chignik and SEDM Fisheries, June 1 – July 25



Percent Harvest of Chignik-bound sockeye salmon in SEDM



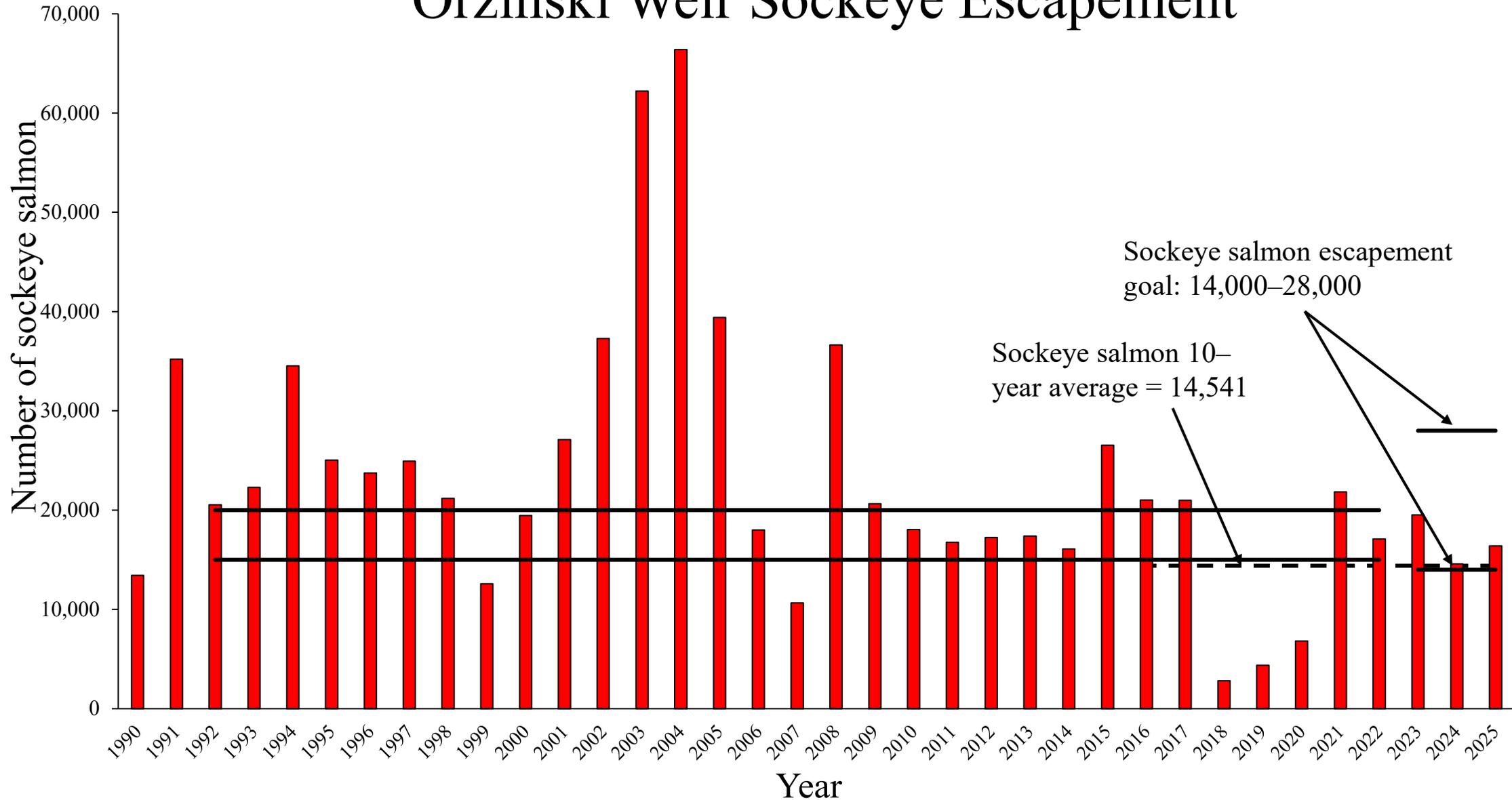
SEDM Season Summaries 2023–2025 (June 1– July 25)

Year	Harvest						
	King	Chignik-bound		Local			Total
		Sockeye	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
2023	3	0	12,969	178	1,858	1,052	16,060
2024	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
2025	861	28,157	51,165	1,411	56,569	7,943	146,106

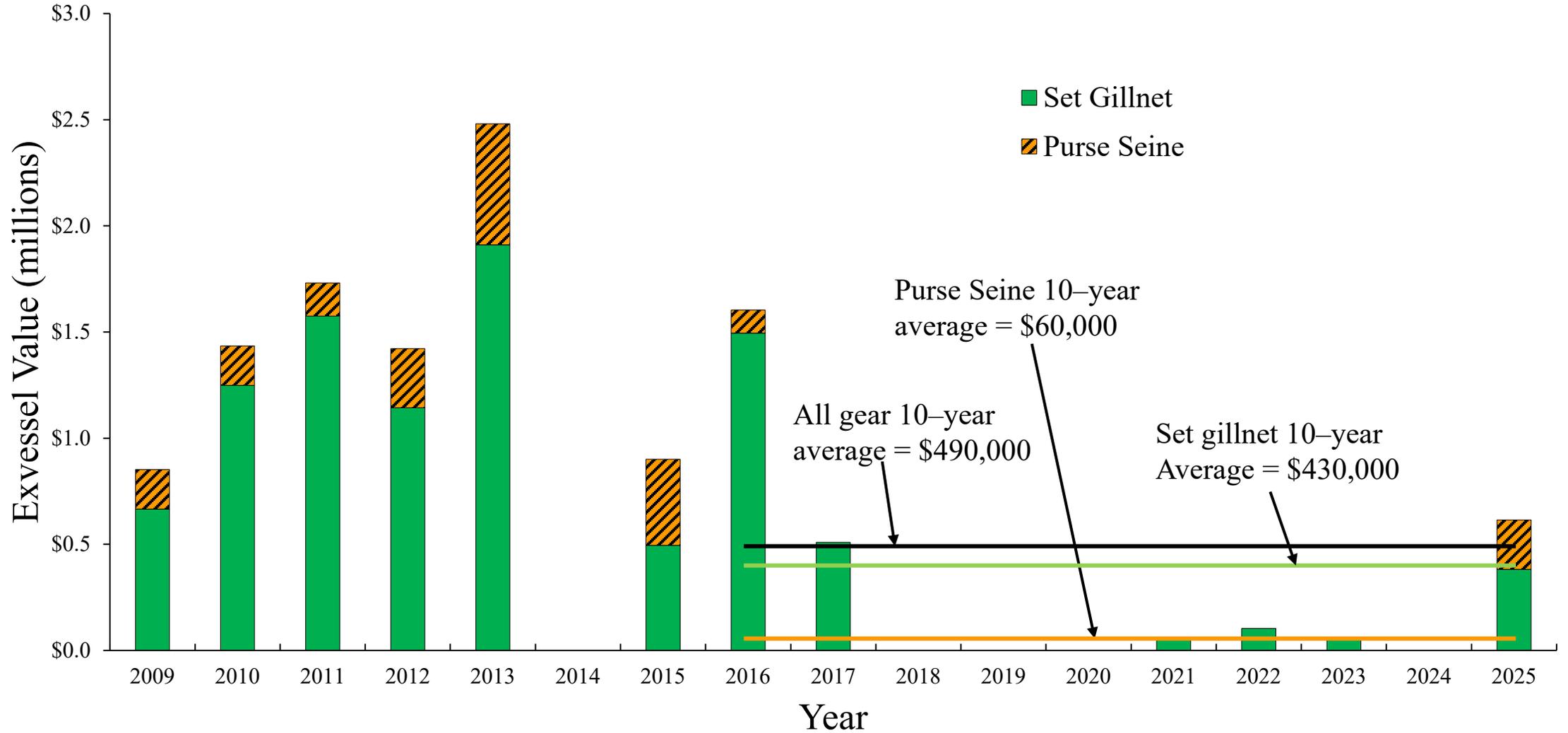
Year	Effort		
	Set gillnet	Purse seine	Total
	permits	permits	
2023	14	0	14
2024	–	–	–
2025	24	10	34

Year	Allocation
	Harvested allocation
2023	–
2024	–
2025	4.5%

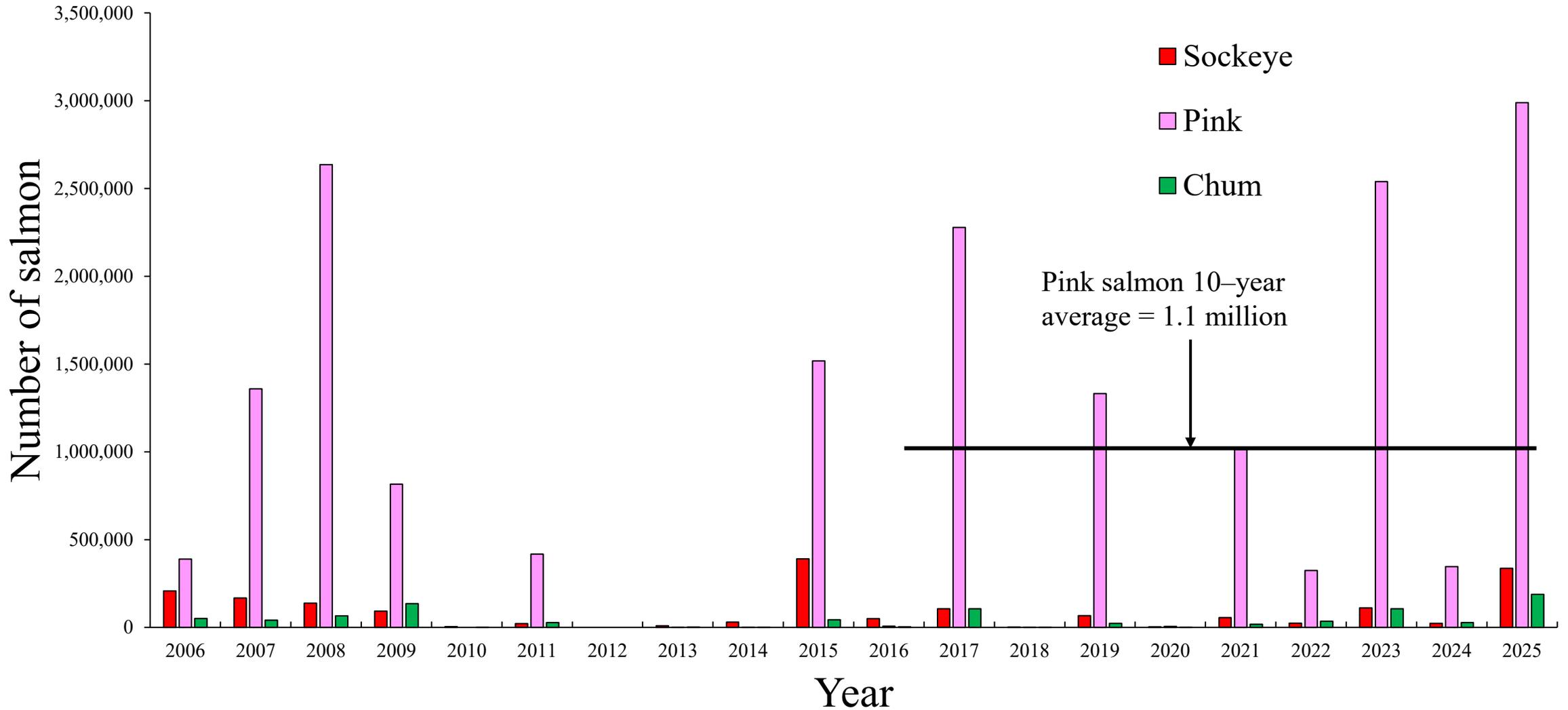
Orzinski Weir Sockeye Escapement



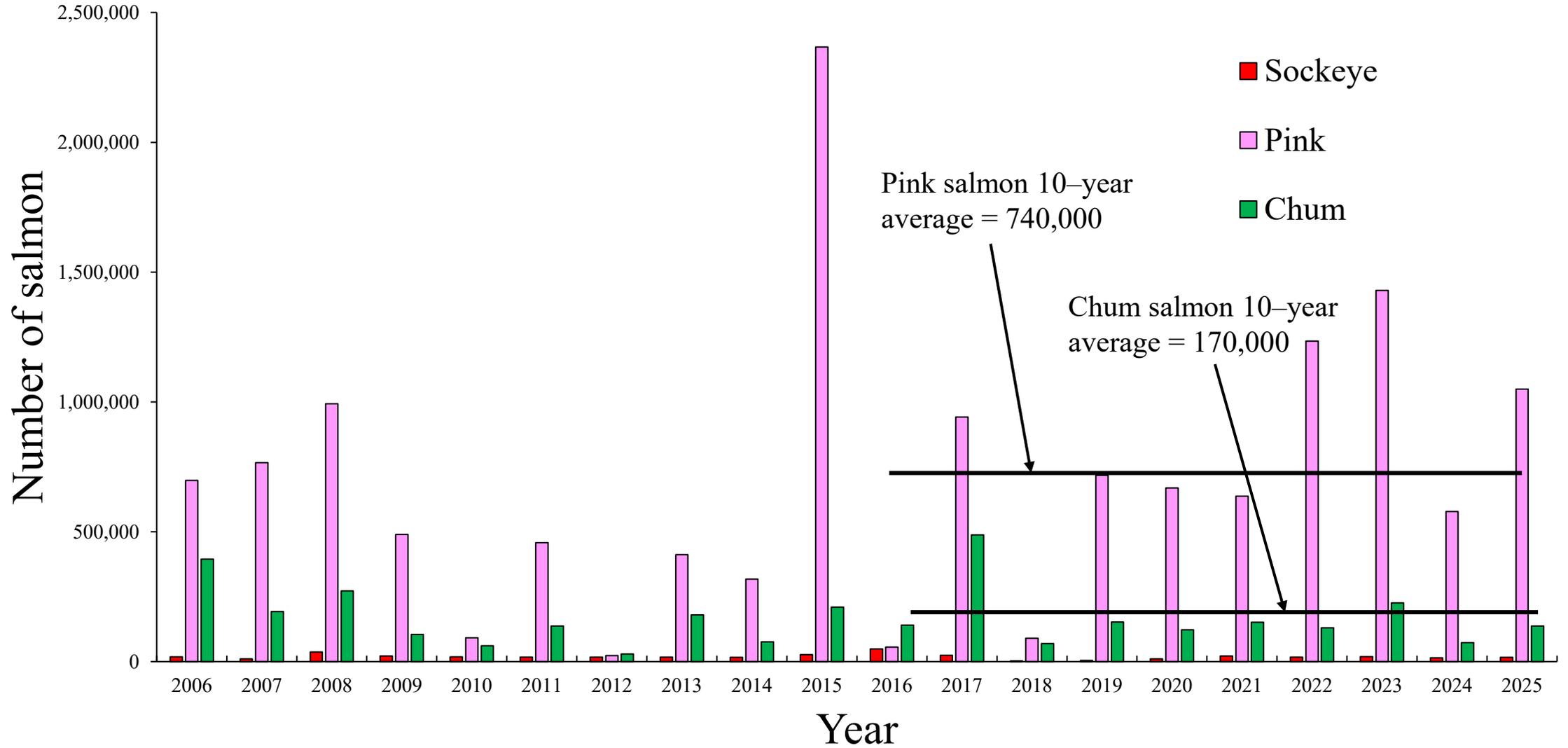
SEDM exvessel value by gear type 2009–2025 during the allocation period June 1 – July 25



Salmon Harvest in SEDM After the Allocation Period July 26–October 31



Salmon Escapement in SEDM 2006–2025



2026 SEDM Fishery Proposals

Proposal 119 – Allow commercial salmon fishing in SEDM concurrently with commercial salmon fishing periods in the CMA.

Proposal 120 – Eliminate purse seine gear as a legal type in SEDM through July 25.

Proposal 121 – Remove the 600,000 harvest criteria.

Proposal 122 – Increase the SEDM allocation from 7.6% to 20%.

2026 SEDM Fishery Proposals (continued)

Proposal 123 – Adjust harvest criteria and SEDM allocation based on processing capacity and number of boats fishing in the CMA.

Proposal 124 – Change the percentage of sockeye salmon that are considered to be Chignik-bound in SEDM.

Proposal 125 – Replace the SEDM management plan with the CMA management plan.

Proposal 126 – Move the Volcano Bay Section into the South Central District and include the South Central District in the SEDM management plan.

Questions?



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