

Overview of Sport Fisheries in the Bristol Bay Management Area

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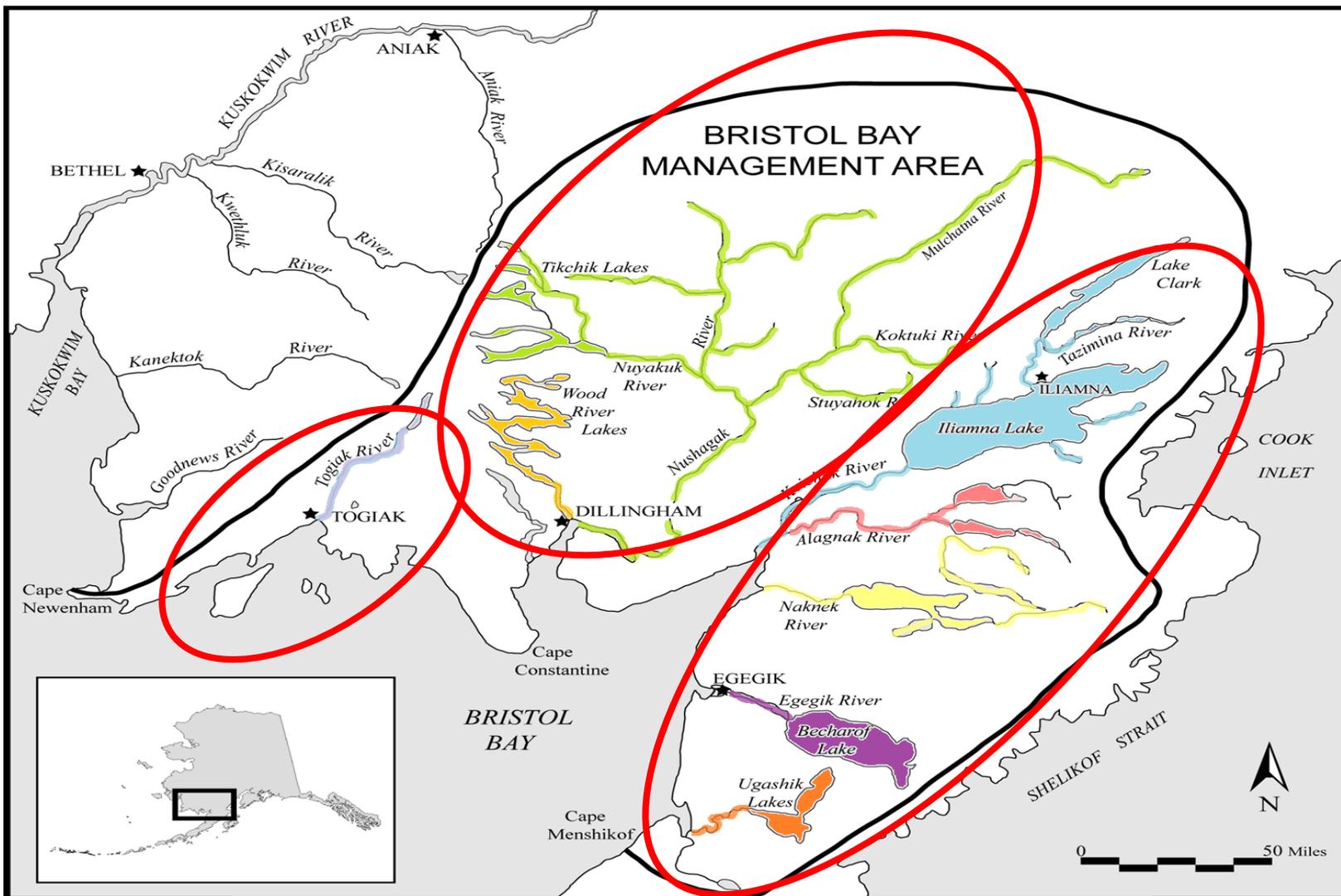
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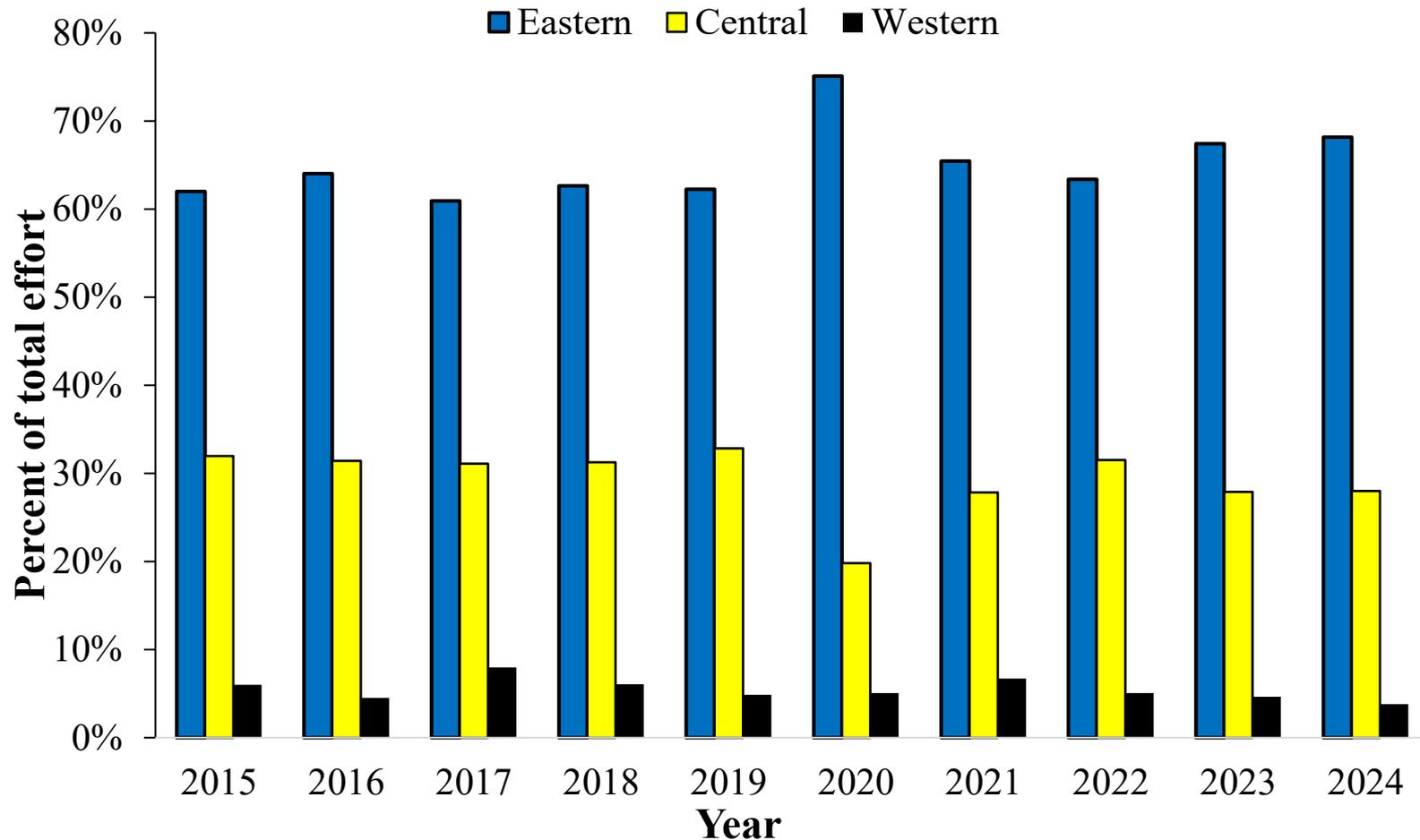


BRISTOL BAY MANAGEMENT AREA (BBMA)

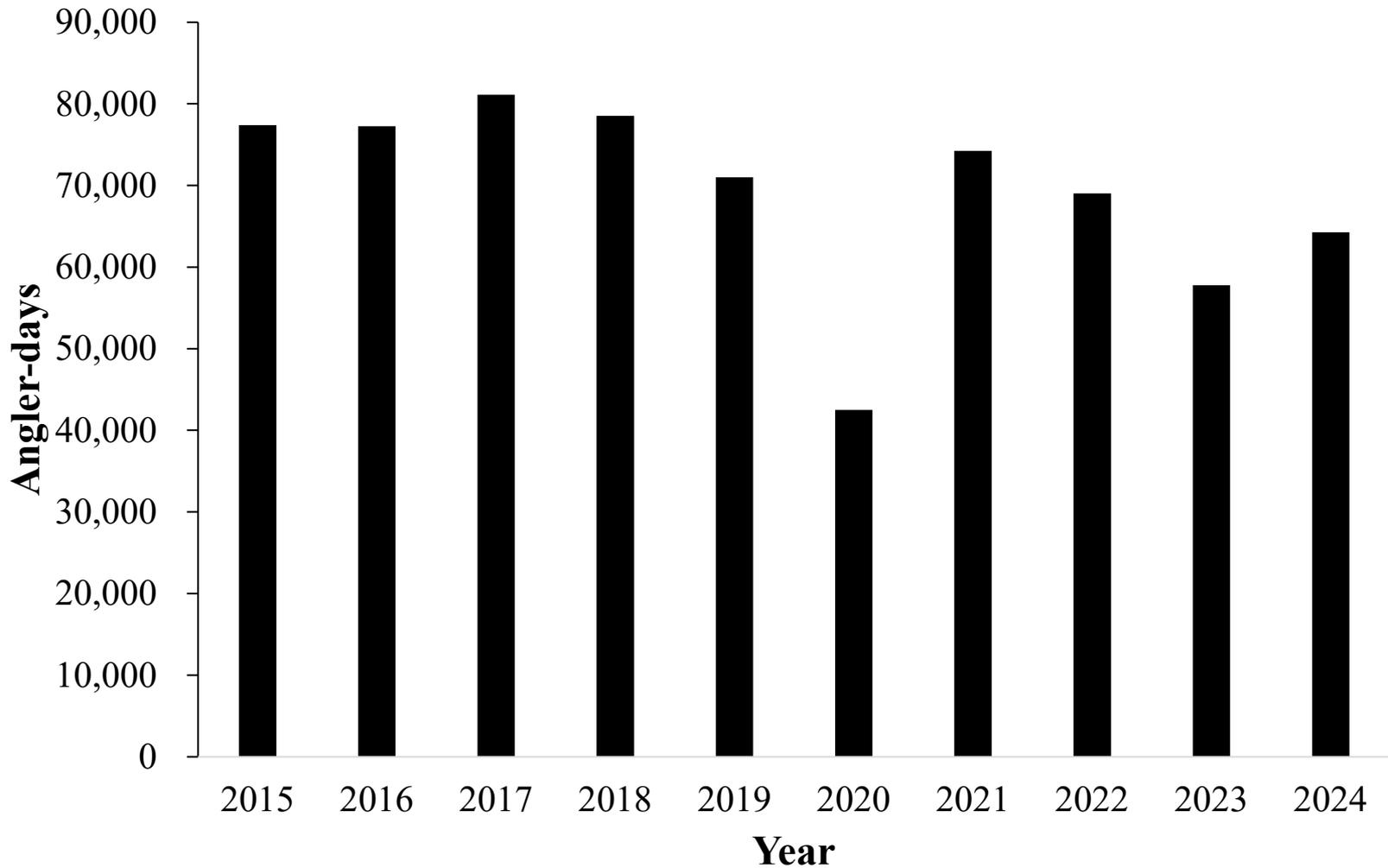
- Approximately 40,000 square miles
- Cape Menshikof to Cape Newenham



Percent of sport fishing effort for BBMA by section, 2015-2024



Bristol Bay sport fishing effort in angler-days, 2015-2024.



2026 Bristol Bay Sport Fish Proposals

Nushagak King Salmon – 3 proposals – 63, 66, 67

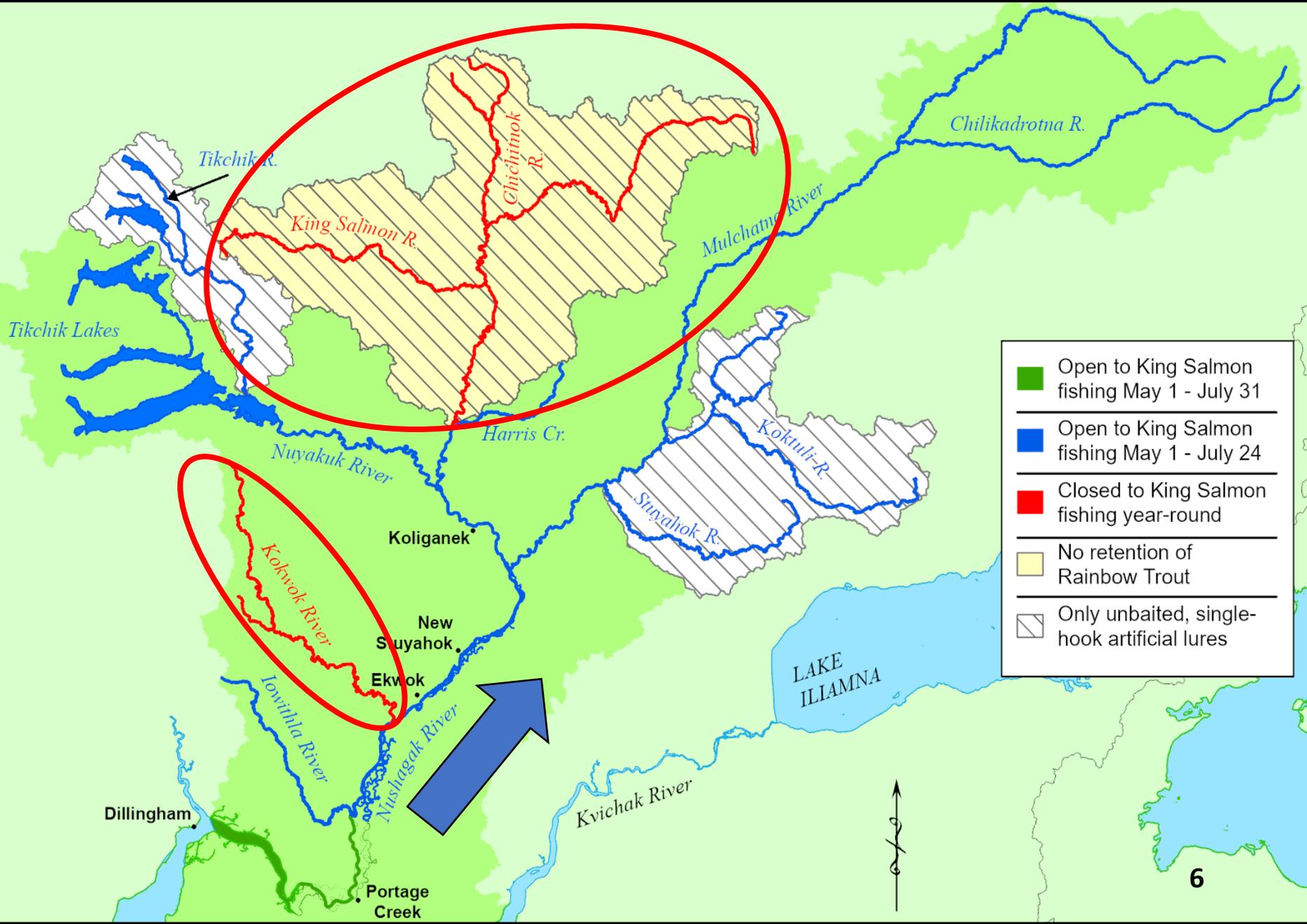
Methods/Means – 6 proposals – 96, 97, 101, 102, 103, 104

Salmon – 3 proposals – 98, 105, 185

Miscellaneous – 2 proposals – 99, 100



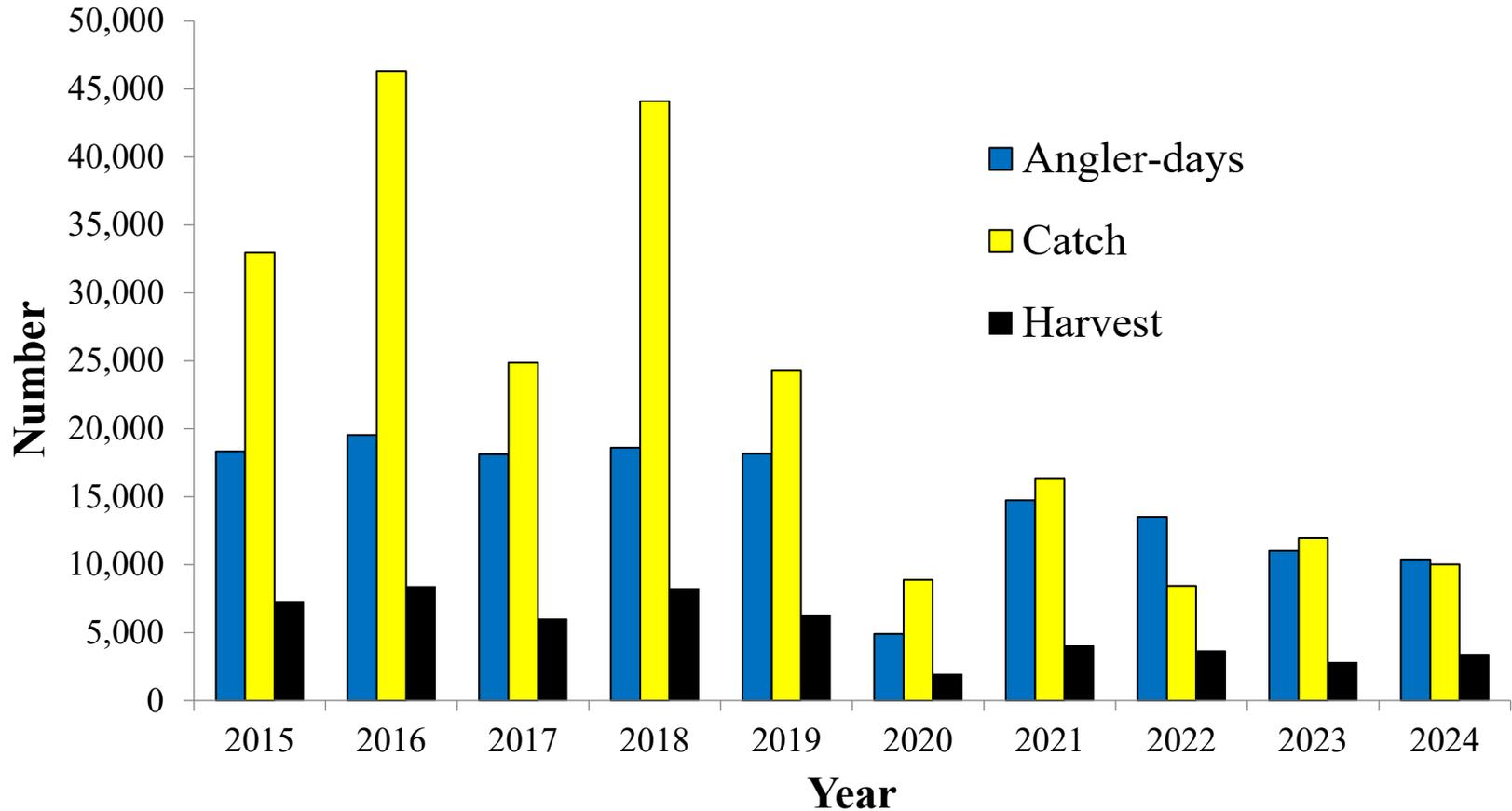
Nushagak/Mulchatna River Drainage



Nushagak River King Salmon

-Addressed in proposals 63, 66, 67

Nushagak River sport fishing effort in angler-days and king salmon catch and harvest 2015-2024.



Mulchatna River King Salmon

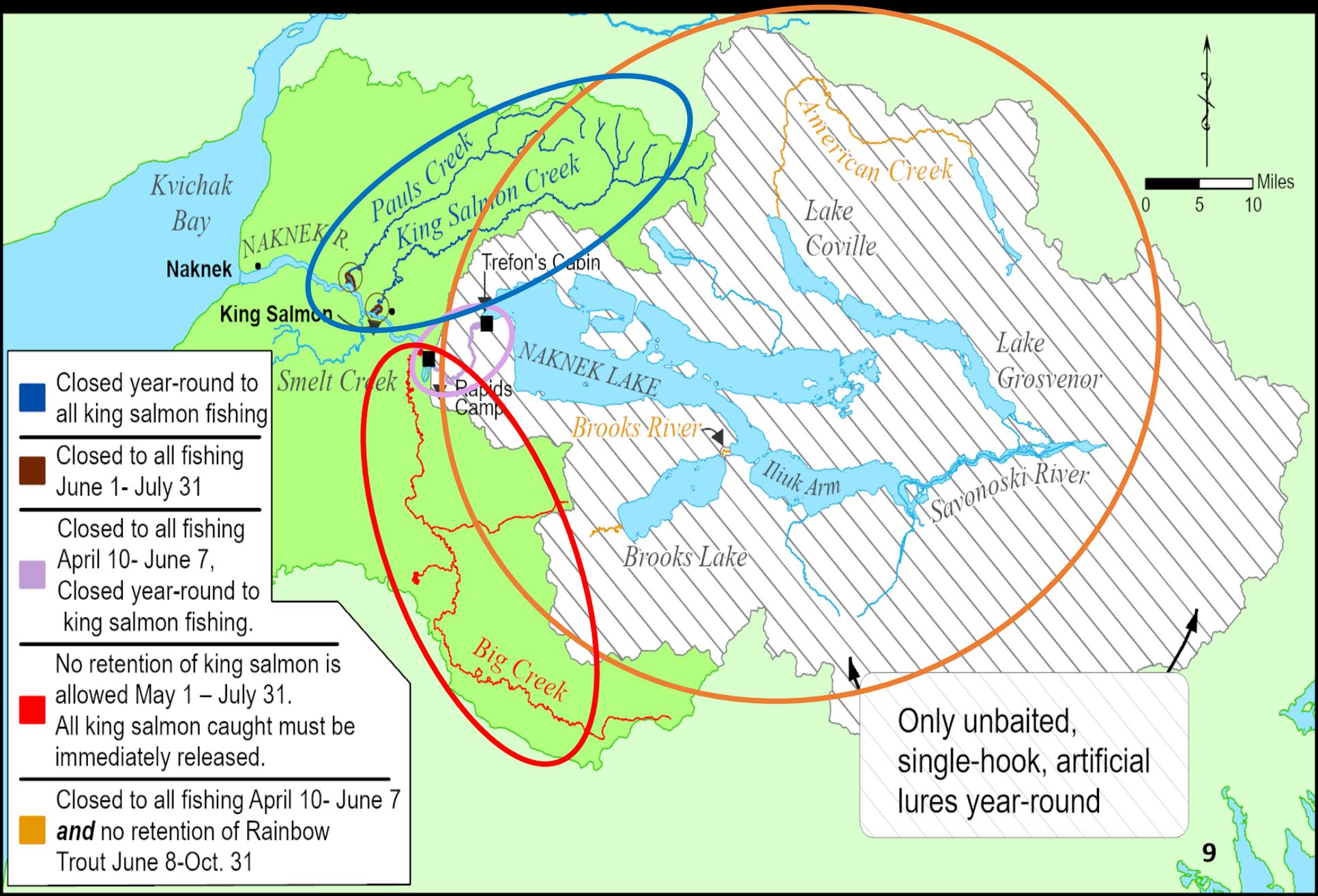
-Addressed in proposal 67

Mulchatna River Drainage and Stuyahok River sport fishing effort in angler-days and king salmon harvest and catch, 2015-2024.

Year	Mulchatna River Drainage			Stuyahok River		
	Effort	Harvest	Catch	Effort	Harvest	Catch
2015	2,949	138	854	95	0	0
2016	1,169	83	440	22	0	0
2017	1,806	95	304	290	0	55
2018	1,841	250	940	212	0	44
2019	4,595	140	356	N/A	N/A	N/A
2020	837	107	403	61	0	0
2021	948	87	650	N/A	N/A	N/A
2022	1,106	237	891	N/A	N/A	N/A
2023	1,361	0	196	N/A	N/A	N/A
2024	1,575	0	2,182	N/A	N/A	N/A
Average						
2015–2024	1,819	114	722	136	0	20



Naknek River Drainage



Blue Closed year-round to all king salmon fishing

Brown Closed to all fishing June 1- July 31

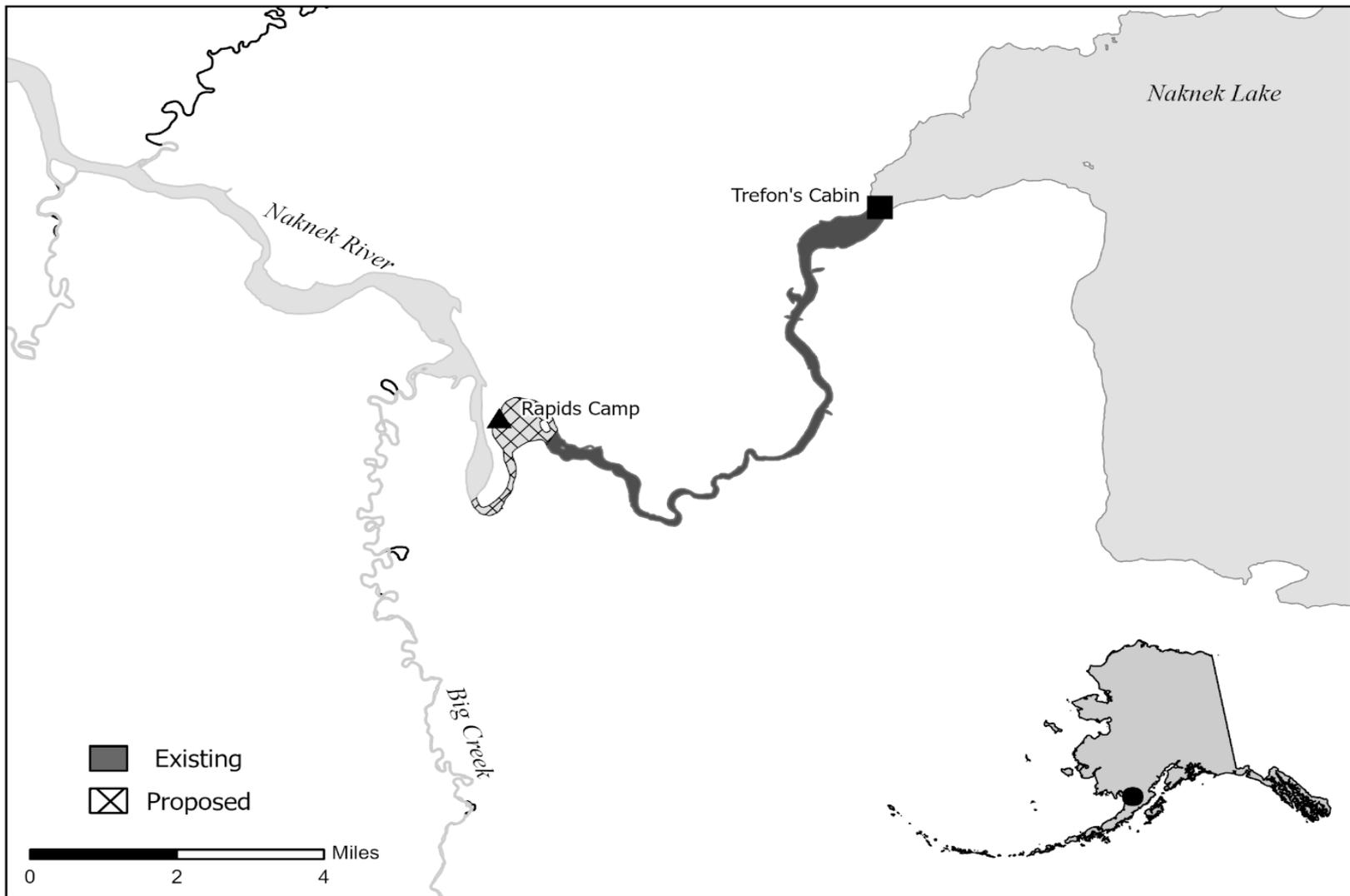
Purple Closed to all fishing April 10- June 7, Closed year-round to king salmon fishing.

Red No retention of king salmon is allowed May 1 – July 31. All king salmon caught must be immediately released.

Orange Closed to all fishing April 10- June 7 **and** no retention of Rainbow Trout June 8-Oct. 31

Only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures year-round

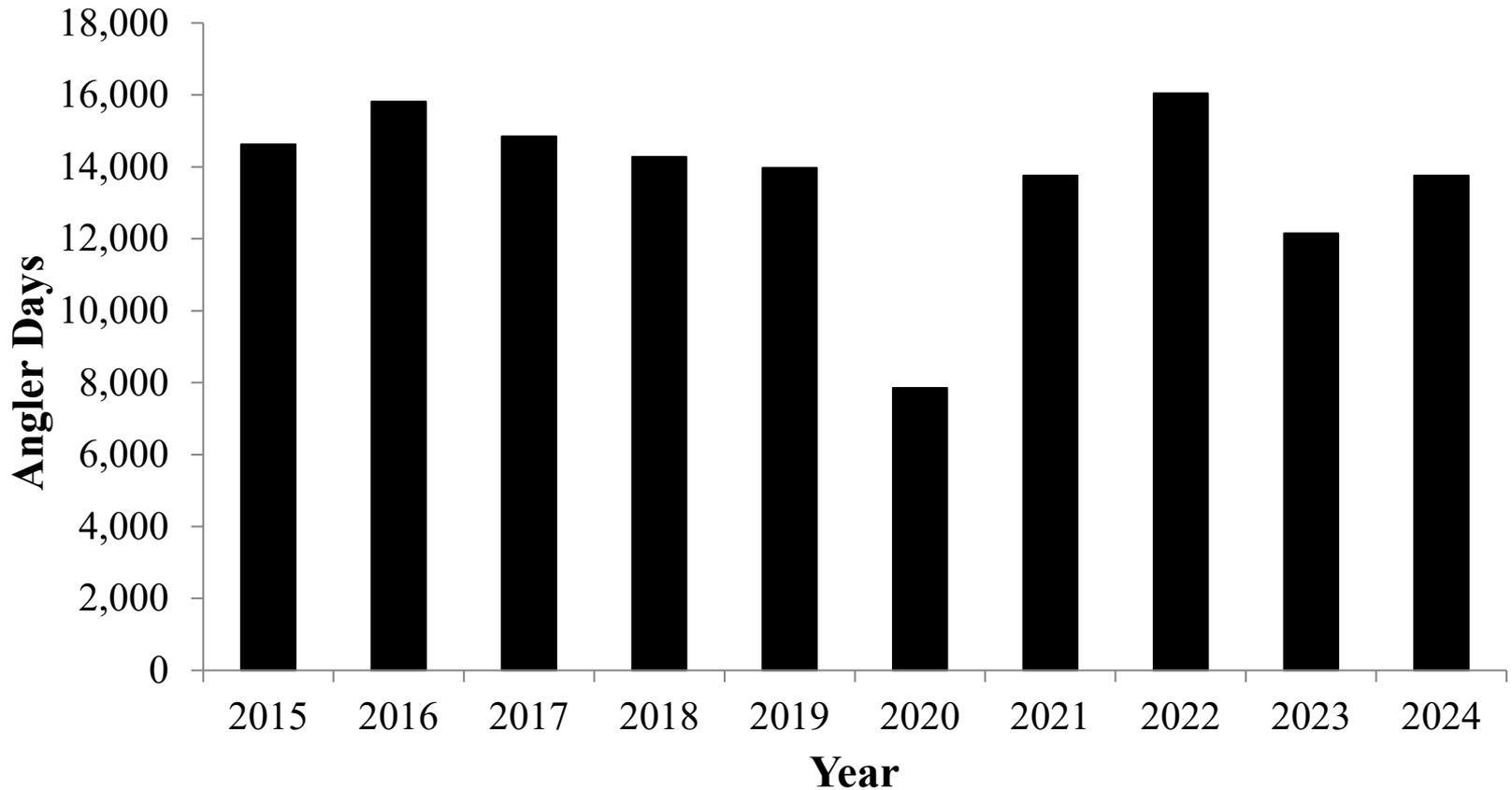
-Addressed in proposals 99 and 100



Naknek River Sport Fishing Effort

-Addressed in proposals 96 – 100 and 185

Naknek River sport fishing effort in angler-days, 2015-2024.



Naknek River Rainbow Trout and Arctic Char/Dolly Varden Sport Fishing Regulations

-Addressed in proposals 96 and 97

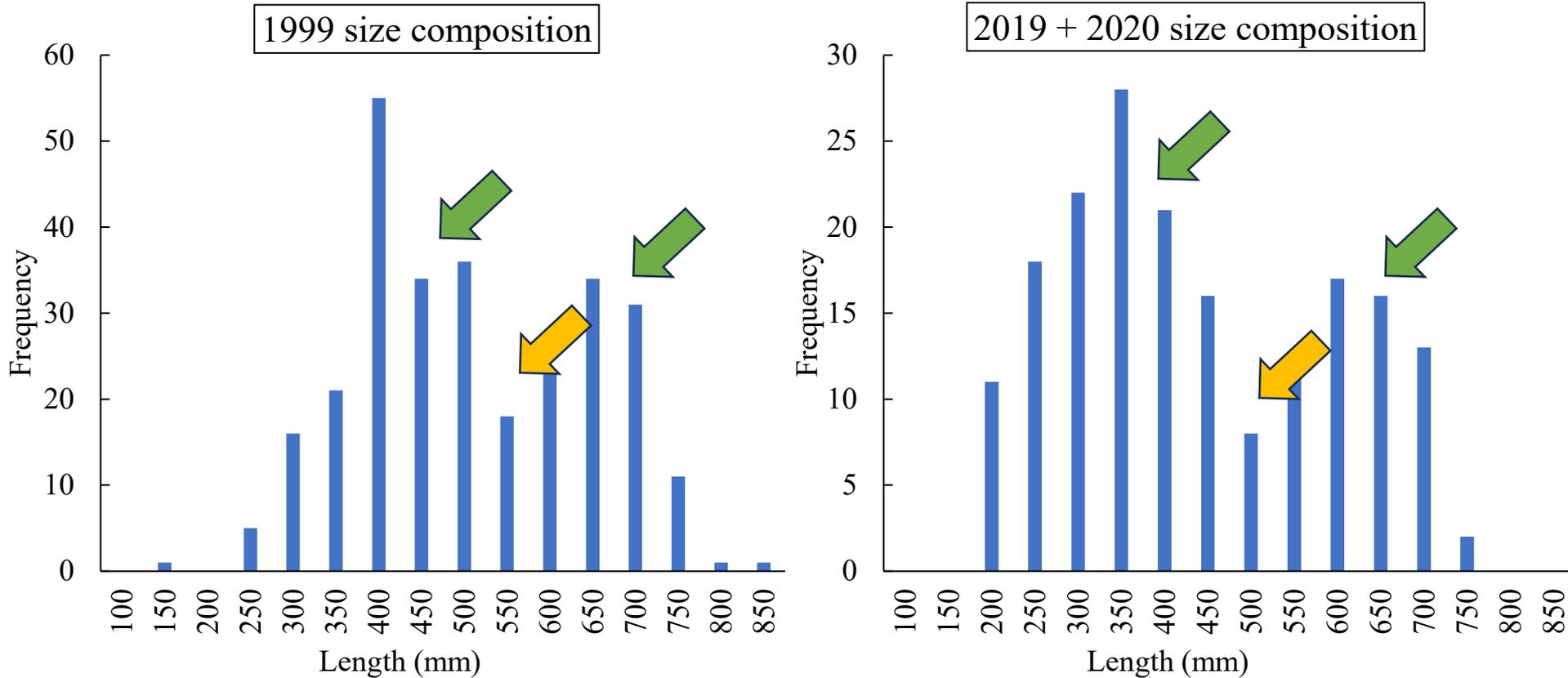
- In all flowing waters March 1 – November 14:
 - Only unbaited, artificial lures or flies.
- Arctic Char/Dolly Varden daily bag and possession limit:
 - June 8–October 31: 3 fish, no size limit.
 - November 1–June 7: 10 fish, no size limit.
- Rainbow trout daily bag and possession limit:
 - June 8–October 31: 1 fish, must be less than 18”.
 - November 1–June 7: 5 fish, must be less than 18”.
- In all flowing waters upstream from an ADF&G regulatory marker at Rapids Camp to Trefon’s Cabin, including all waters within one-quarter mile of all lake and outlet streams:
 - only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used year round.
 - all sport fishing is closed from **April 10 – June 7** to protect spawning rainbow trout.



Naknek River Rainbow Trout

-Addressed in proposal 96 and 97

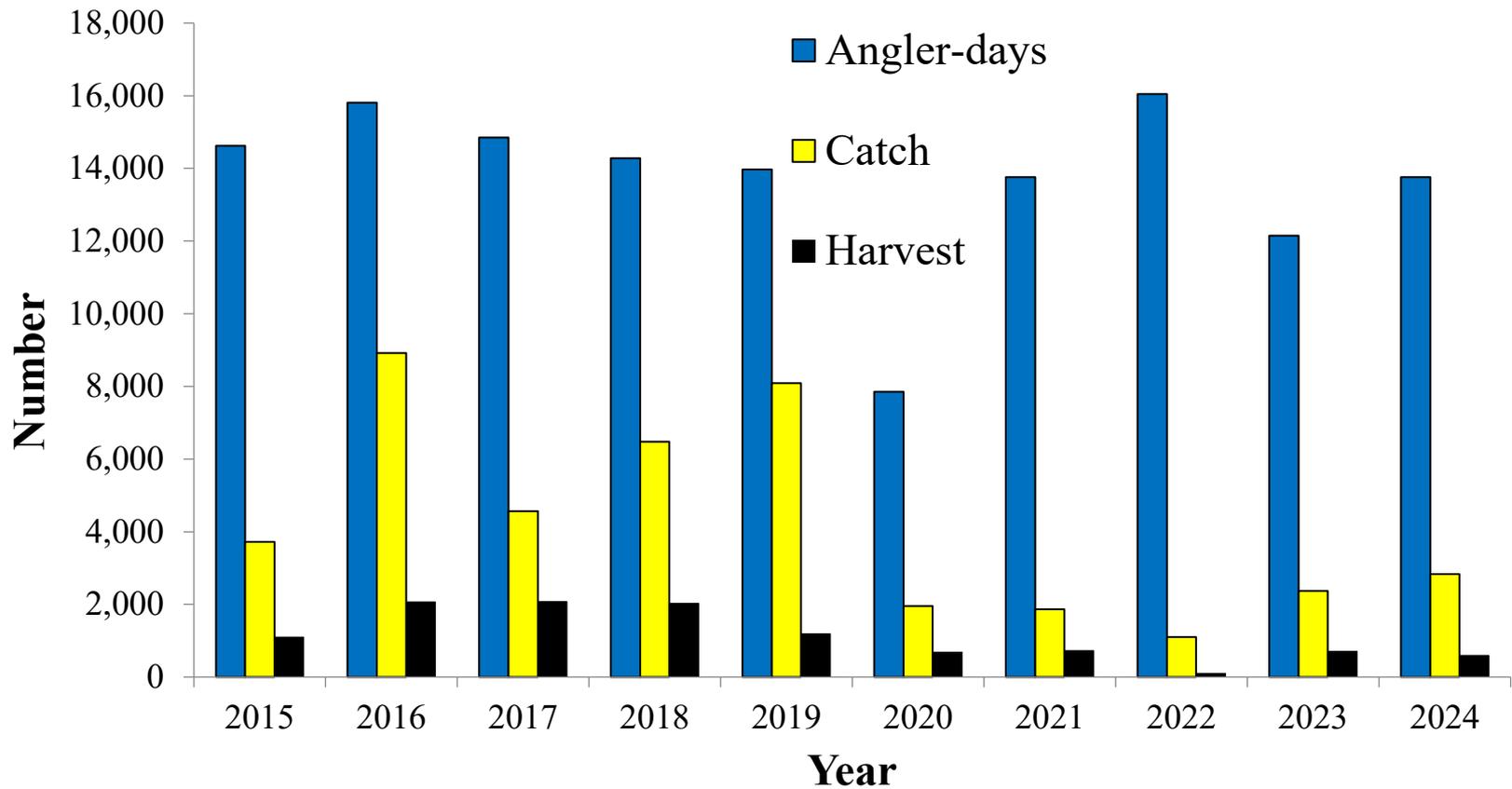
Size composition of rainbow trout caught in the sport fishery in the upper Naknek River, 1999 and 2019 - 2020.



Naknek River King Salmon

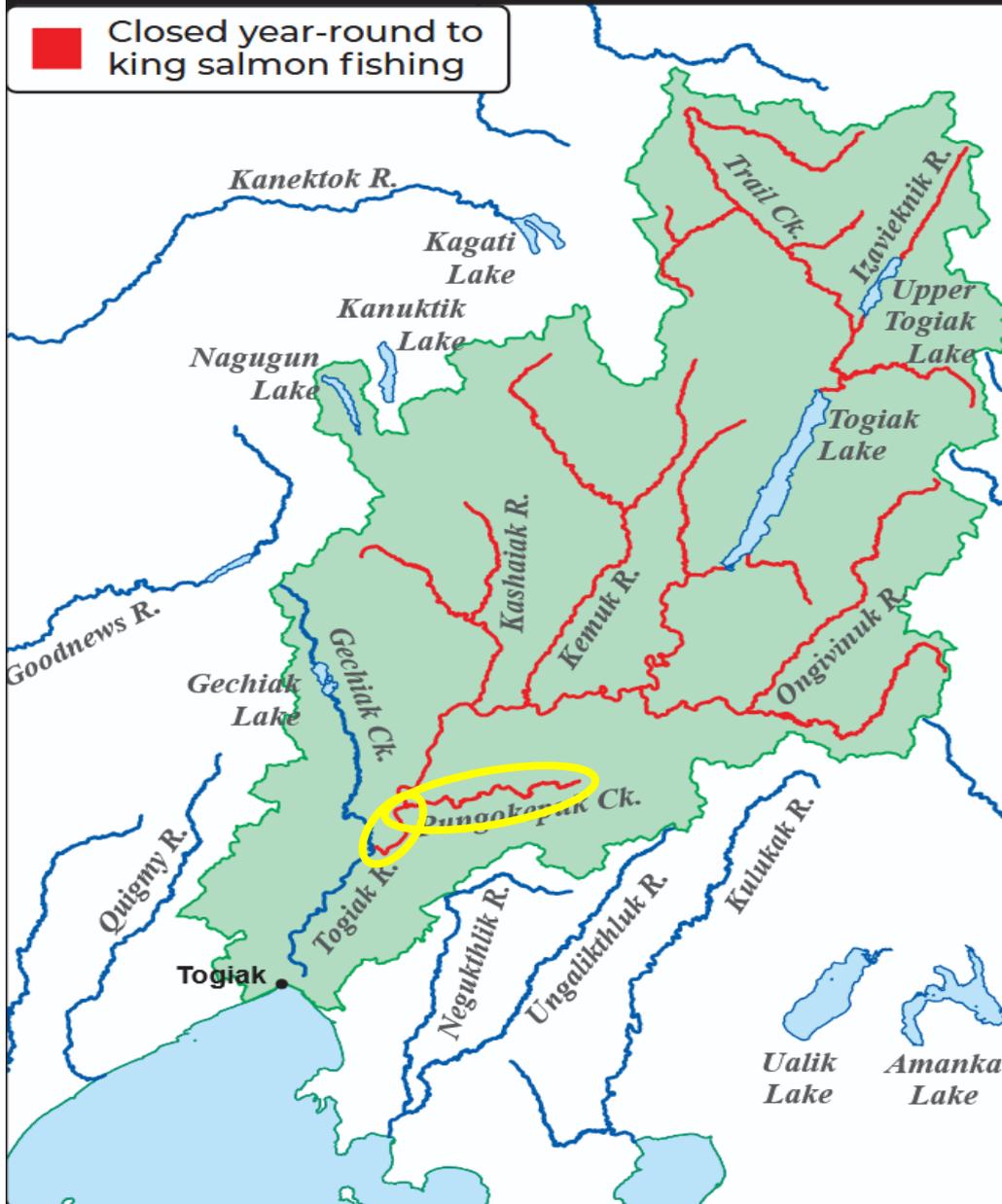
-Addressed in proposal 98

Naknek River sport fishing effort in angler-days and king salmon catch and harvest, 2015-2024.



TOGIAK RIVER DRAINAGE

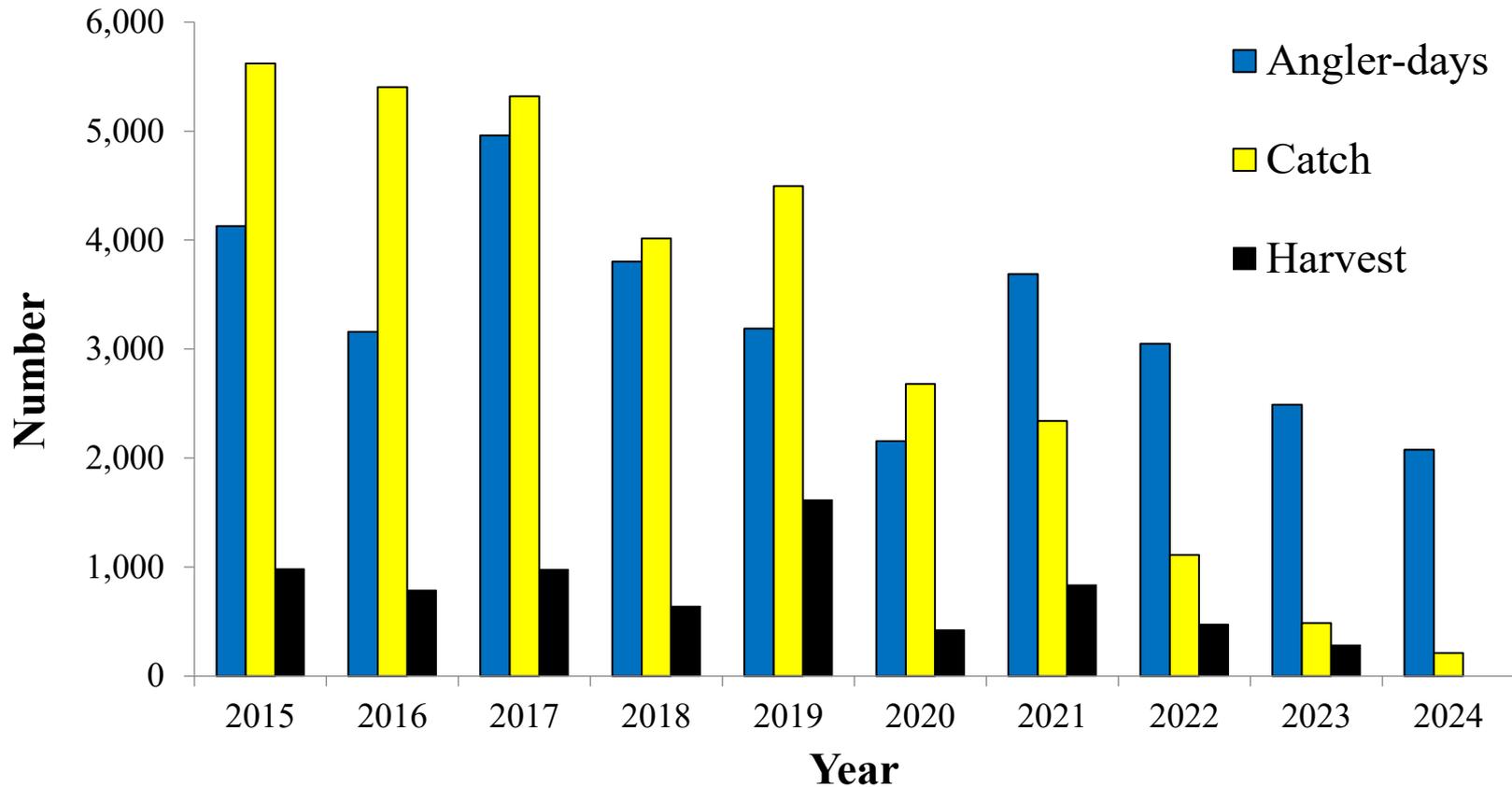
 Closed year-round to king salmon fishing



Togiak River King Salmon

-Addressed in proposal 102

Togiak River sport fishing effort in angler-days and king salmon catch and harvest, 2015-2024.



Sport Fishing Regulations for Egegik and Ugashik drainages

-Addressed in proposal 101

- Species other than rainbow trout and Arctic grayling fall under bay-wide regulation.
- Rainbow trout daily bag and possession limit:
 - June 8–October 31: 1 fish, no size limit.
 - November 1–June 7: 5 fish, only 1 of which may be greater than 20 inches.
- Egegik River drainage Arctic grayling:
 - Becharof Lake outlet including lake waters and Egegik River within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of the outlet: no retention of Arctic grayling.
 - Remainder of the drainage: 2 fish, no size limit.
- Ugashik River drainage Arctic grayling:
 - Ugashik Narrows: no retention of Arctic grayling.
 - Ugashik River: Closed to fishing for Arctic grayling year-round.
 - Remainder of drainage: 2 fish, no size limit.



Sport Fishing Chumming Regulations

-Addressed in proposal 103

- **Chumming:** in waters closed to the use of bait, sport fishing guides and guided anglers are prohibited from placing in the water any substance (bait) for the purpose of attracting fish by scent.
- **Drainages with existing bait restrictions:**
 - Ungalikthluk River drainage
 - Wood River drainage
 - Nushagak River drainage
 - Kvichak River drainage
 - Alagnak River drainage
 - Naknek River drainage
 - Togiak River drainage



Sport Fishing Regulations for Moraine Creek, Kulik River, American Creek, and Brooks River

-Addressed in proposal 104

- Species other than rainbow trout and coho salmon fall under bay-wide regulation with bag limits for all salmon species, char, Arctic grayling, and northern pike.

Drainage	April 10 - June 7	June 8 - October 31	November 1 - April 9
Kulik River	Spawning closure	Unbaited, single hook lures and flies, no rainbow trout retention <i>(June 8 – April 9)</i>	5 rainbow trout per day, must be less than 18"
Moraine Creek	Spawning closure	Unbaited, single hook fly only, no rainbow trout retention	5 rainbow trout per day, must be less than 18"
American Creek	Spawning closure	No rainbow trout retention	5 rainbow trout per day, only one over 20"
Brooks River	Spawning closure	Unbaited, single hook fly only, no rainbow trout retention	5 rainbow trout per day, must be less than 18"
Brooks Lake to Brooks Camp Bridge	Spawning closure	No rainbow trout retention year-round	No rainbow trout retention year-round



Questions?

