

Norton Sound-Port Clarence Districts & Kotzebue District Fishery Overview



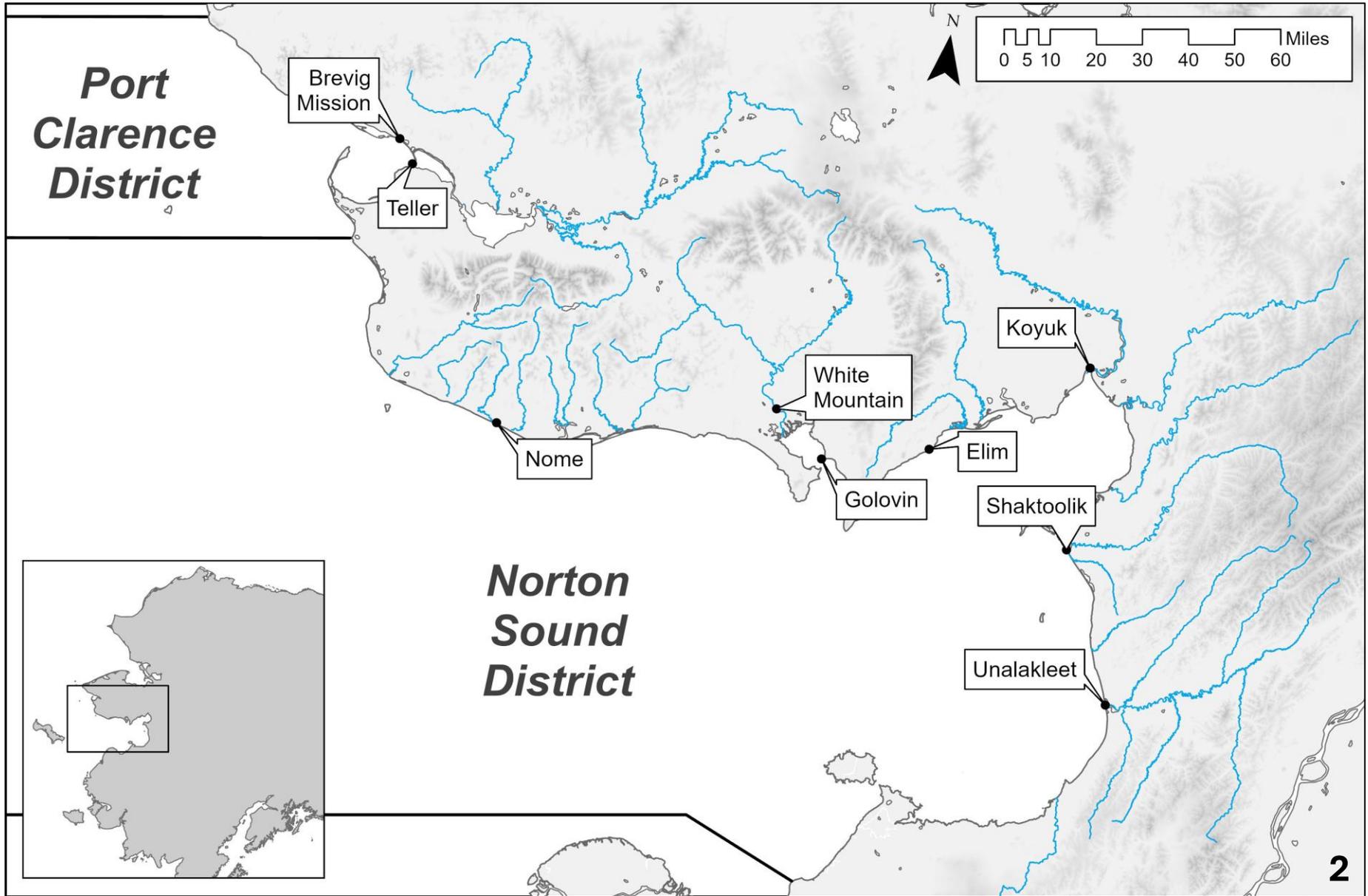
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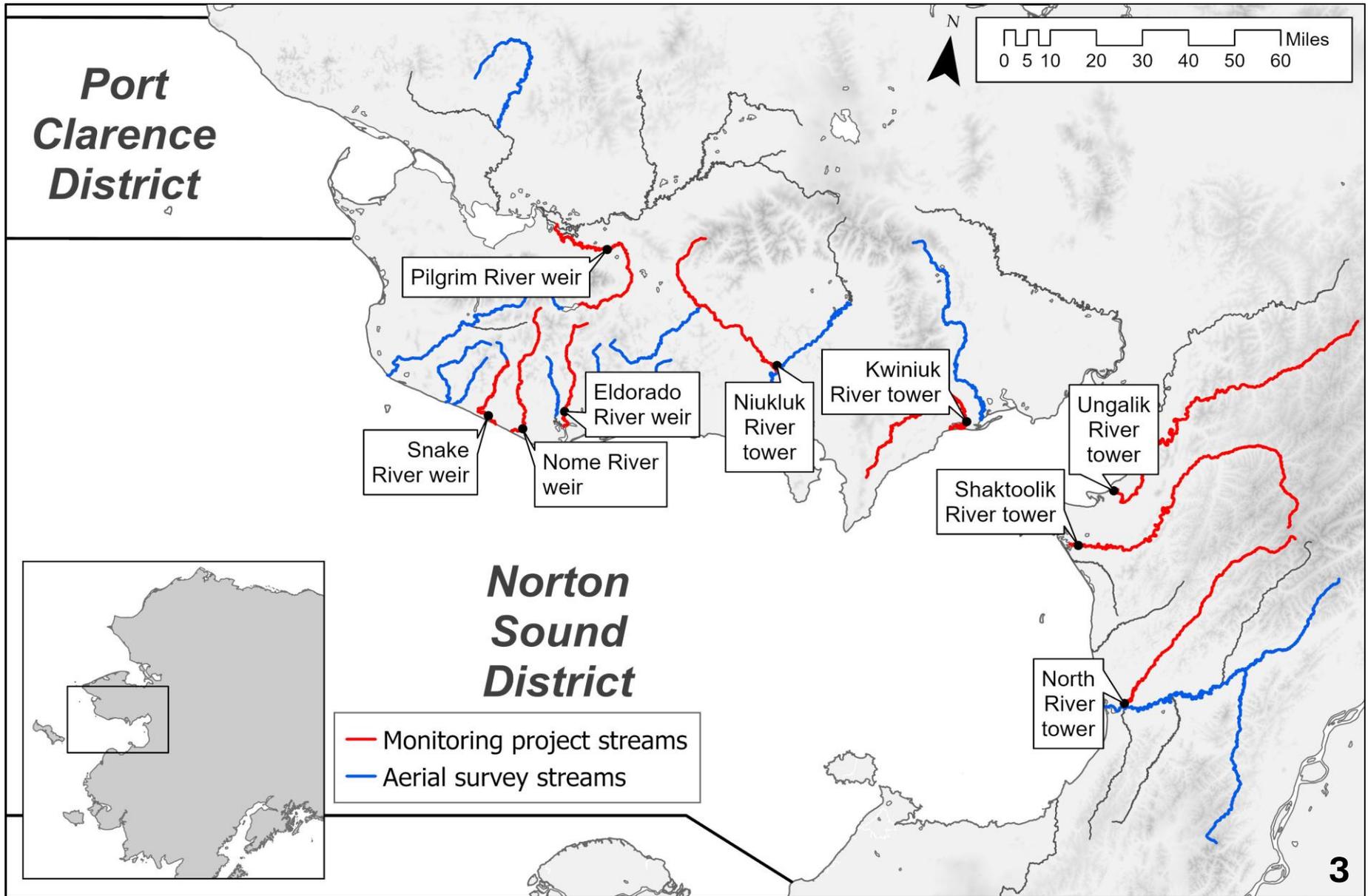
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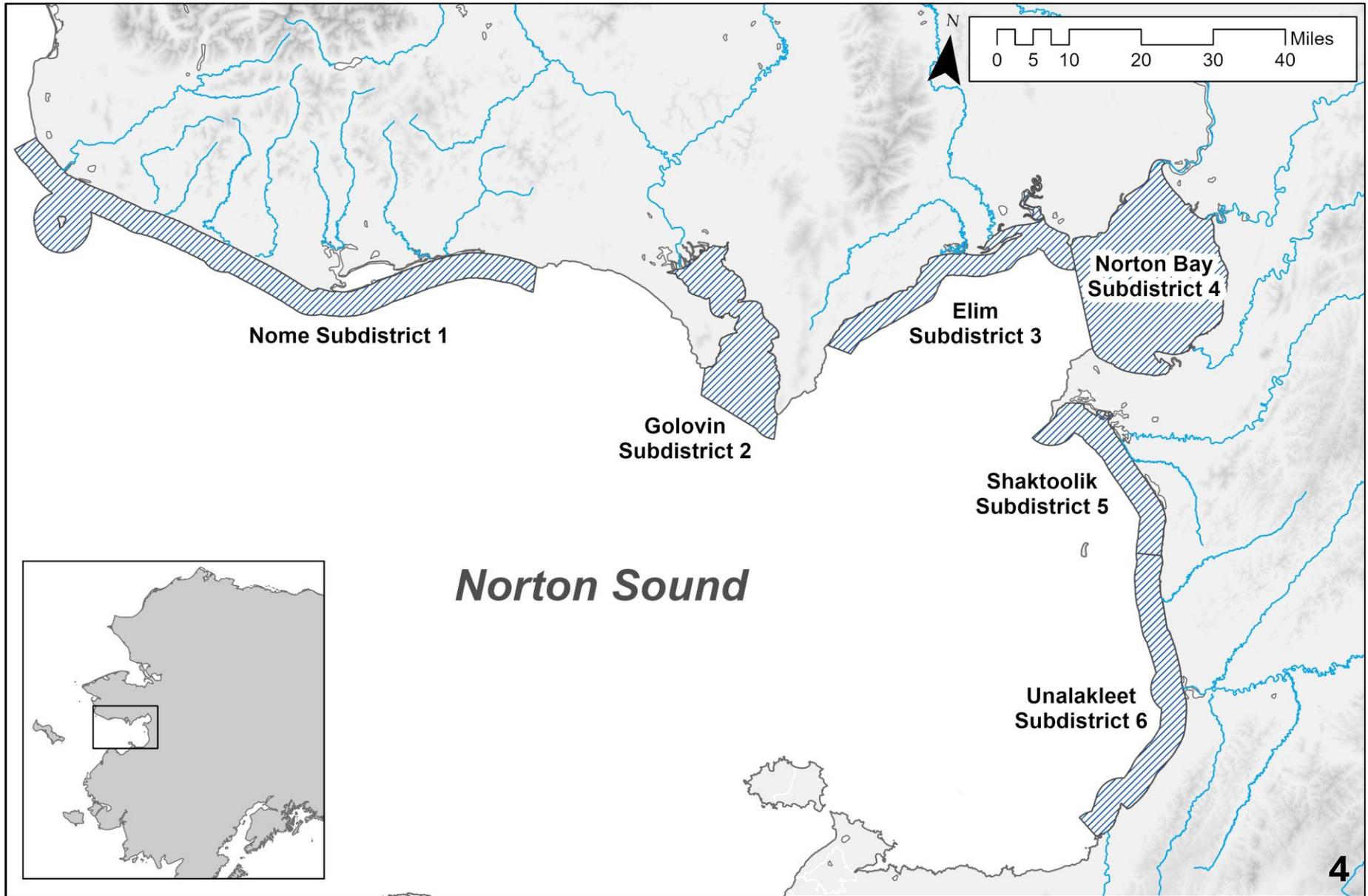
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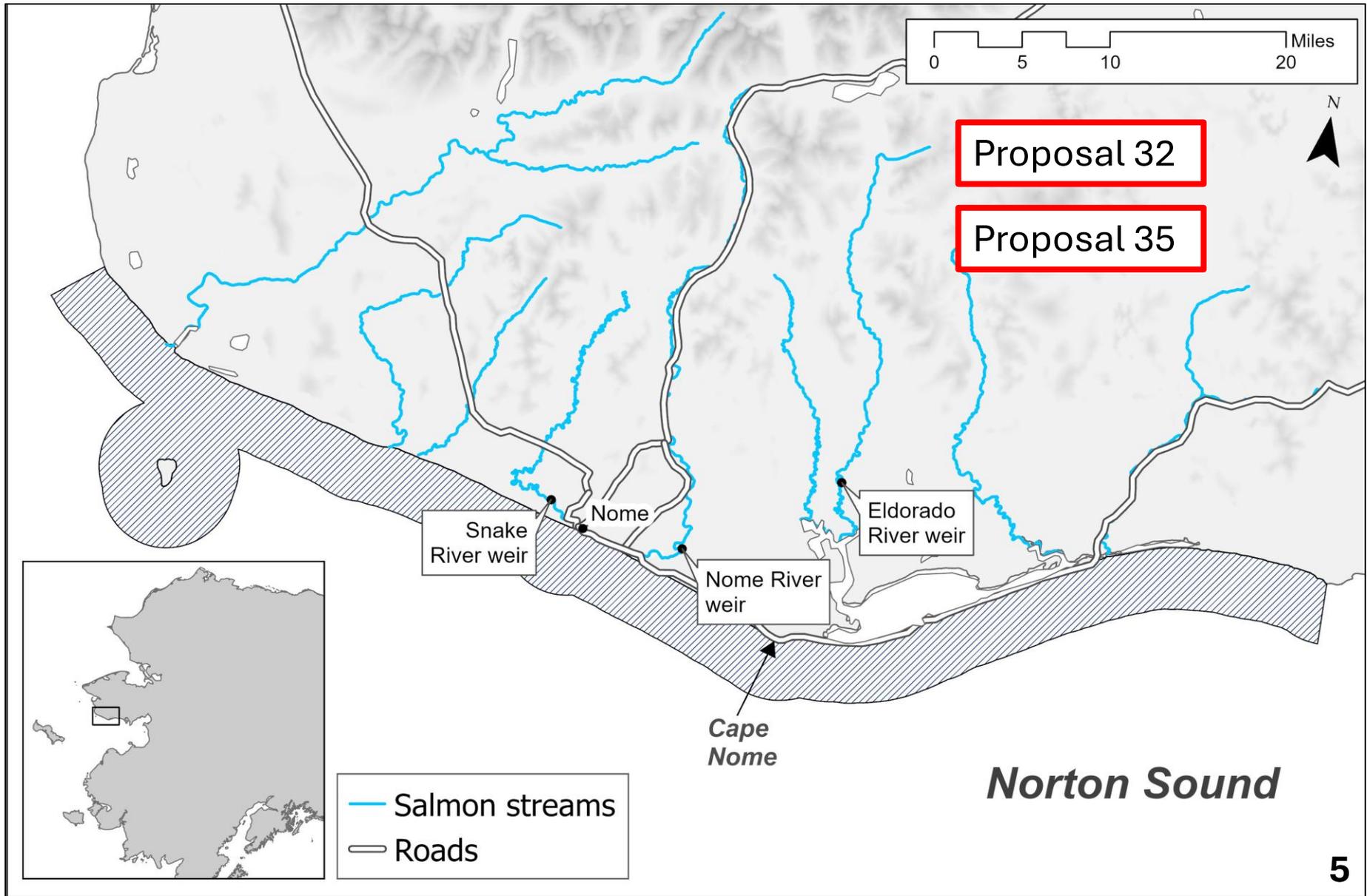
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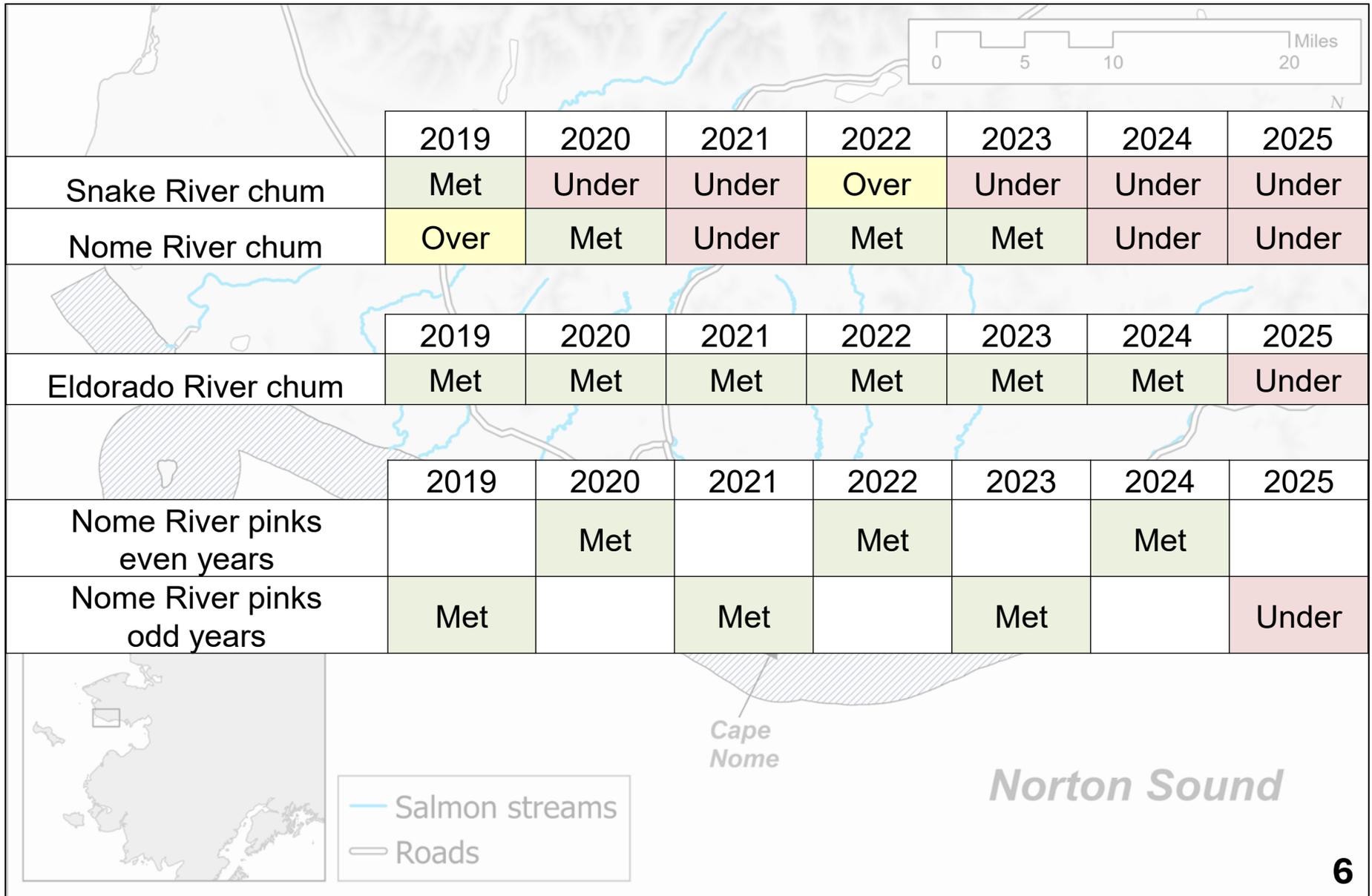
Norton Sound District



Northern Norton Sound- Nome Subdistrict 1

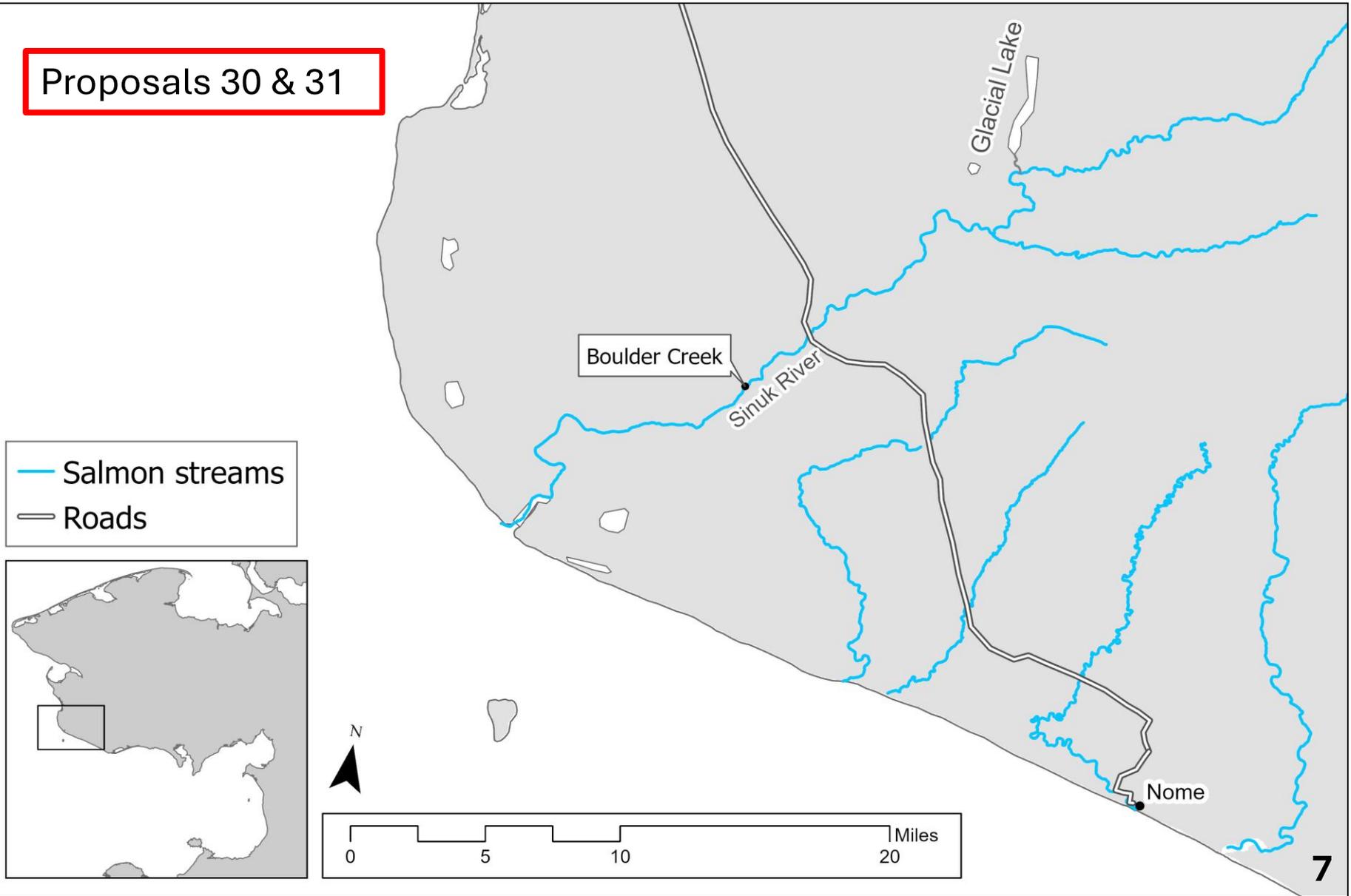


Nome Subdistrict 1- Escapement goals



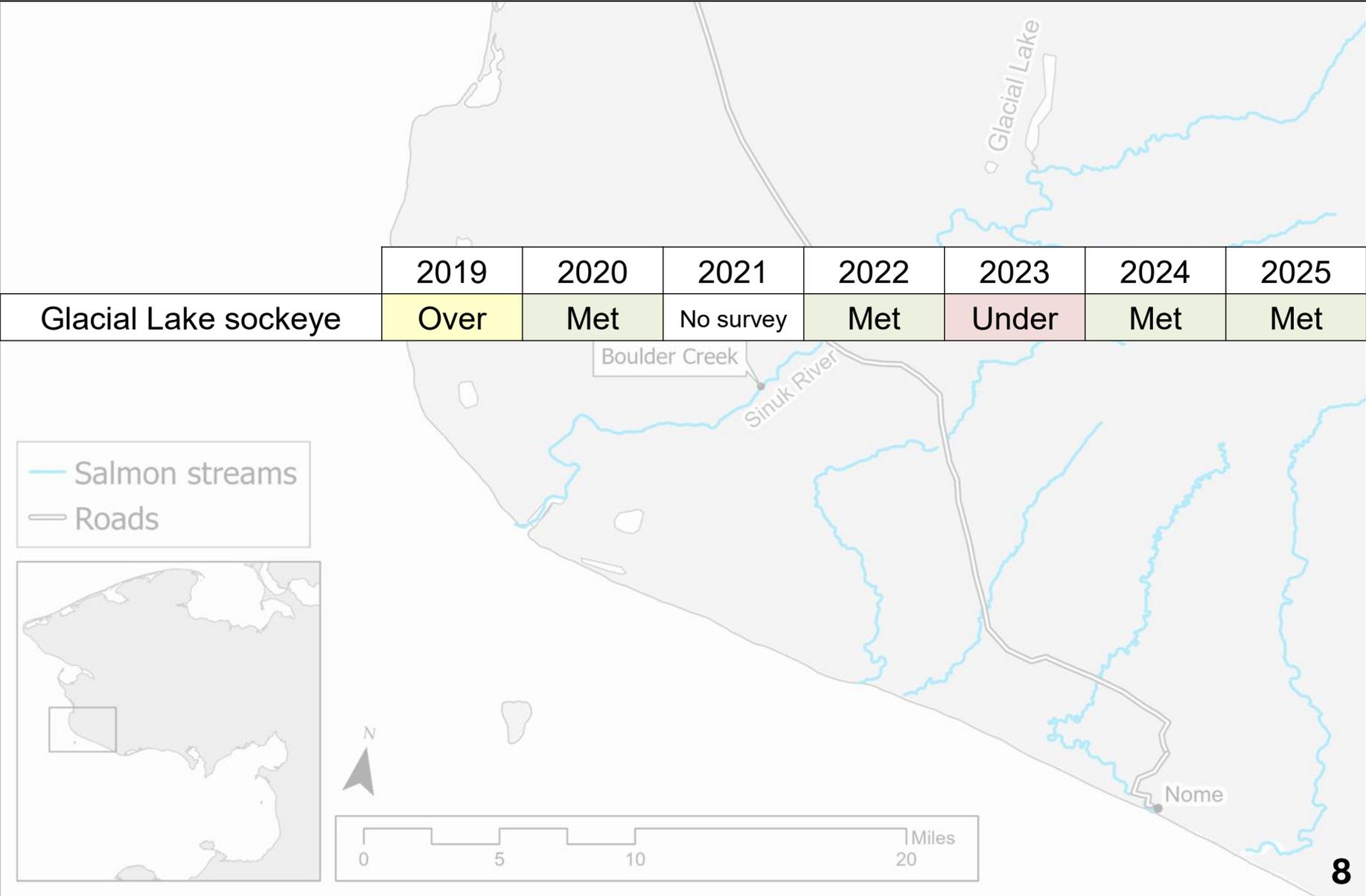
Nome Subdistrict 1- Glacial Lake sockeye

Proposals 30 & 31

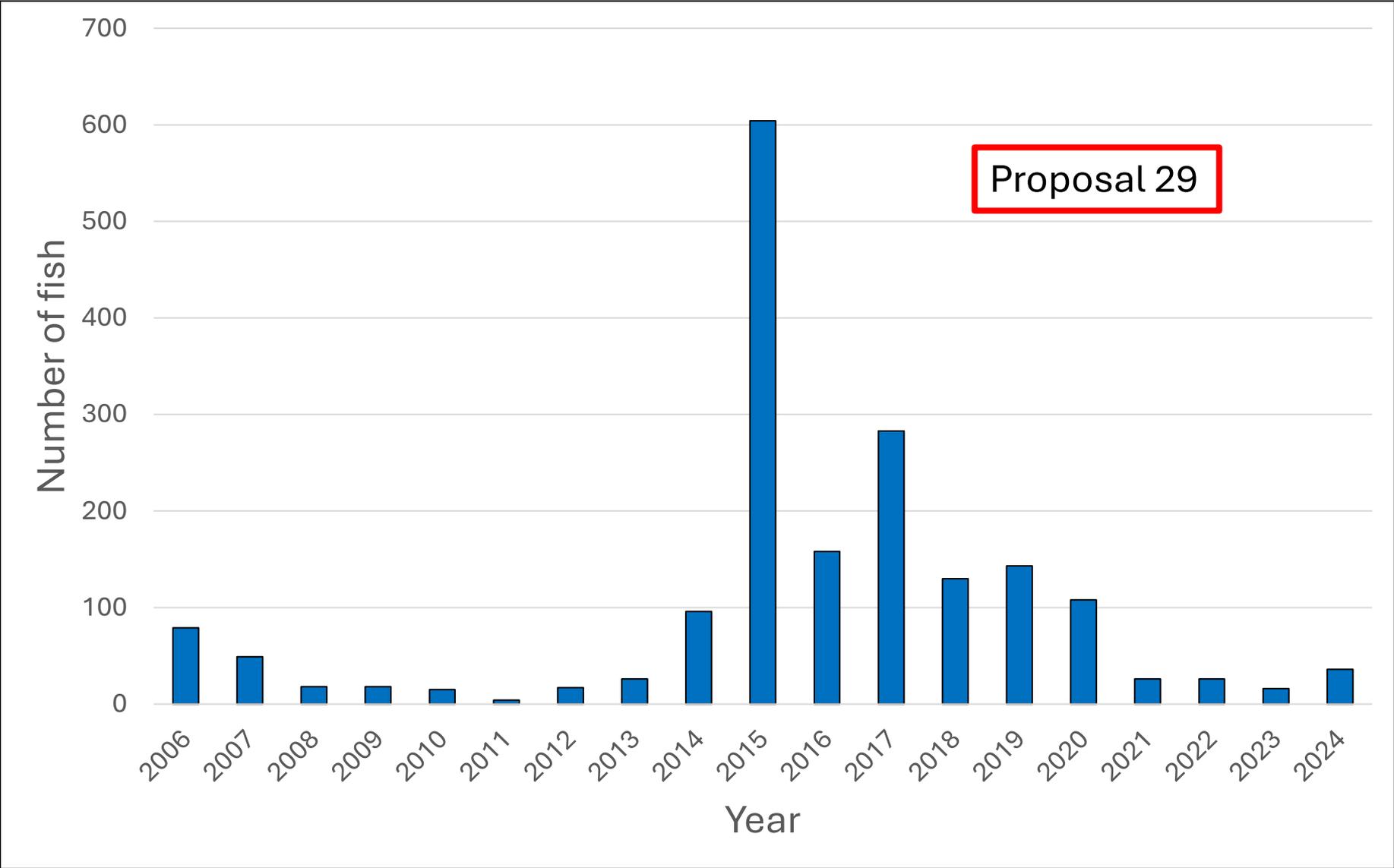


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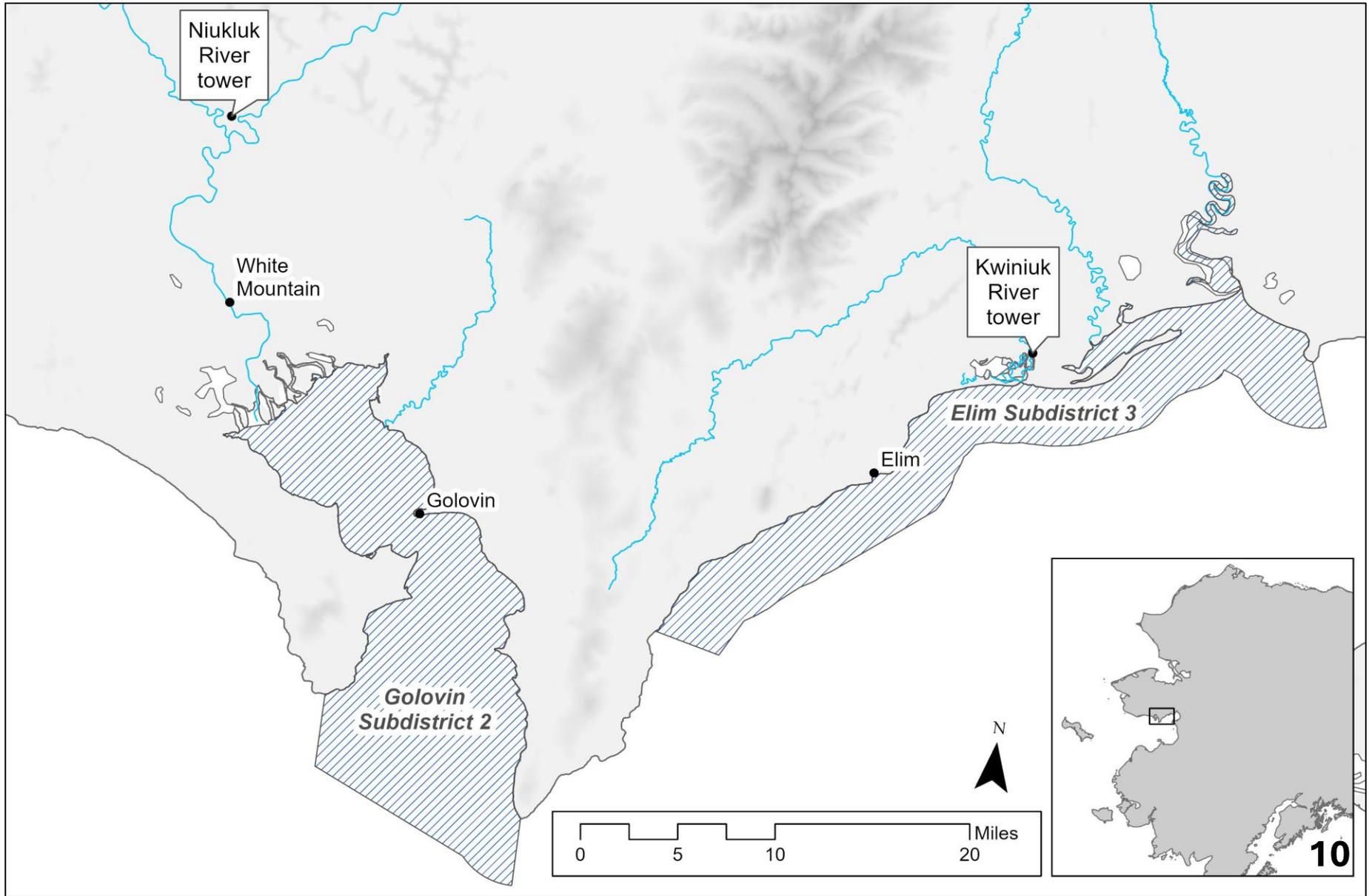
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Glacial Lake sockeye	Over	Met	No survey	Met	Under	Met	Met



Nome Subdistrict 1- Sinuk River sockeye subsistence harvest



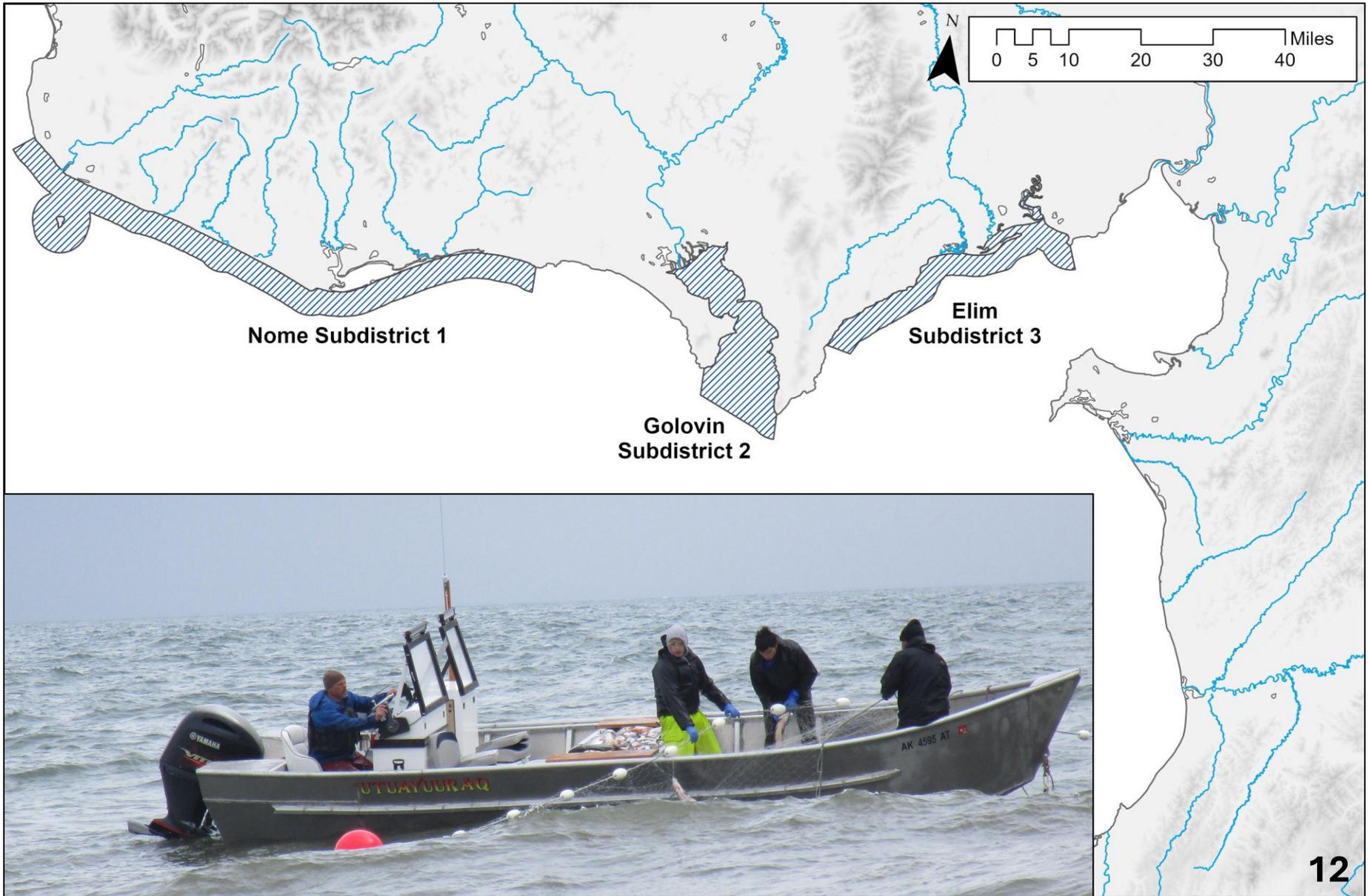
Northern Norton Sound- Golovin Subdistrict 2 & Elim Subdistrict 3



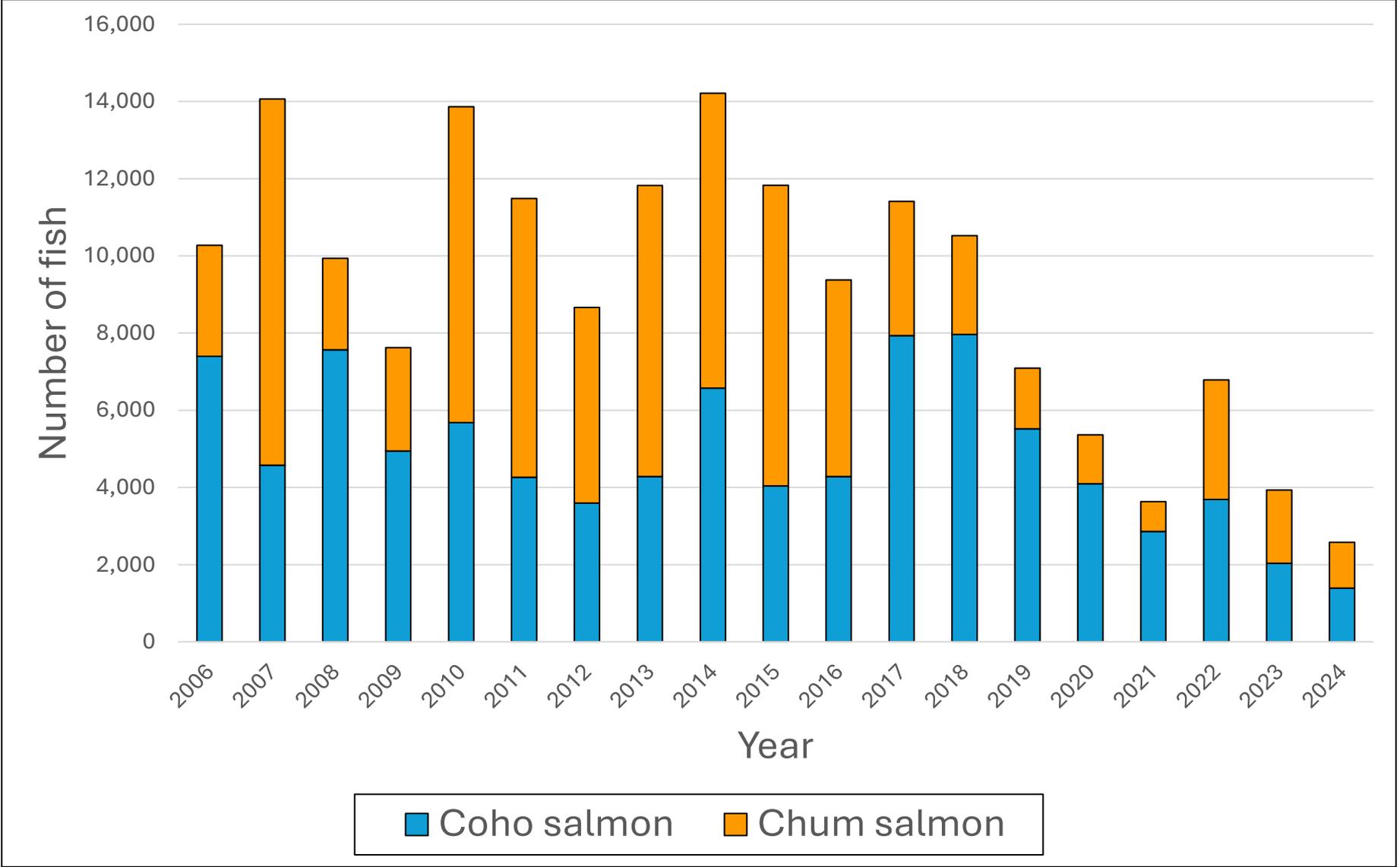
Golovin Subdistrict 2 & Elim Subdistrict 3- Escapement goals

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Kwiniuk River kings	Under	Met	Under	Under	Under	Under	Under
Kwiniuk River chum	Met	Under	Under	Met	Under	Under	Under
Tubutulik River chum	No survey	Under	No survey				
Kwiniuk River pinks	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met	Met
Niukluk River coho	No survey	No survey	No survey	Under	Met	Over	Under
Kwiniuk River coho	No survey	No survey	No survey	Over	No survey	Over	Over

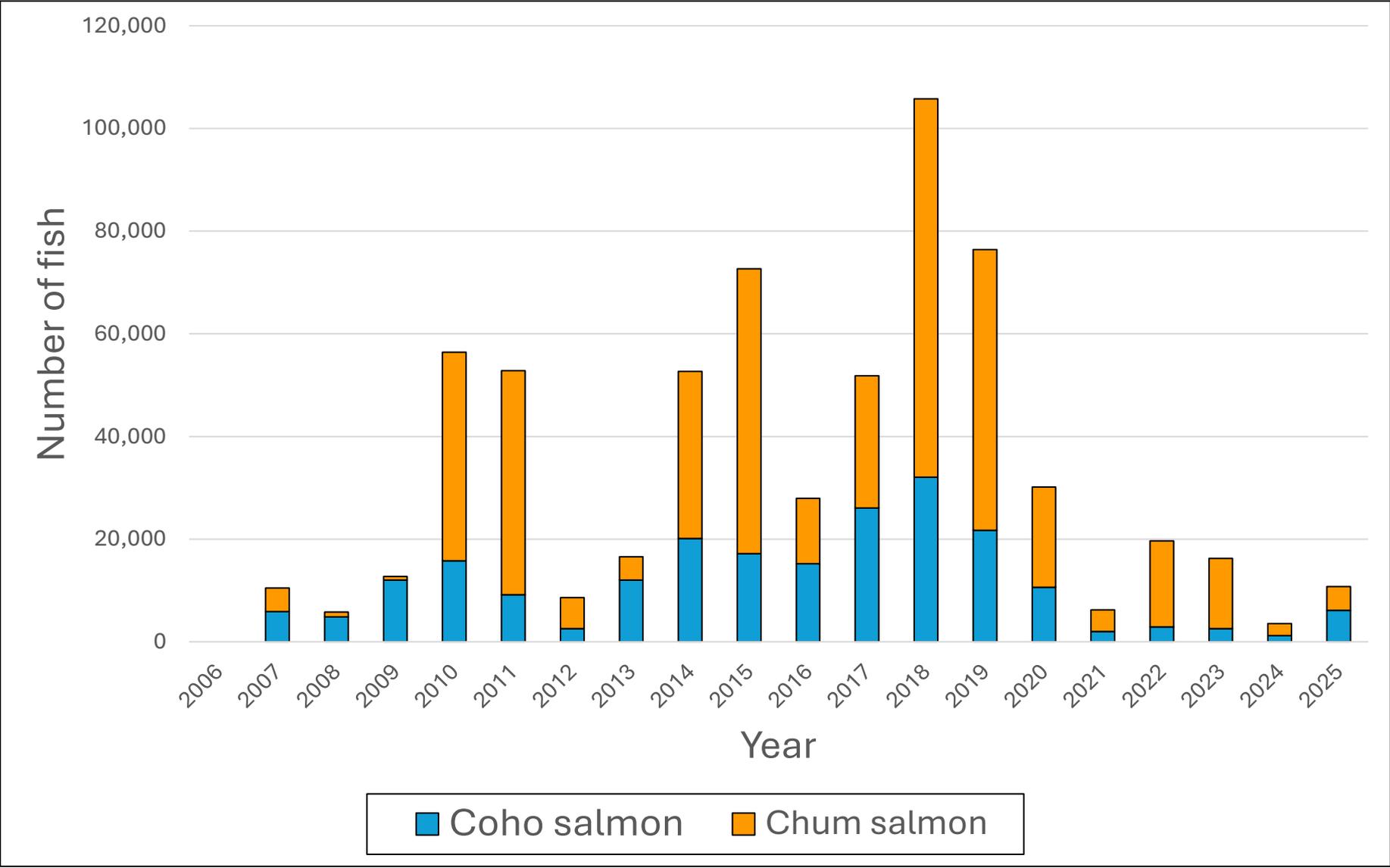
Northern Norton Sound- Salmon harvest



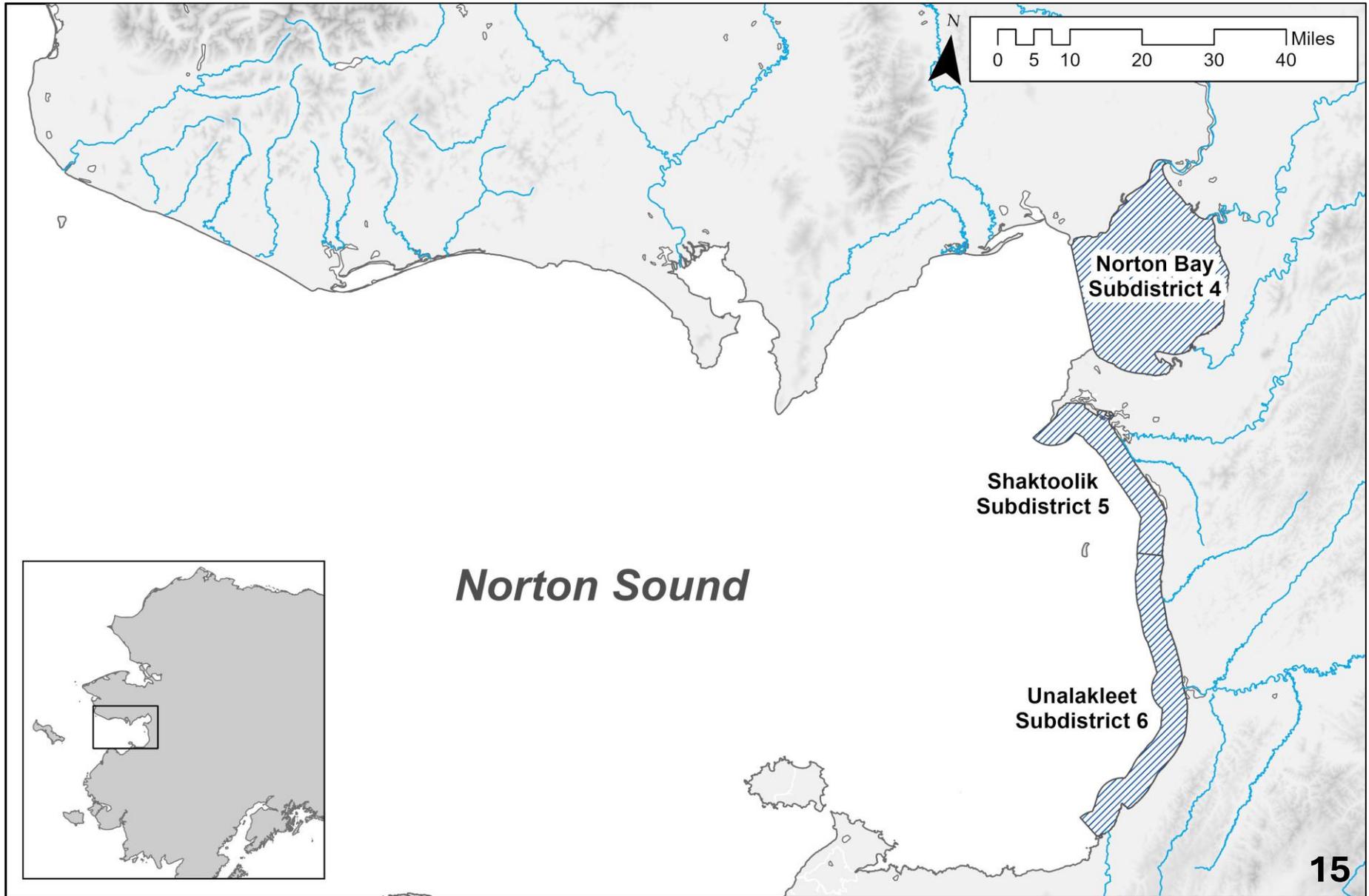
Northern Norton Sound- Subsistence harvest



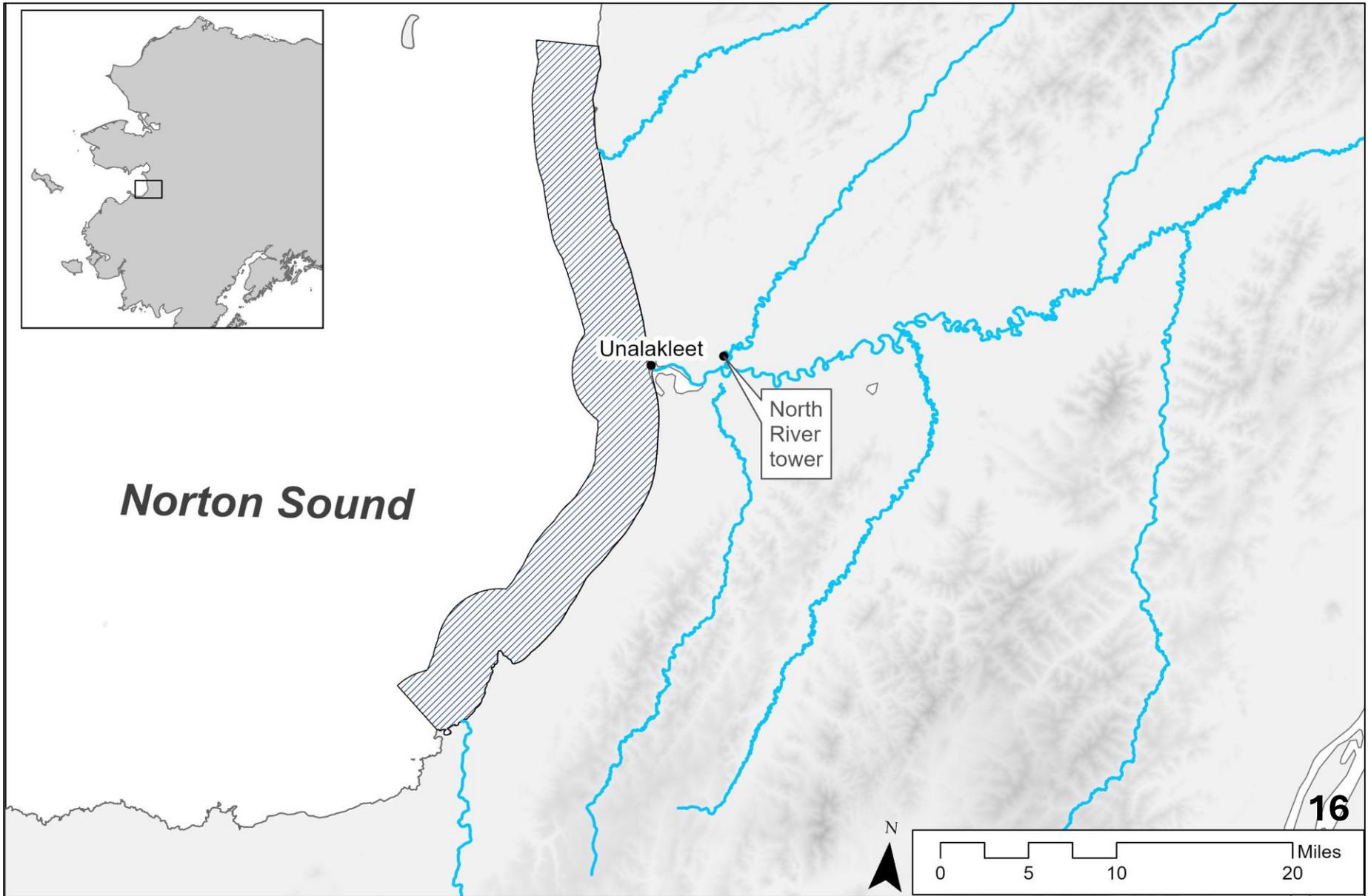
Northern Norton Sound- Commercial harvest



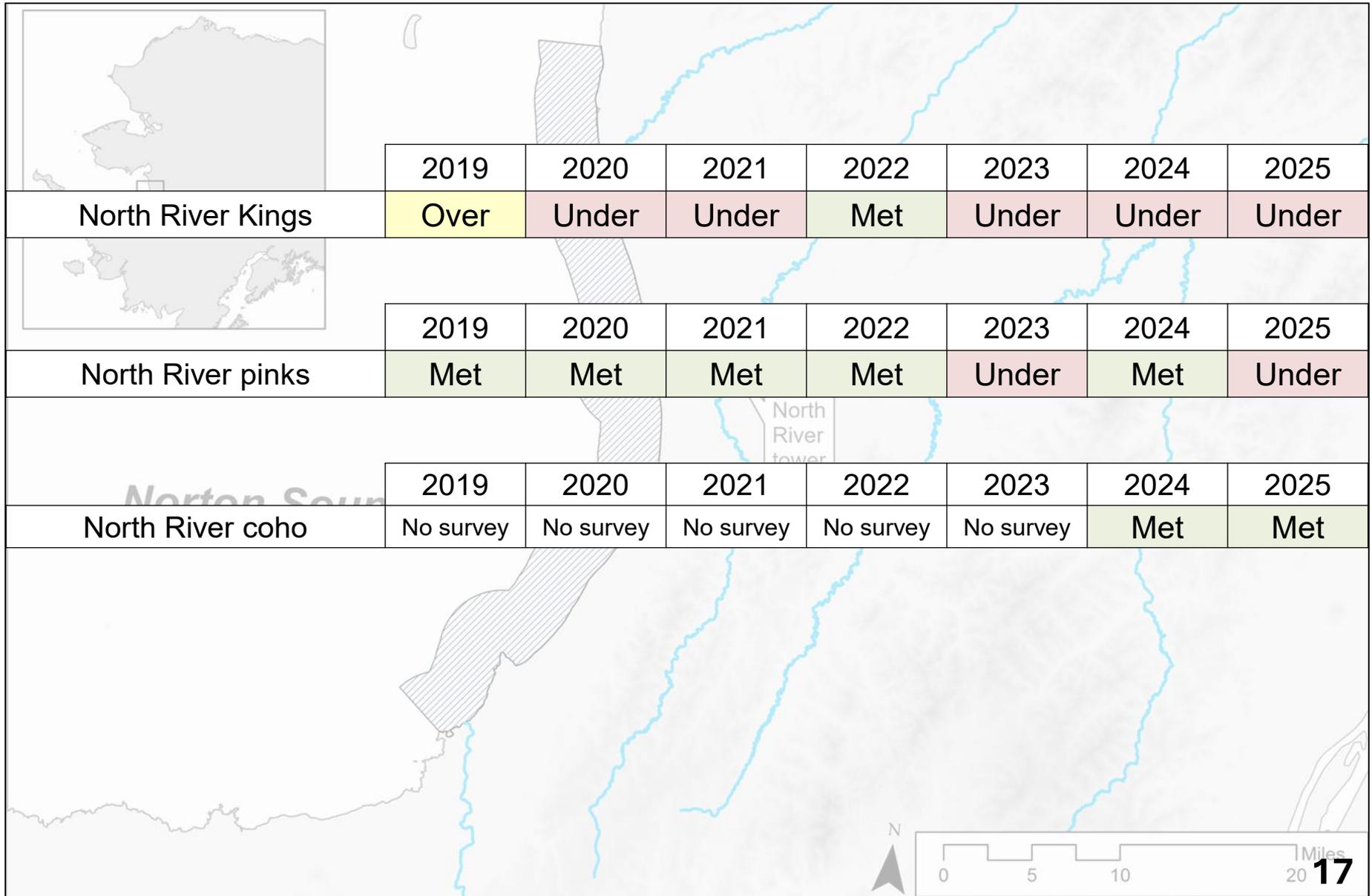
Southern Norton Sound- Subdistricts 4-6



Southern Norton Sound- Unalakleet Subdistrict 6



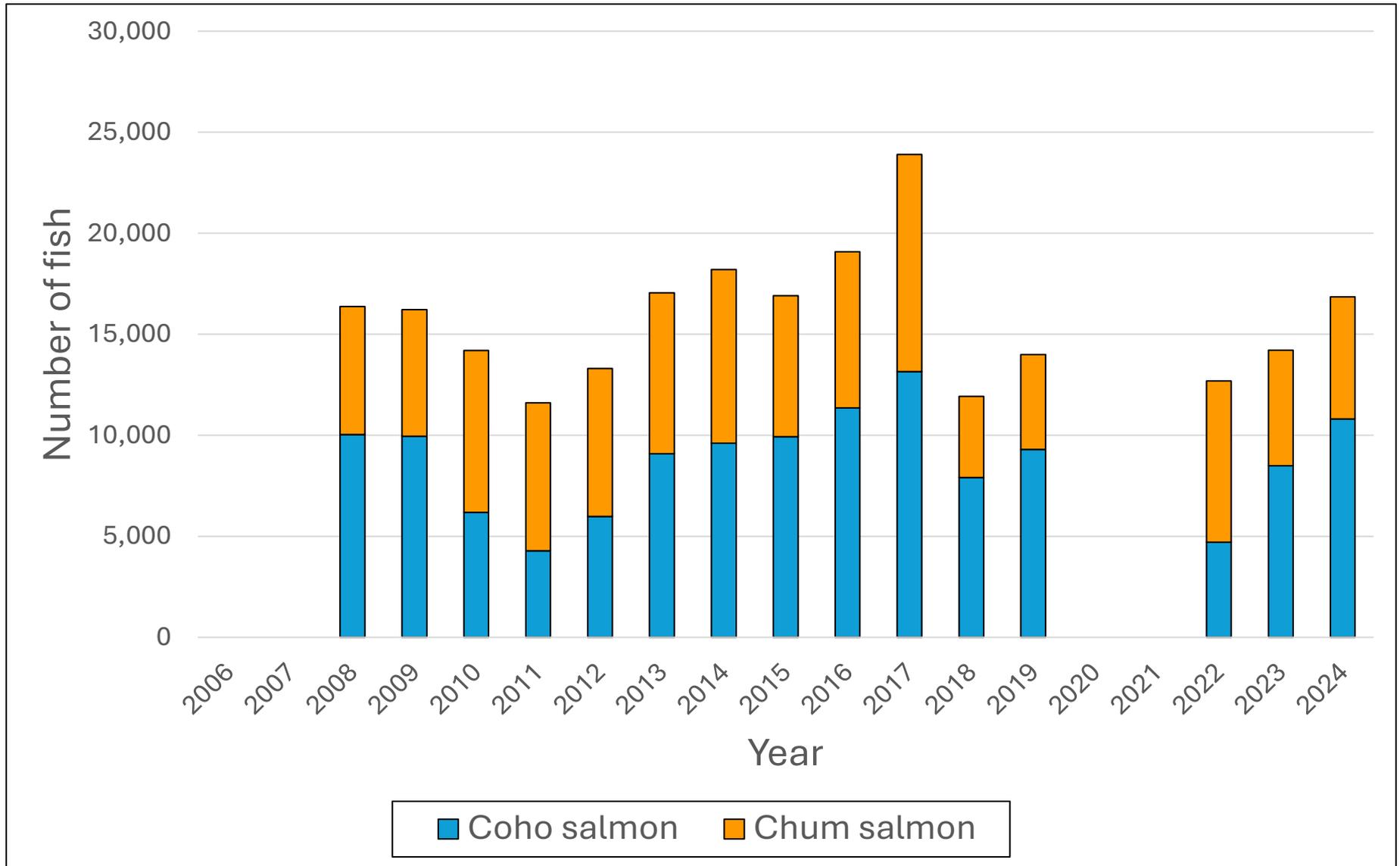
Unalakleet Subdistrict 6- Escapement goals



Southern Norton Sound- Salmon harvest

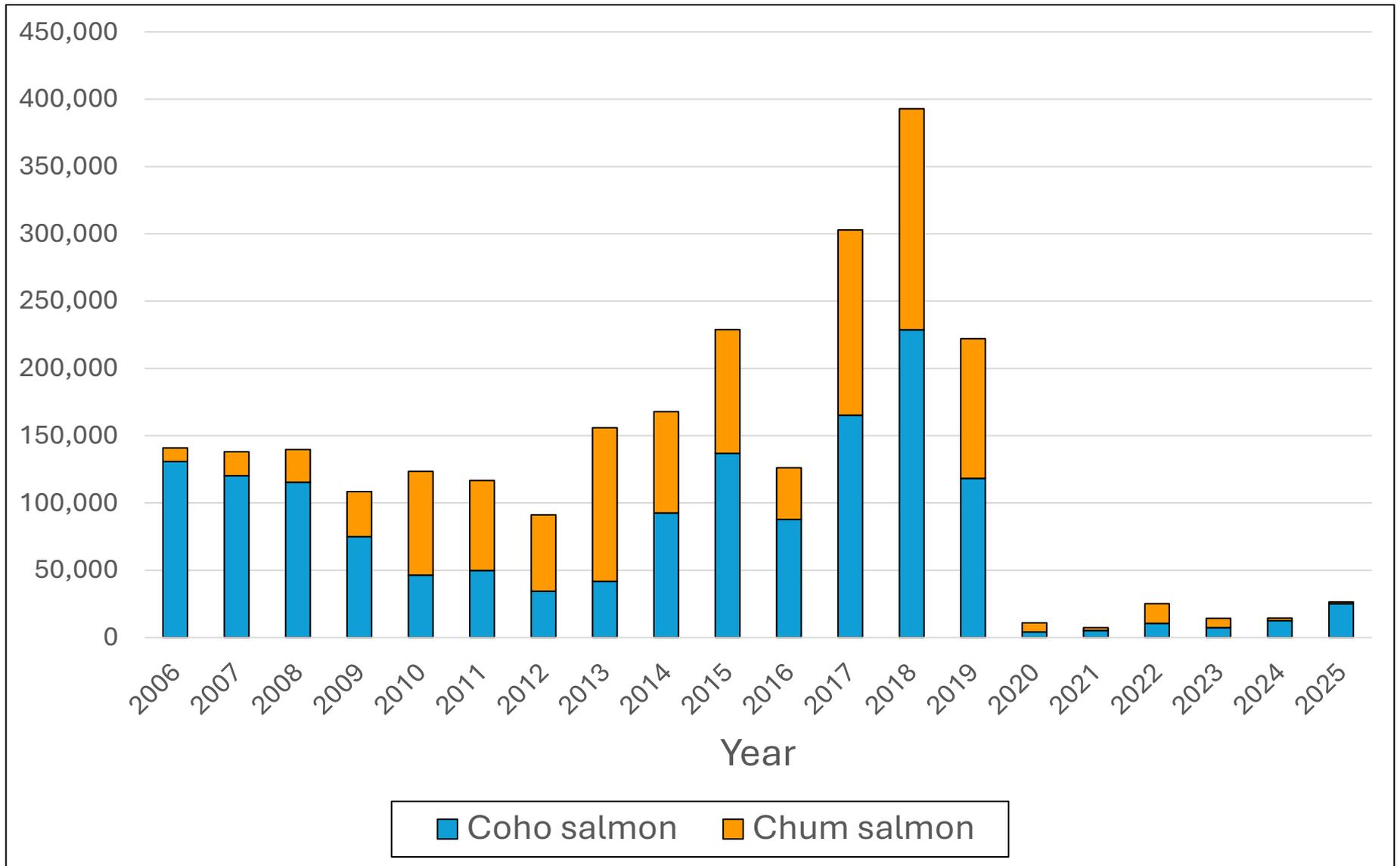


Southern Norton Sound- Subsistence harvest

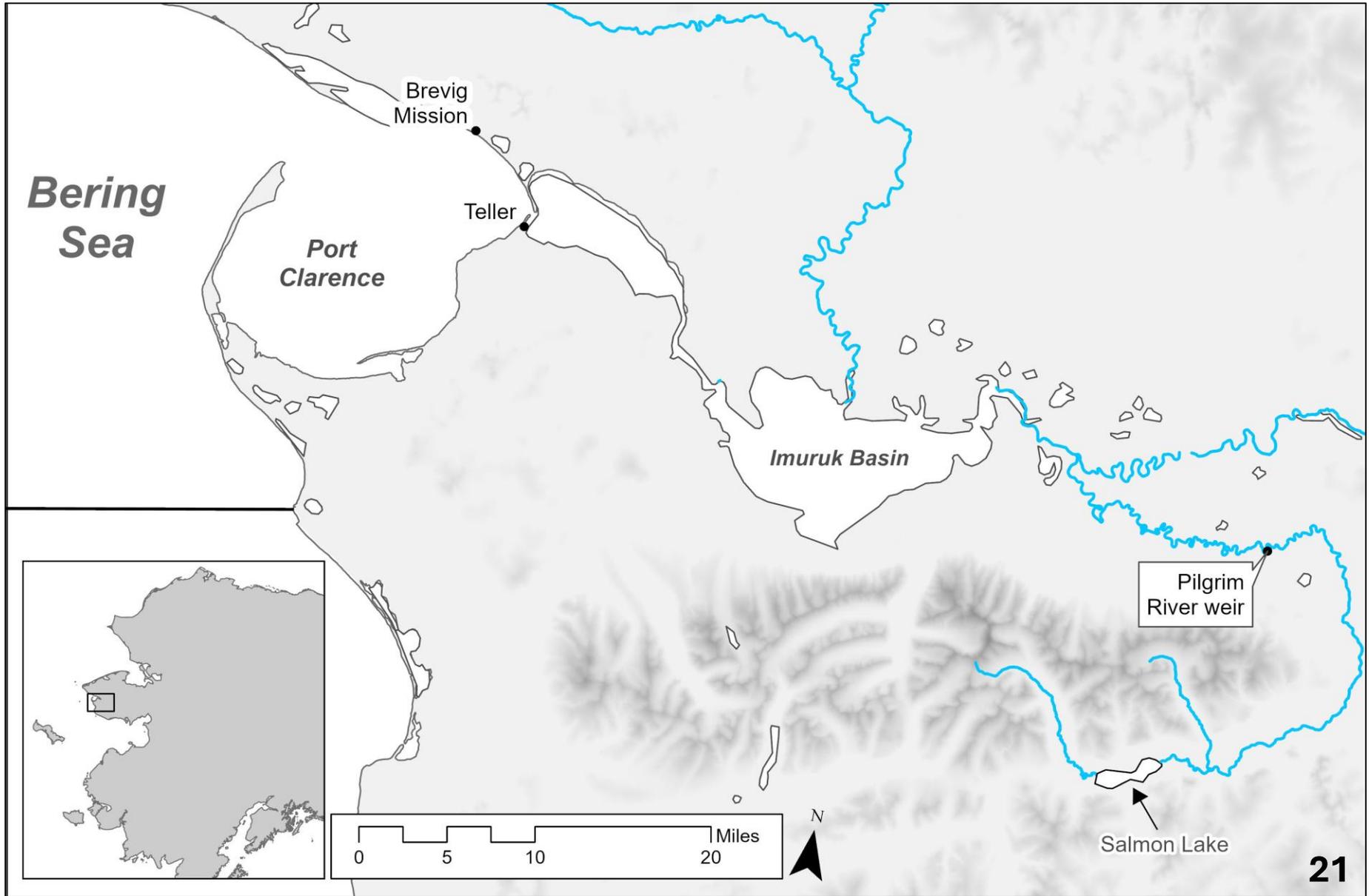


* Gaps in subsistence harvest data correspond to years with incomplete surveys

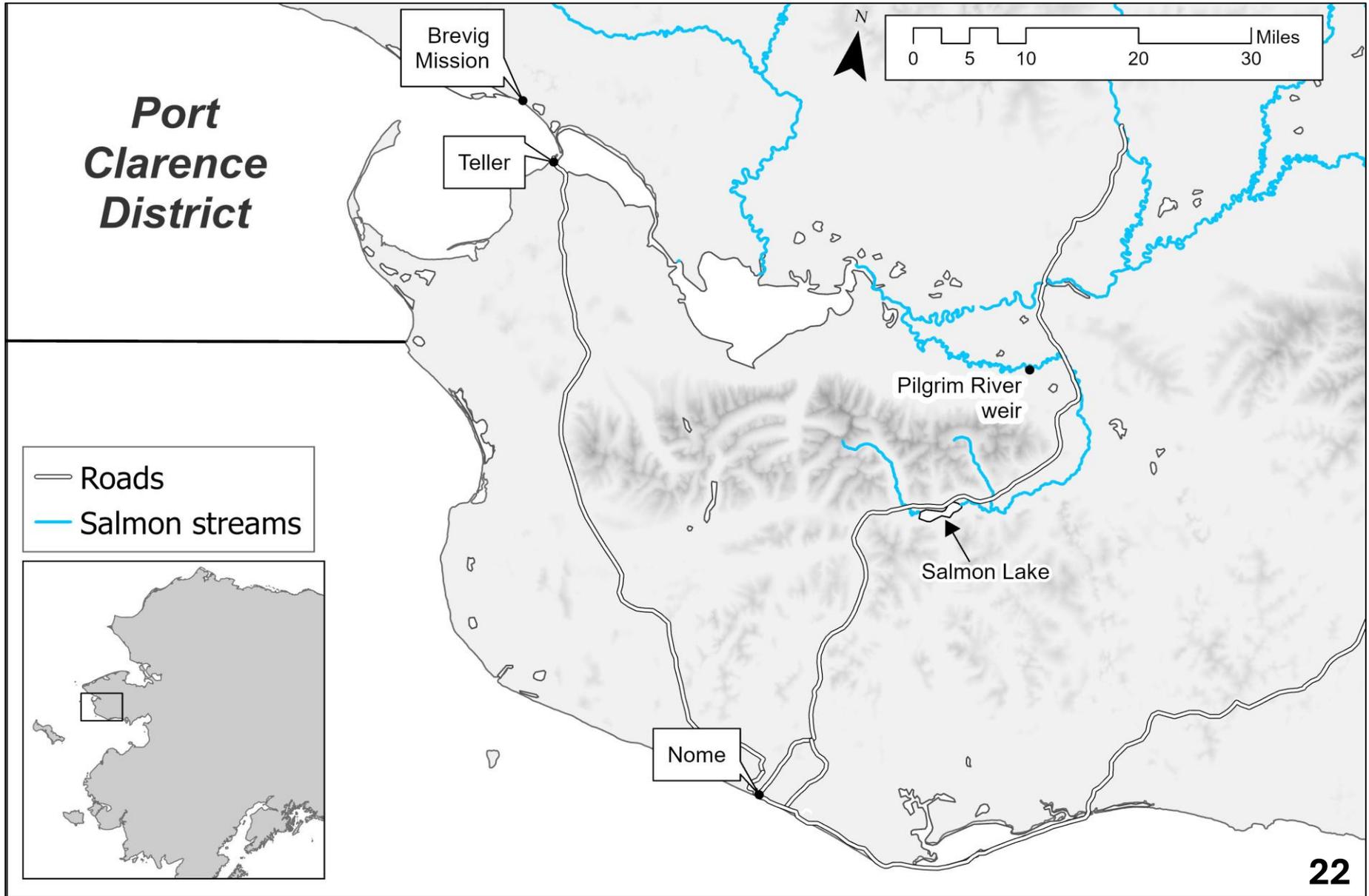
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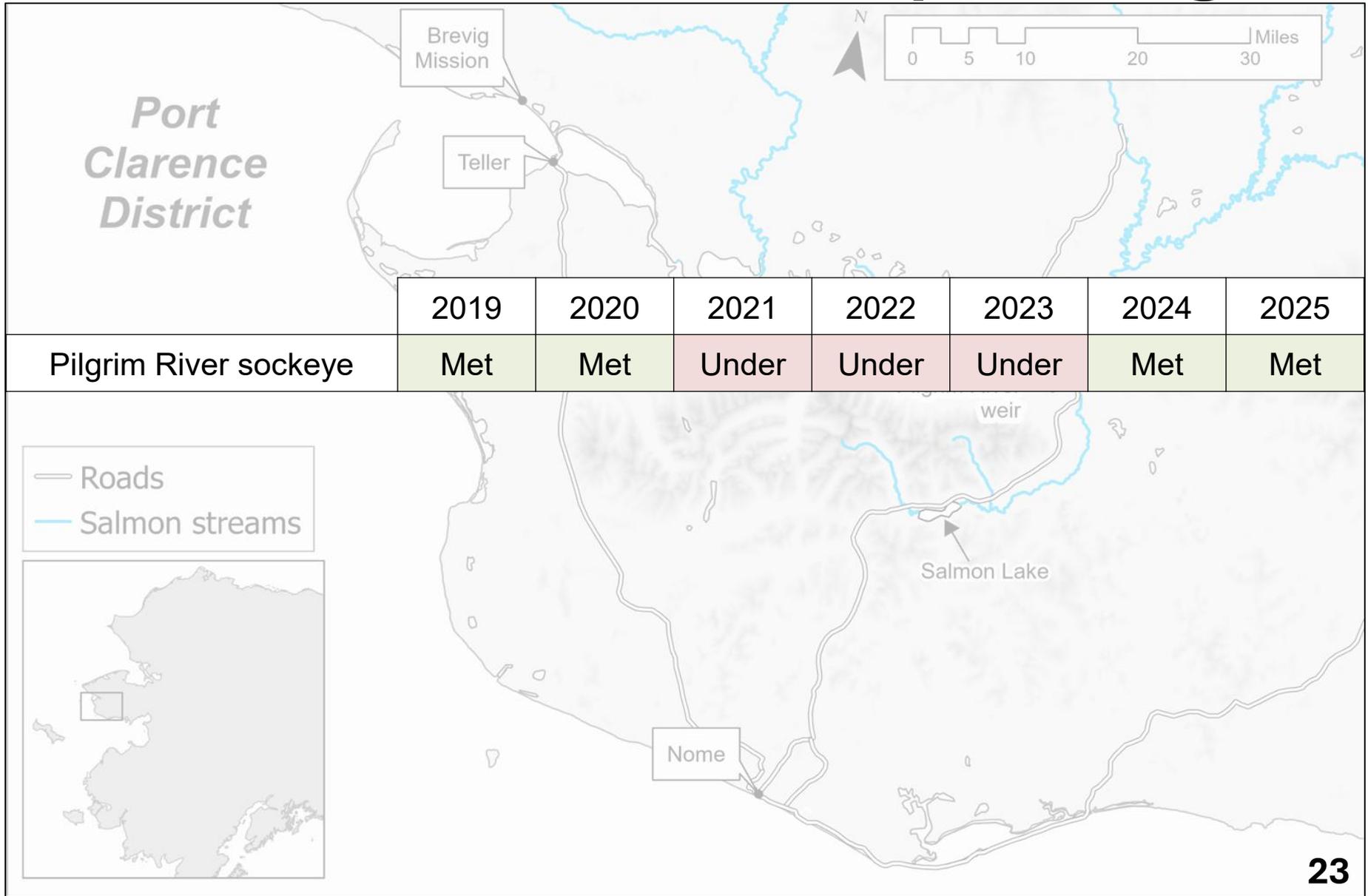
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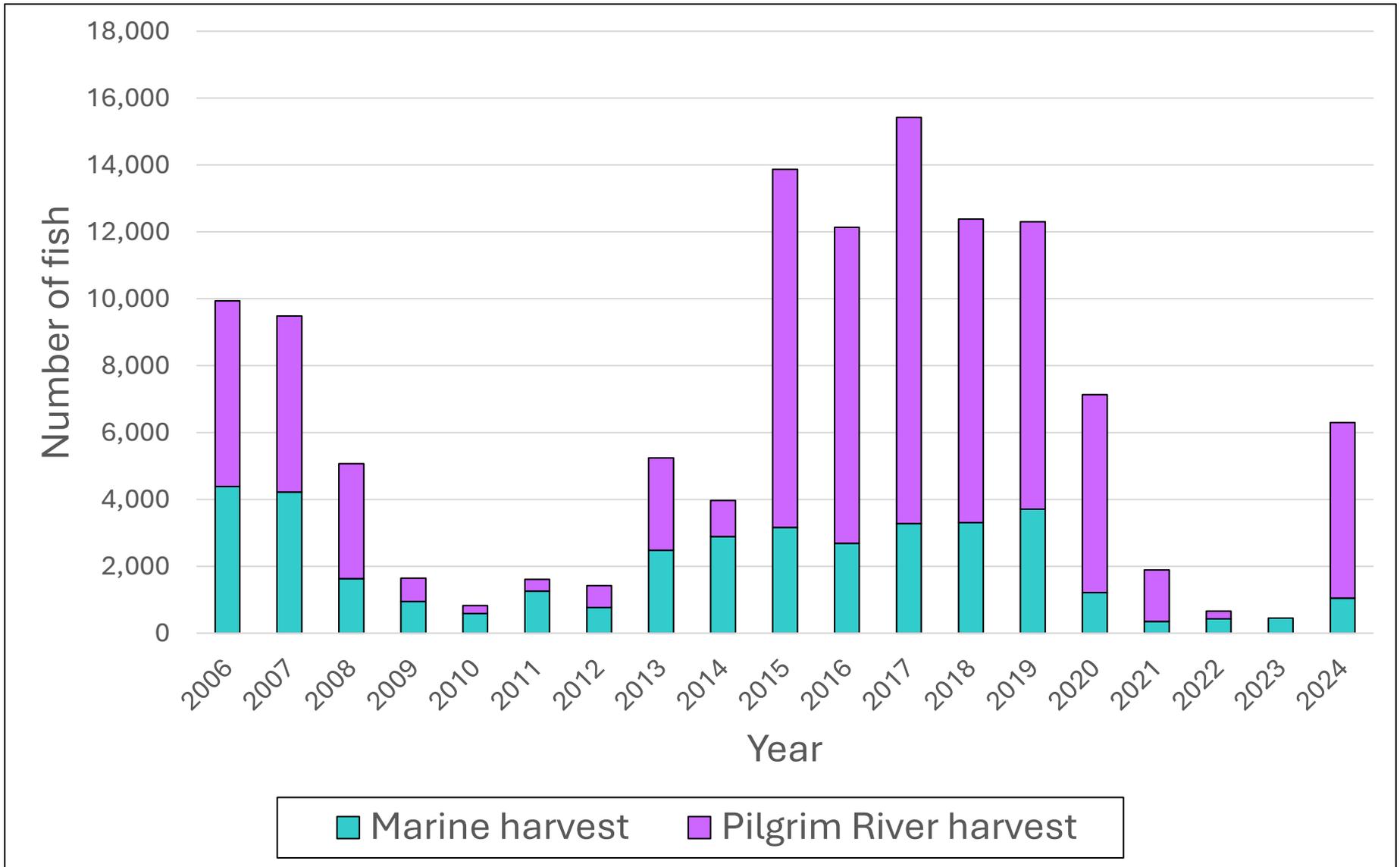
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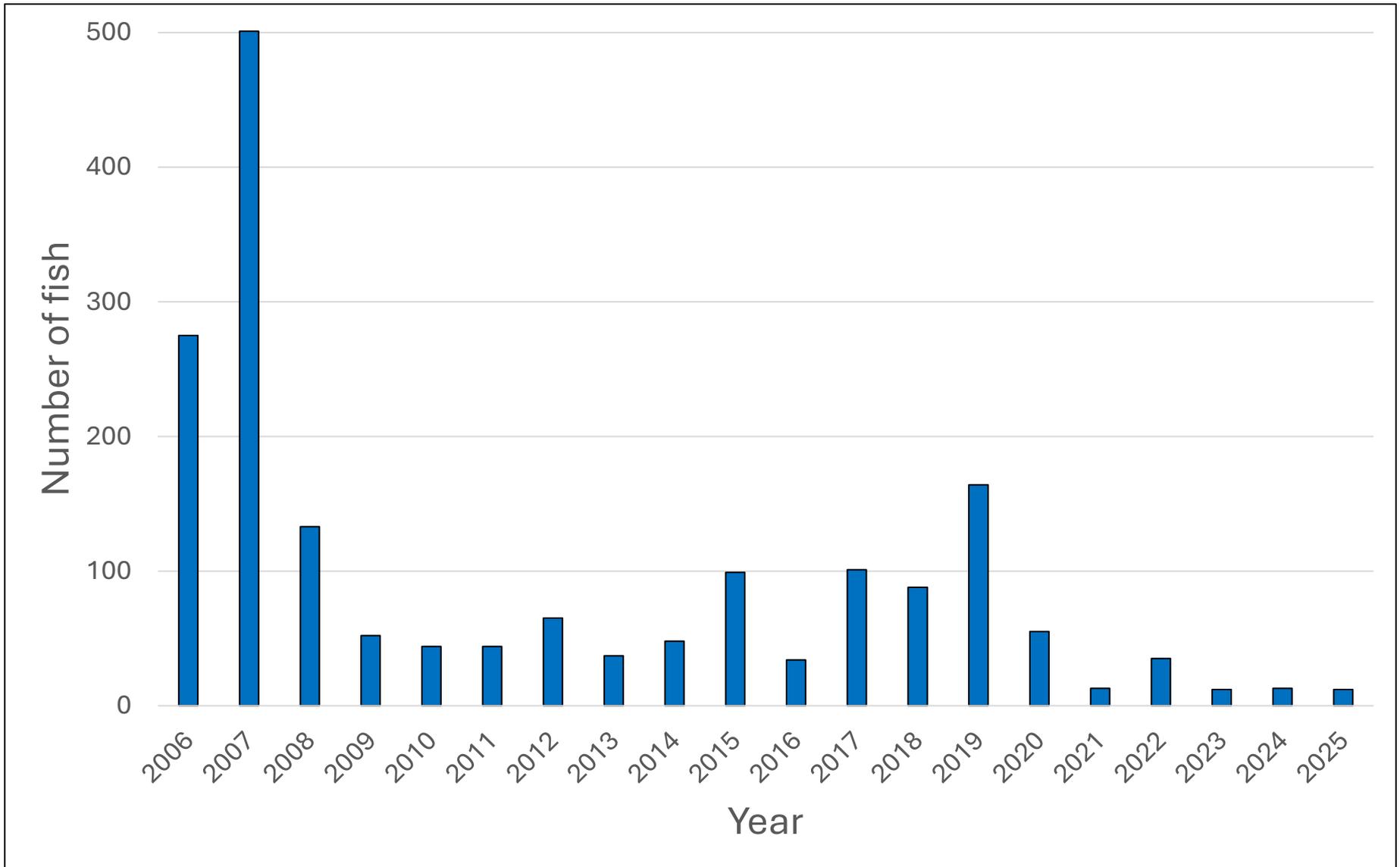
Port Clarence District- Escapement goals



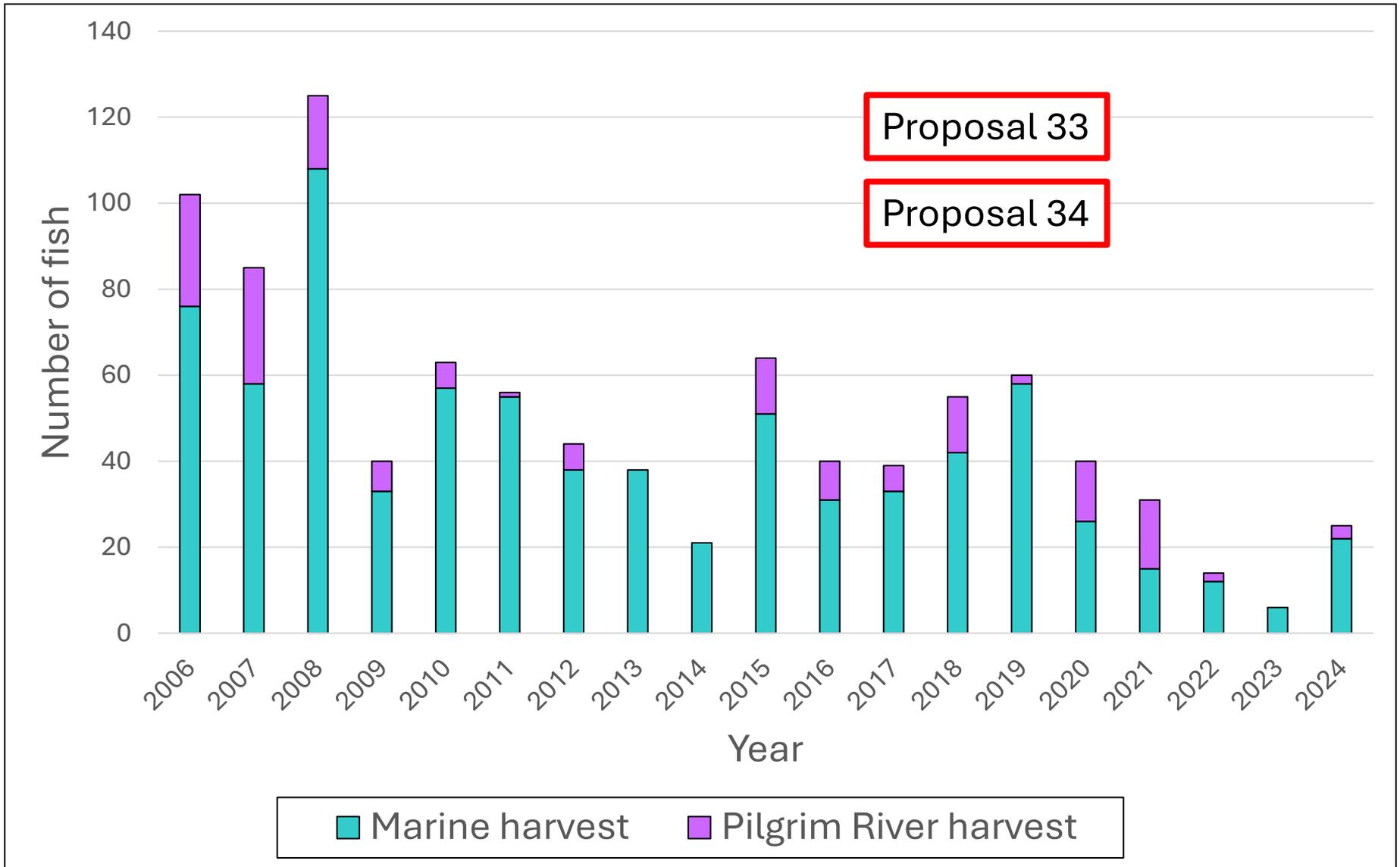
Port Clarence District- Sockeye subsistence harvest



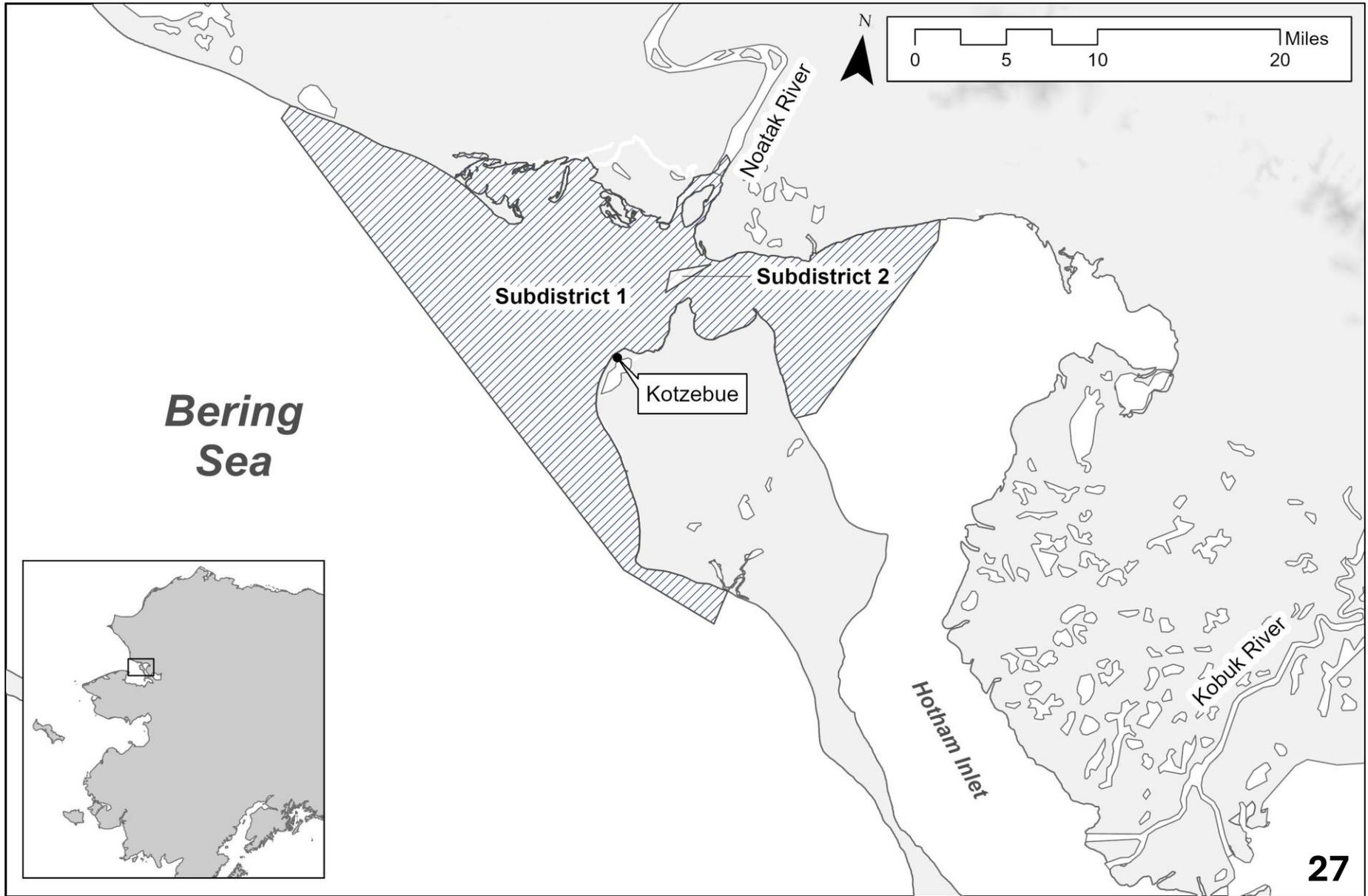
Port Clarence District- King escapement



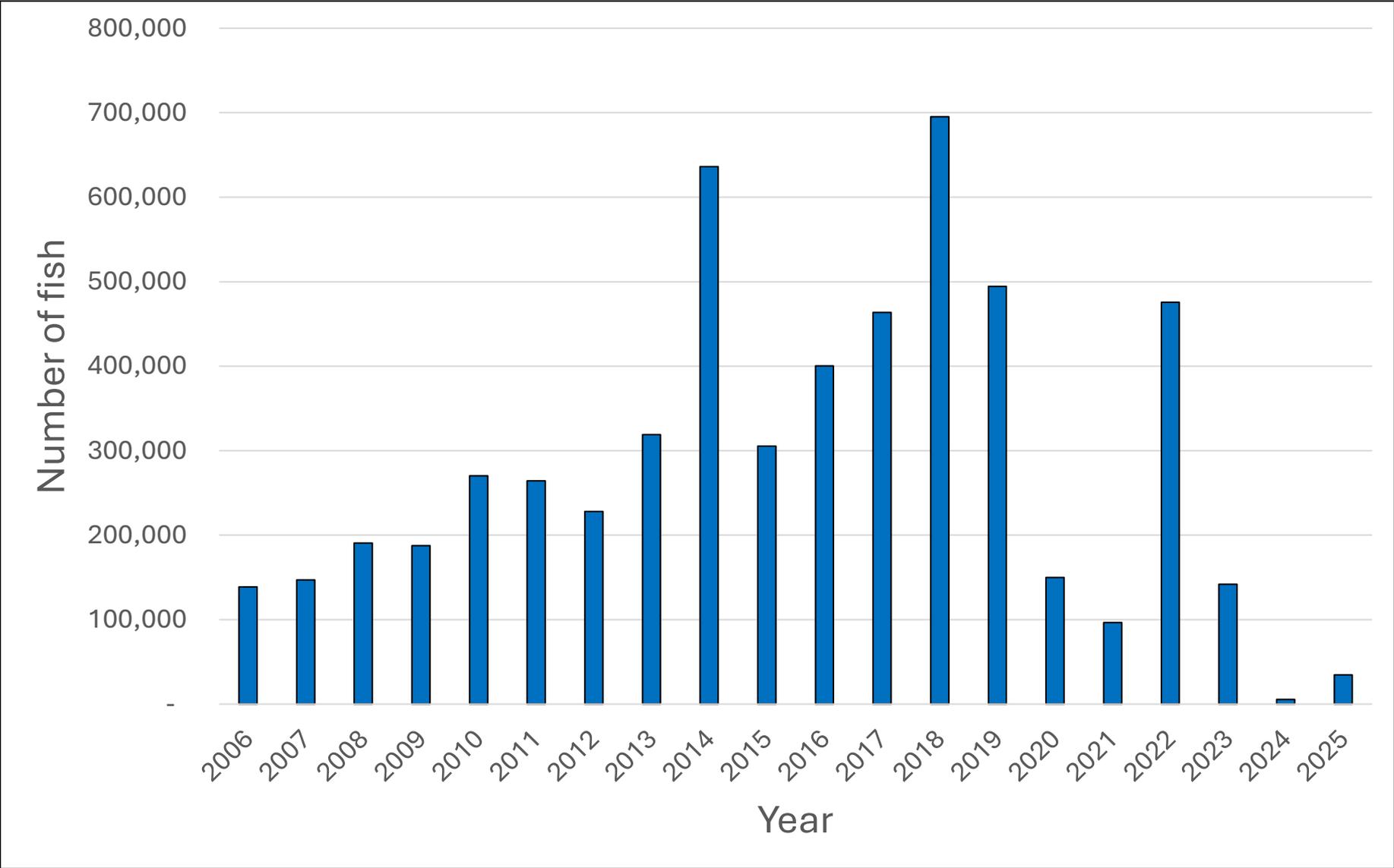
Port Clarence District- King subsistence harvest



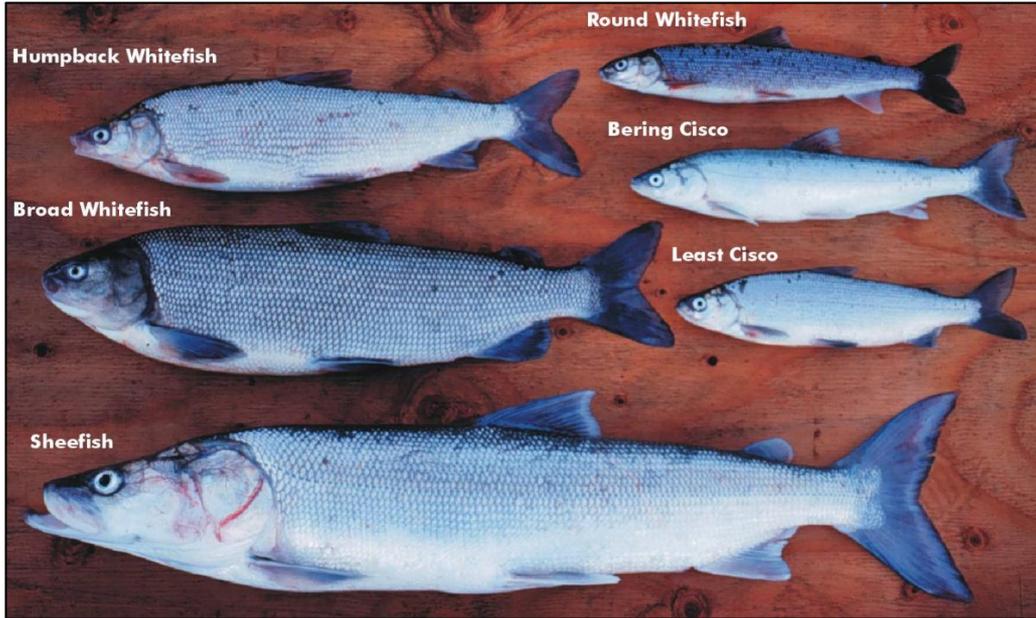
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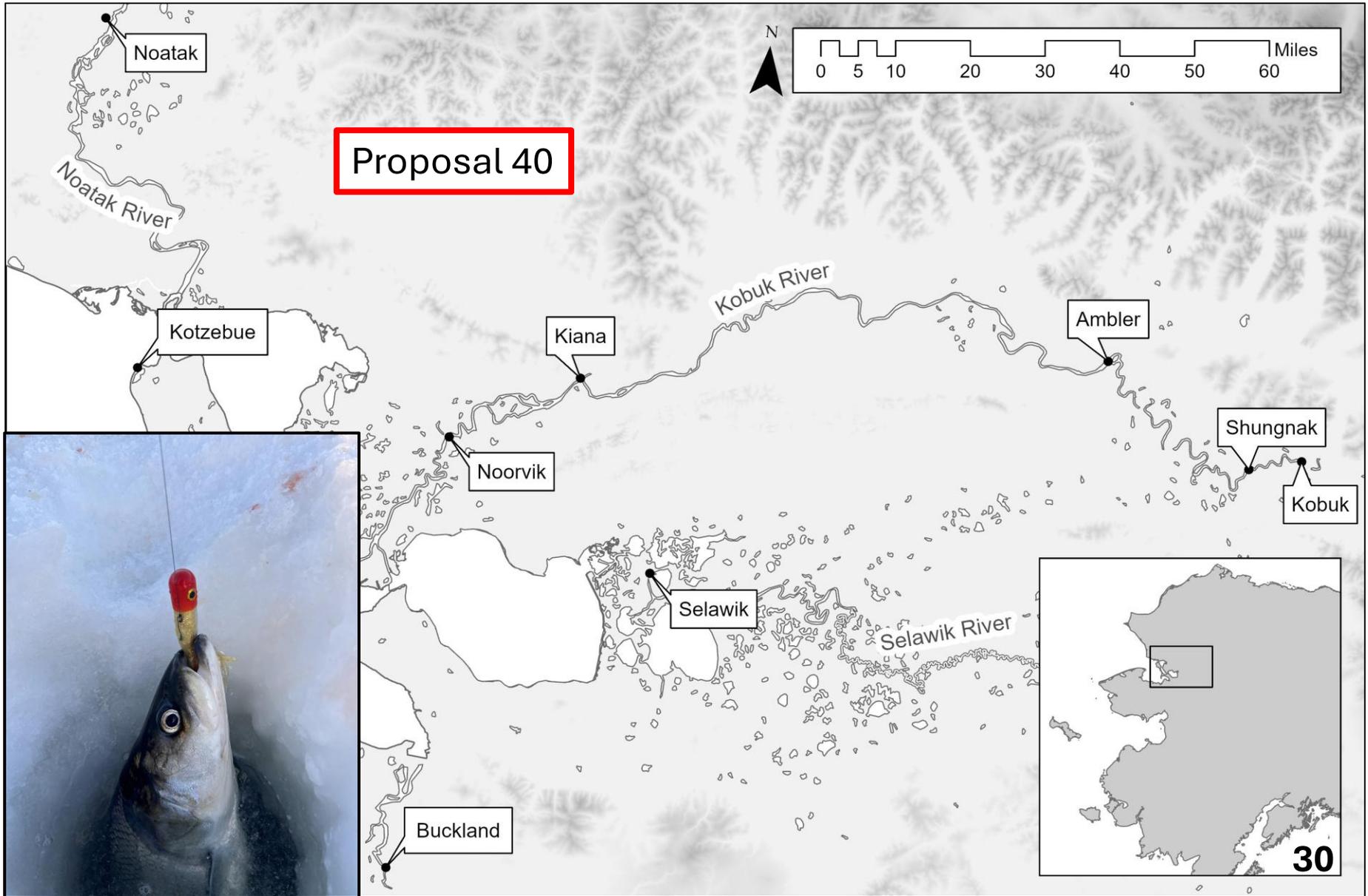
Kotzebue District- Commercial chum harvest



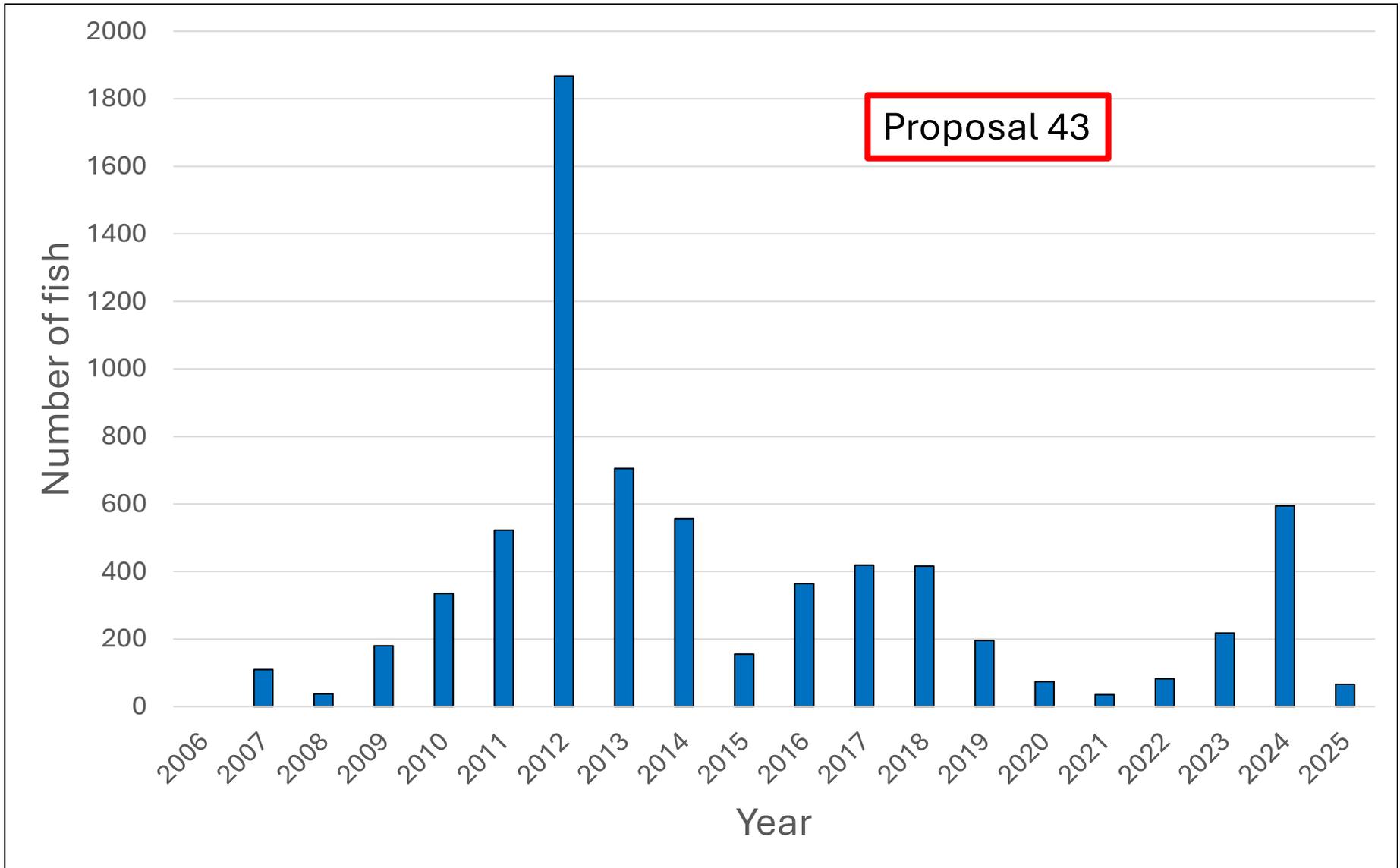
Kotzebue District- Sheefish



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Kotzebue District- Commercial and personal use sheefish harvest



Research

- **Southern Norton Sound**
 - Unalakleet sonar

- **Kotzebue**
 - Chum escapement monitoring
 - Chum genetic baseline sampling



Norton Sound- Port Clarence proposals

- **Norton Sound and Port Clarence**
 - **Prop 28-** Define beach seine gear
- **Southern Norton Sound**
 - **Prop 36-** Allow catch-and-release for Kings



Kotzebue proposals

- **Prop 41-** Allow bow and arrow fishing for non-salmon
- **Prop 42 & 43-** Close marine waters adjacent to runway to subsistence and commercial fishing



Subdistricts 5 & 6 King salmon

- Designated by the board as **stock of yield concern** in 2004
- **Designation continued** at work session on 10/28/25
- **Draft action plan** during winter 2025/26
 - Potential regulatory changes
 - Delisting criteria
- **Present to board** in spring 2026





Questions?