



Conservation Concerns Regarding the Area M Harvest

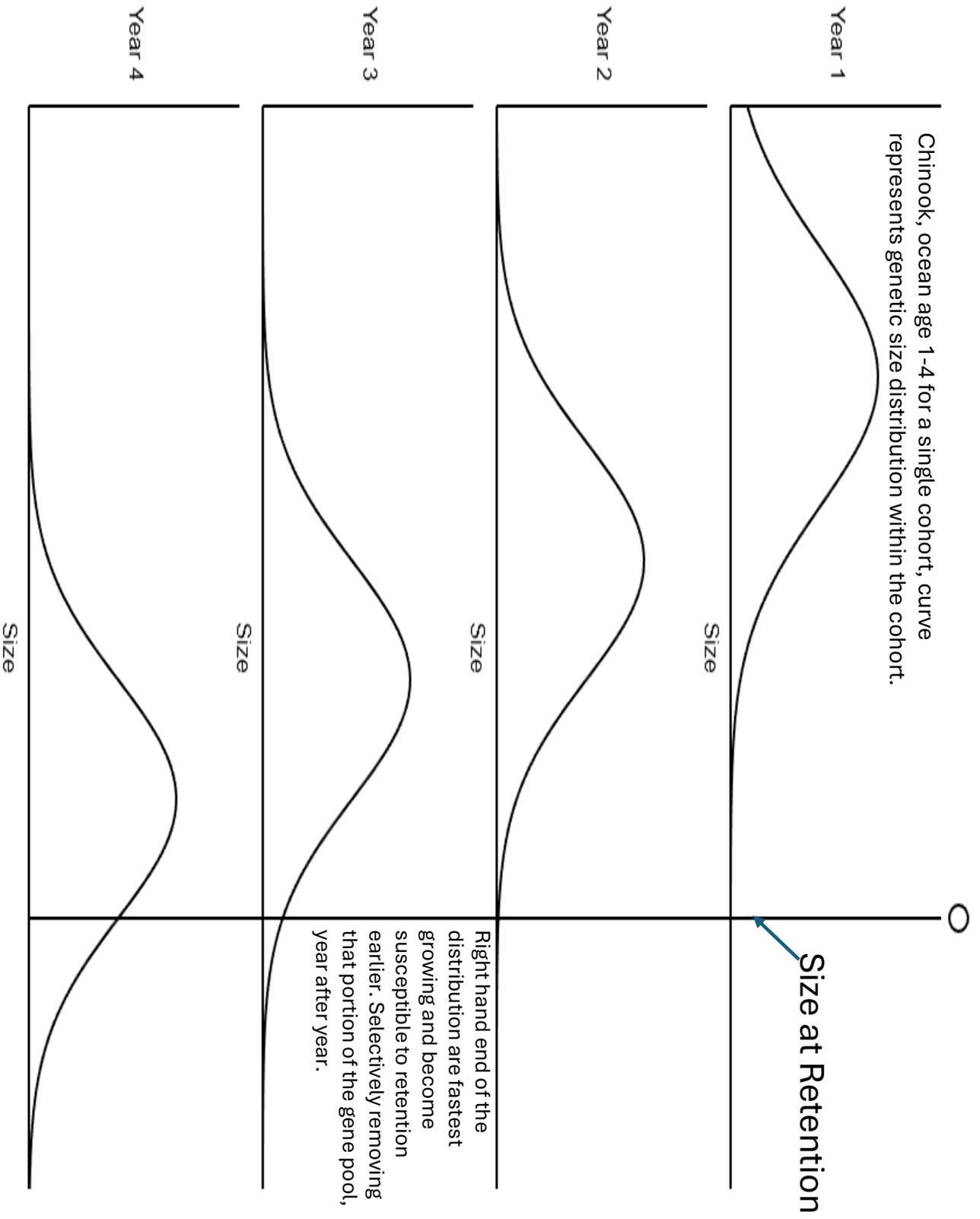
by Earl Krygier

Management of Mixed Stocks needs to ensure that the burden of conservation is born by all.

Pollock vessels invested millions to implement programs on the open ocean to reduce salmon bycatch and face time and area closures when salmon abundance exceed specified levels.

ADFG developed Abundance Based Management to ensure SE Alaskan Fisheries that harvest stocks from Canada, OR, WA & ID (Distances up to 1,000 miles from home streams) have their fisheries managed to participate in conservation management of stocks originating outside of SE Alaska,

Pacific Fishery Management Council regulated Ocean fisheries off OR, WA and CA to ensure sharing the burden of escapement and allocation to inshore fishermen by closing ocean sport & commercial fisheries for 6 weeks in April & May in both 2023 & 2024.



Size at age in 1973 & 2025 Pacific Halibut

1973 – 16 yr old halibut, 73 lbs
and 34 inches Total Length.



• 2025 – 16 yr old halibut 26 lbs
and 24 inches Total Length.





≠





≠



Note the Fishermen to reference vessel size in these pictures