

# ADF&G STAFF ORAL PRESENTATION ALASKA BOARD OF FISHERIES

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA AREA  
SPORT FISHERY REGULATORY PROPOSALS  
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## Southeast Alaska Sport Fishery Overview RC 3-Tab 13

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# Presentation Outline

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- Regional Sport Fishery
- King Salmon Sport Fishery Management
- Non-Pelagic Rockfish Sport Fishery Management



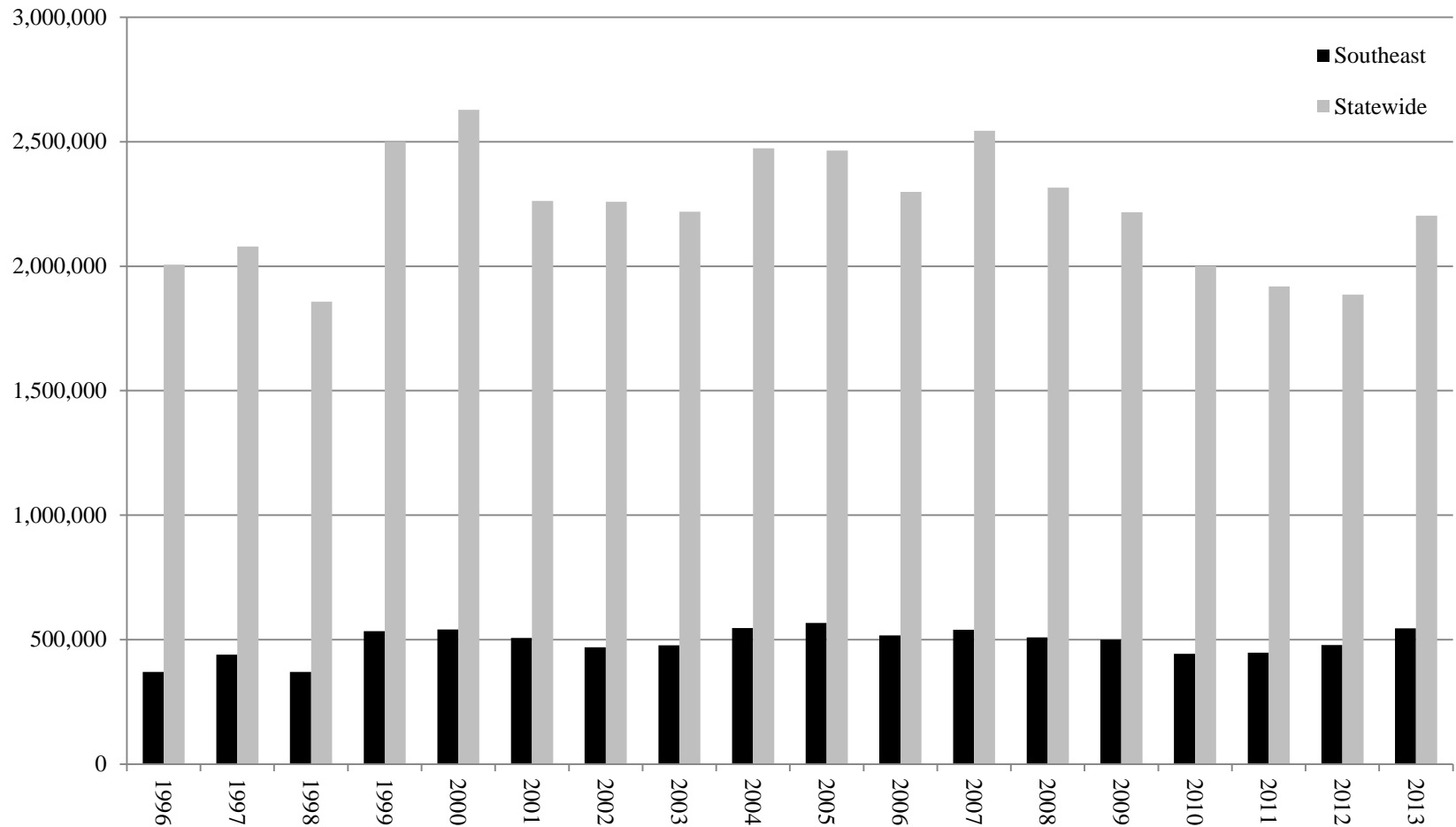
# Southeast Alaska Regional Sport Fish Regulations

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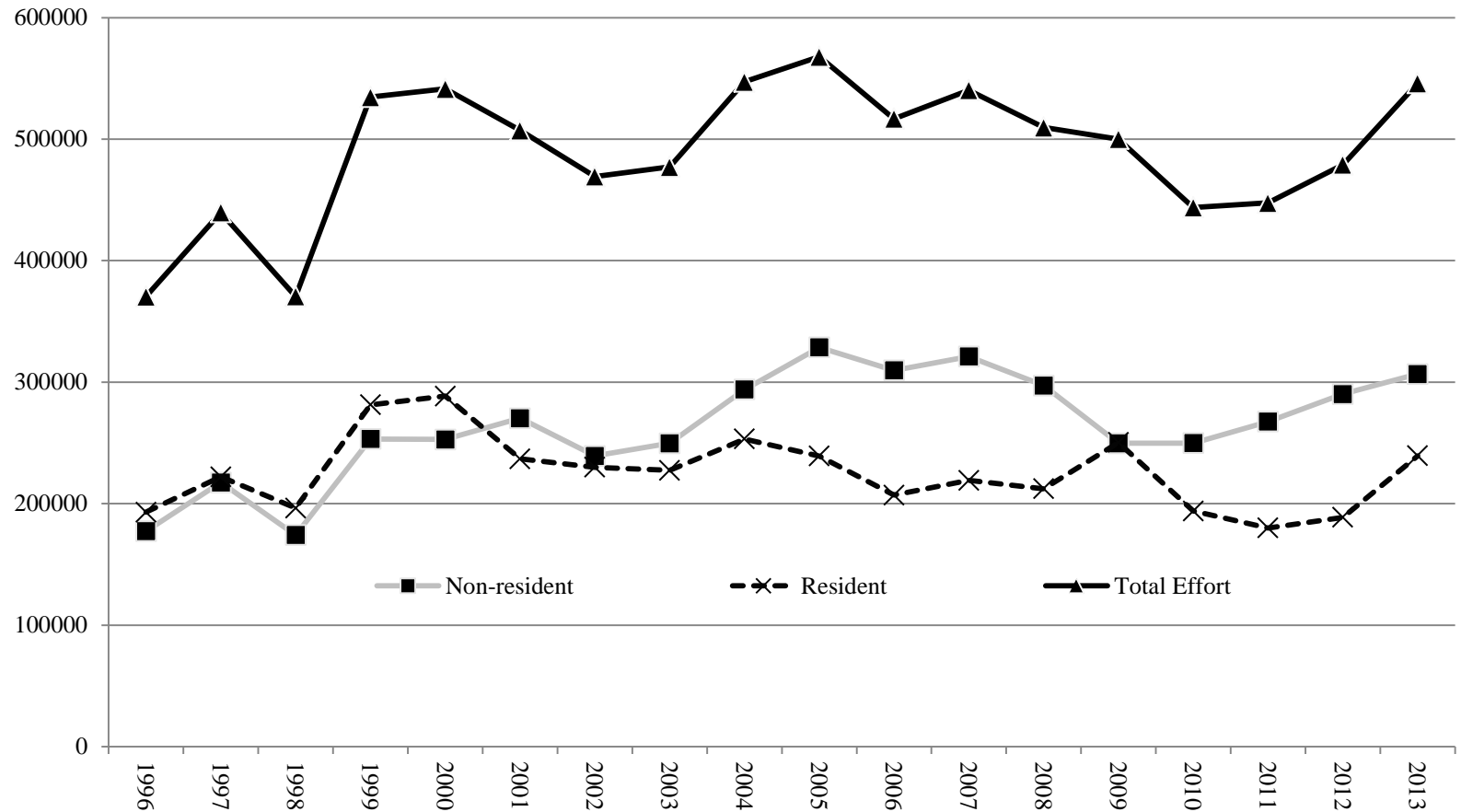
- **King salmon fishing is closed in the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska (except Yakutat Area).**
- **Bait is allowed in fresh water September 15 – November 15.**
- **Sport fishing may be conducted only by the use of a single line per angler, and not more than six lines may be fished from a vessel.**
- **The maximum number of fishing lines that may be fished from a vessel engaged in sport fishing charter activities is equal to the number of paying clients on board the vessel.**
- **The king salmon, demersal shelf rockfish, and lingcod sport fisheries are managed for allocations.**

# Southeast Alaska and Statewide Effort – Number of Angler Days

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# Southeast Alaska Sport Fishery Effort by Residency- Number of Angler Days



# Marine and Freshwater Effort

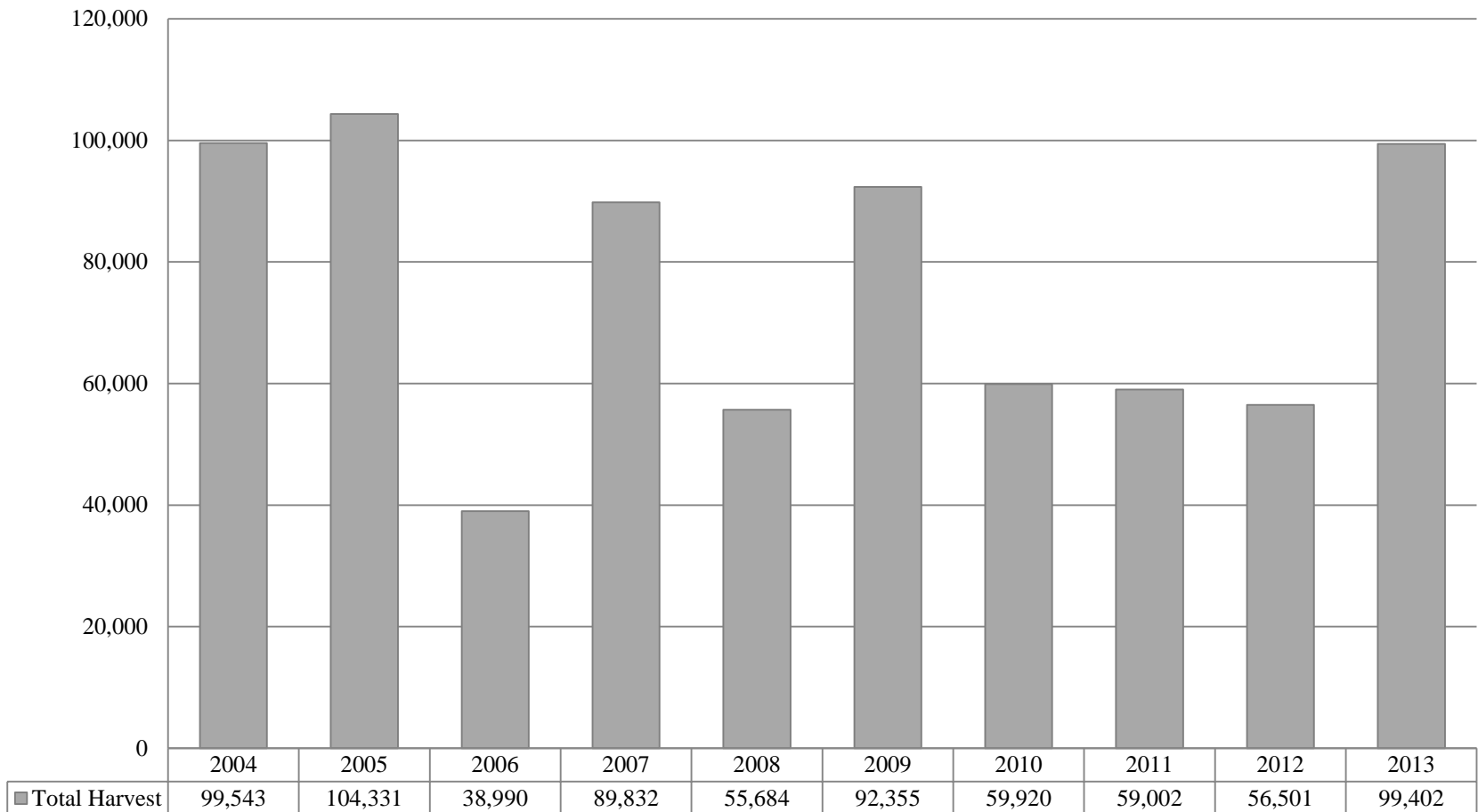
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## **Sport Fisheries Effort:**

- **81 % of the sport fisheries effort is in marine waters**
- **19 % of the sport fisheries effort is in fresh waters**

# Southeast Pink Salmon Sport Harvest

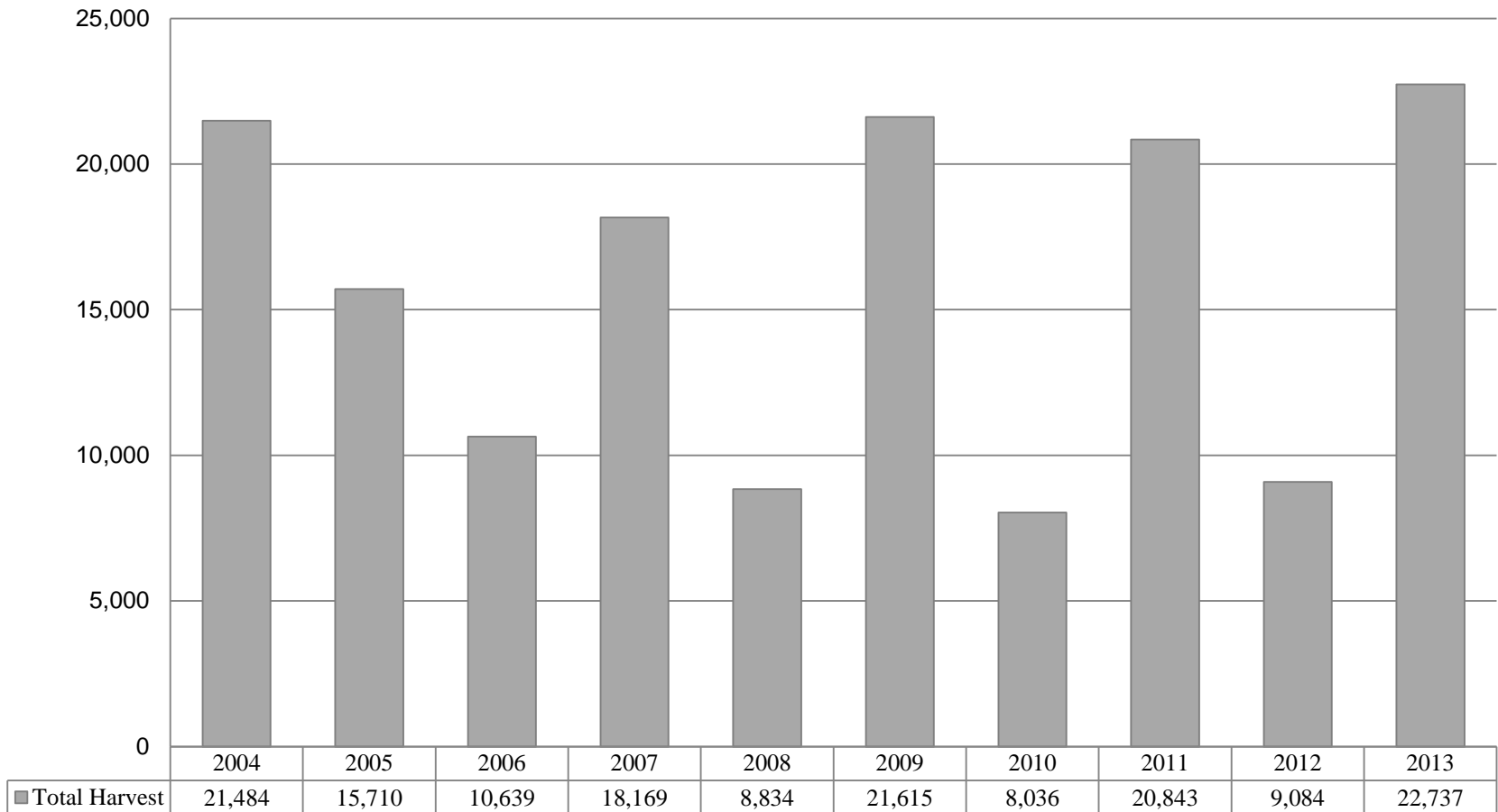
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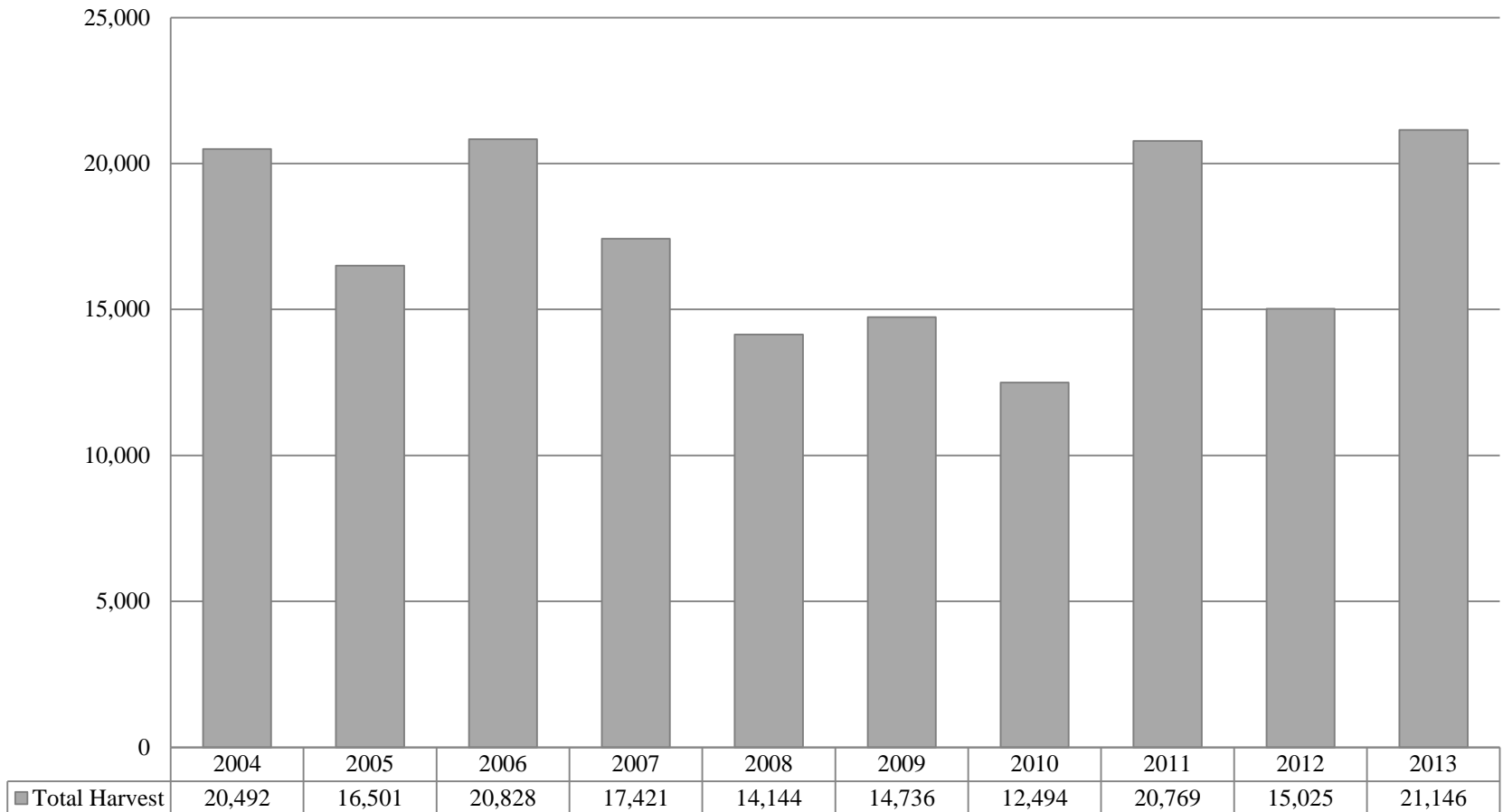
# Southeast Chum Salmon Sport Harvest

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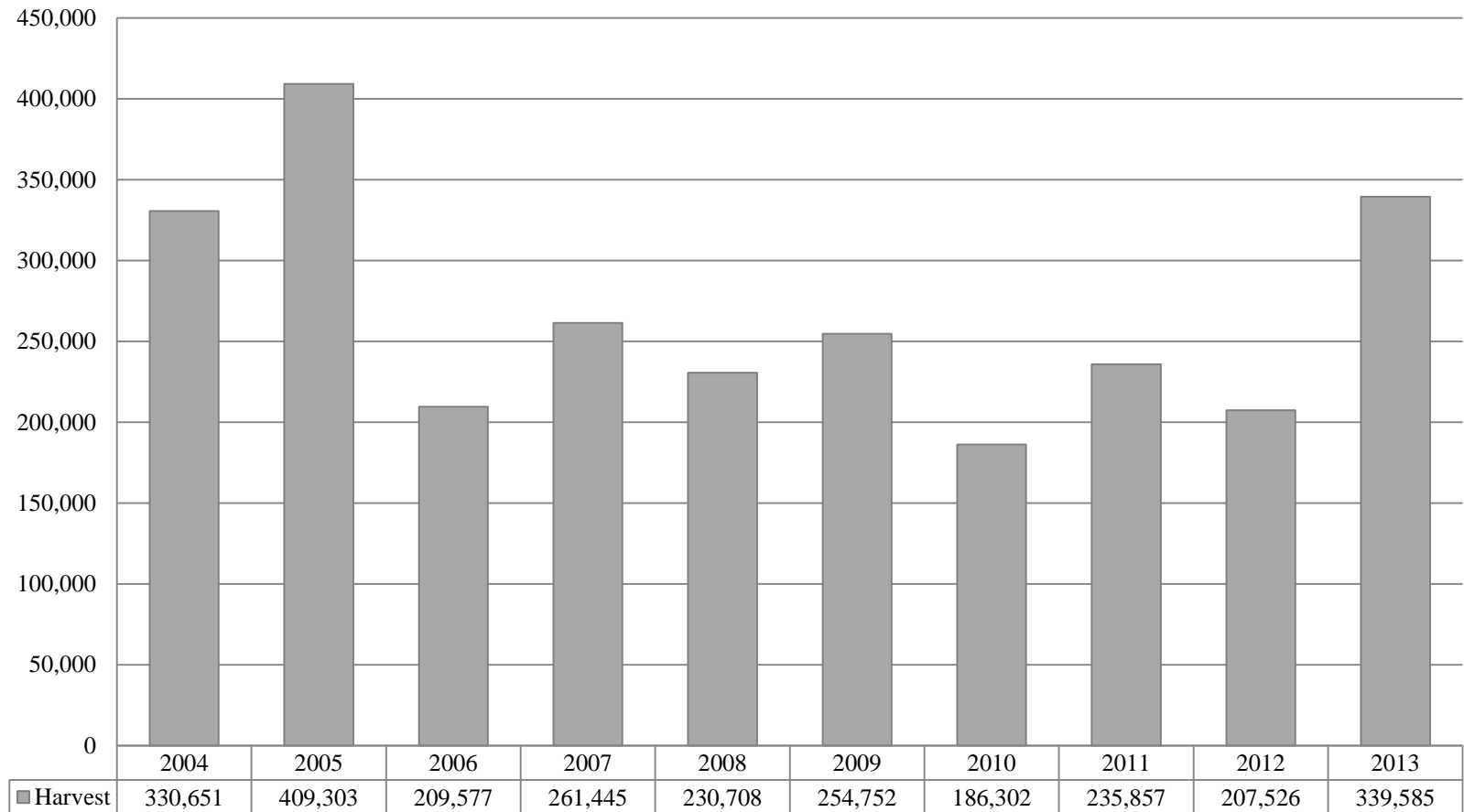
# Southeast Sockeye Salmon Sport Harvest

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# Southeast Coho Salmon Sport Harvest

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# King Salmon Management

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- **General Harvest Ceiling Regs - 5 AAC 29.060**
  - After the net fishery allocation is subtracted from the annual harvest ceiling, the annual allocation for the troll and sport fisheries is 80% troll, 20% sport.
- **Net fishery allocations - 5 AAC 29.060**
  - Purse seine fishery: 4.3% of the annual harvest ceiling
  - Drift gillnet fishery: 2.9% of the annual harvest ceiling
  - Set gillnet fishery: 1,000 king salmon
- **SE King Salmon Management Plan – 5 AAC 47.055**
  - Reinforces GHC regulations by adopting the 20% sport allocation as a management objective

# Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan - Objectives

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1. Attain an average harvest of 20% of the annual harvest ceiling specified by the Pacific Salmon Commission, after the subtraction of the commercial net allocation specified in 5 AAC 29.060 from the harvest ceiling;
2. Allow uninterrupted marine sport fishing for king salmon, while not exceeding the sport fishery harvest ceiling;
3. Minimize restrictions on residents;
4. Provide stability to the sport fishery by eliminating inseason regulatory changes, except those needed for conservation purposes.

# Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management Plan - Regulations

Abundance Index	Bag Limit		Nonresident Annual Limit	Two rods October 1 - March 31
	Resident	Nonresident		
2.1 and above	3	1 or 2 <sup>a</sup>	6	All Anglers
1.76 to 2.0	3	1 or 2 <sup>b</sup>	5 or 6	All Anglers
1.51 to 1.75	3	1 or 2 <sup>b</sup>	4 or 5	All Anglers
1.21 to 1.5	2	1	3	Resident Anglers
1.2 and below	1	1	3 to 1 <sup>c</sup>	Resident Anglers
1.1 and below	1	1	3 to 1 <sup>d</sup>	Resident Anglers
Less than 1.0 <sup>e</sup>	1	1	3 to 1 <sup>d</sup>	Resident Anglers

<sup>a</sup>Nonresident bag limit of 2 fish in May and June and one fish remainder of the year.

<sup>b</sup>Nonresident bag limit of 2 fish in May and one fish remainder of the year.

<sup>c</sup>Nonresident anglers harvest limit of 3 fish January 1 - June 30, 2 fish July 1 - July 15, and 1 fish July 16 - December 31.

<sup>d</sup>Nonresident anglers harvest limit of 3 fish January 1 - June 30, and 1 fish July 1 - December 31.

<sup>e</sup>Additional restrictions at abundance indexes below 1.0 may include reduced fishing times, 48 inch limit for nonresidents and no retention periods.

# 2012

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Pre-season AI = 1.52

Two rods October – March  
all anglers

Resident 3 fish bag limit

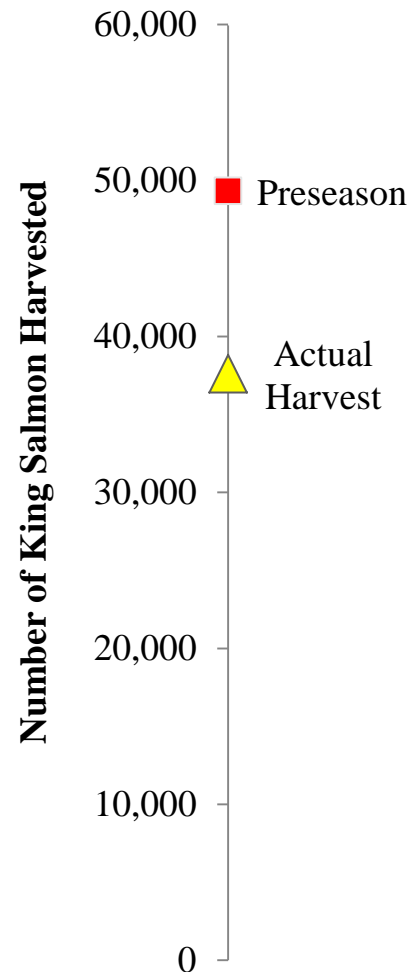
Nonresident

- 2 fish bag limit in May

- 1 fish bag limit

- (for remainder of the year)

- 4 fish annual limit



# 2013

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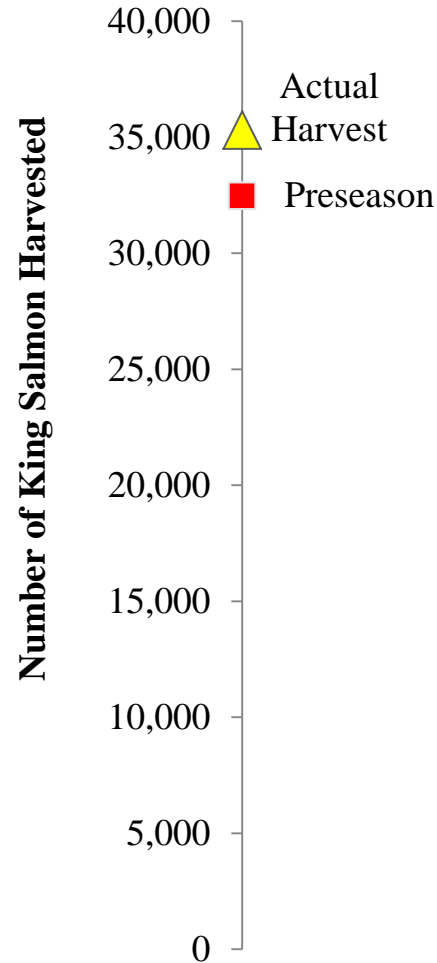
Pre-season AI = 1.20

Two rods October – March  
residents only

Resident 1 fish bag limit

Nonresident

- One fish bag limit
- Decreasing harvest limit – 3 fish through June, 2 fish July 1 – July 15, and one fish remainder of year





# 2014

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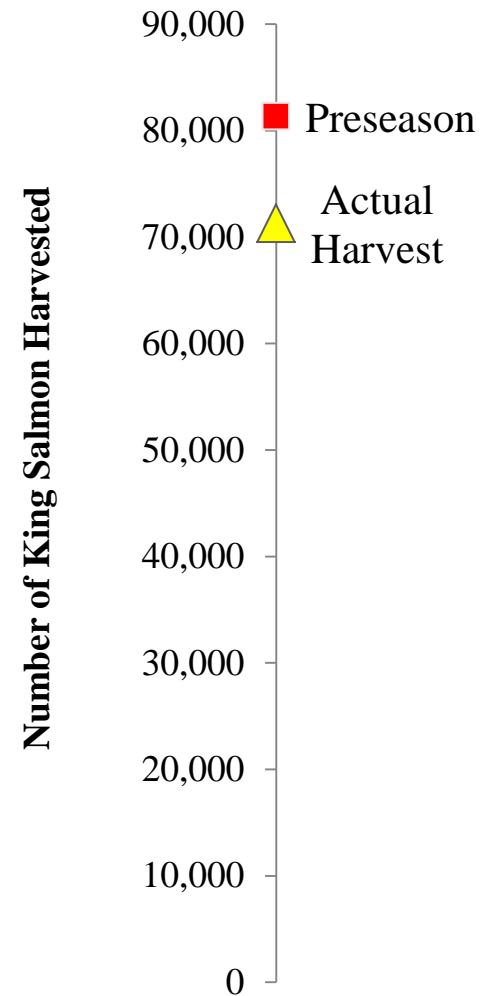
Pre-season AI = 2.57

Two rods October – March  
all anglers

Resident 3 fish bag limit

Nonresident

- 2 fish bag limit in May and June
- 1 fish bag limit remainder of year
- 6 fish annual limit



# Rockfish Management

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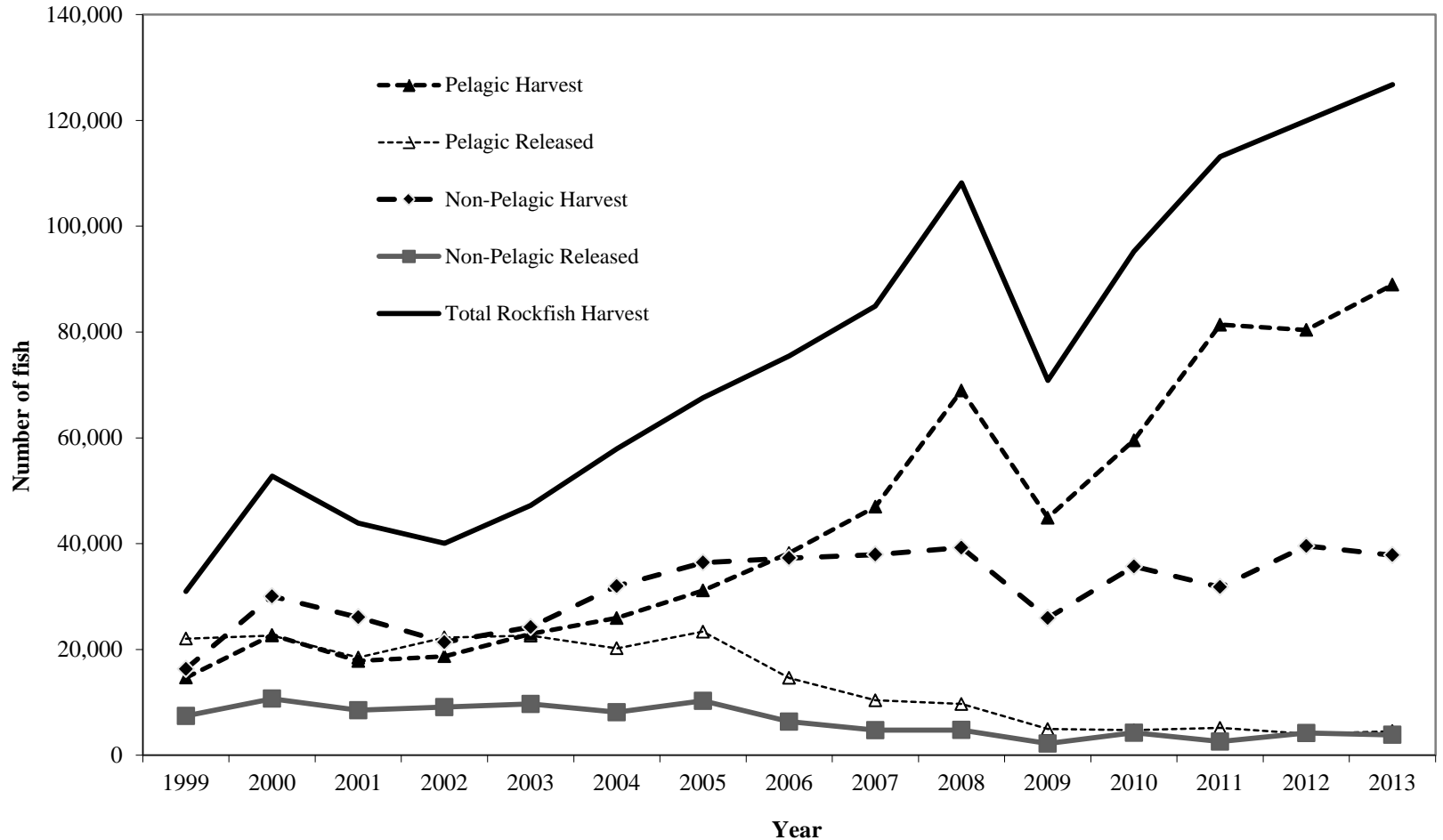
- **Pelagic Rockfish**

- Species include: dark, dusky, widow, yellowtail, black, and blue rockfish.

- **Non-pelagic Rockfish**

- Includes all rockfish species in the genus *Sebastes* that are not defined as pelagic rockfish.
  - Demersal shelf rockfish (DSR) (canary, china, copper, quillback, rosethorn, tiger and yelloweye rockfish)
  - Other Non-pelagic rockfish (all others not defined as DSR)

# Rockfish Harvest



# Rockfish Management

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- In 2006 the sport fishery was allocated 16% of the Southeast Outside Subdistrict federal Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) of demersal shelf rockfish.

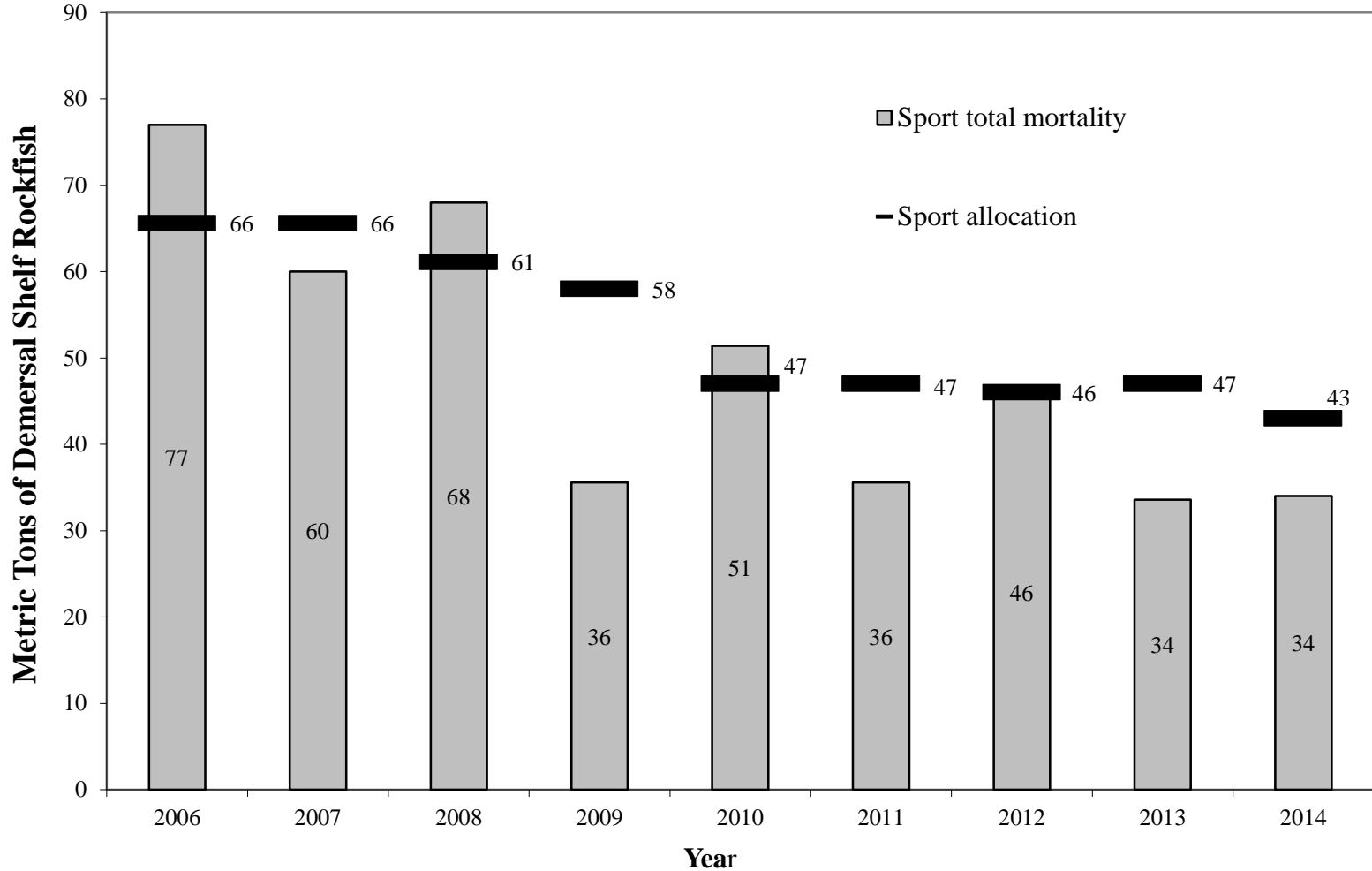
# Rockfish Management

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To keep the sport fishery within its allocation, the board outlined a series of eight management measures that may be implemented by emergency order:

1. reduce bag and possession limits for nonresident anglers;
2. retention of all non-pelagic rockfish caught by a nonresident angler is required until the nonresident bag limit is reached;
3. charter operators and crewmembers may not retain non-pelagic rockfish while clients are on board the vessel;
4. annual limits for non-pelagic rockfish for nonresident anglers;
5. reduce the bag and possession limits for resident anglers;
6. retention of all non-pelagic rockfish caught by a resident angler is required until the resident angler's bag limit is reached;
7. annual limits for non-pelagic rockfish for resident anglers; and
8. time and area closures.

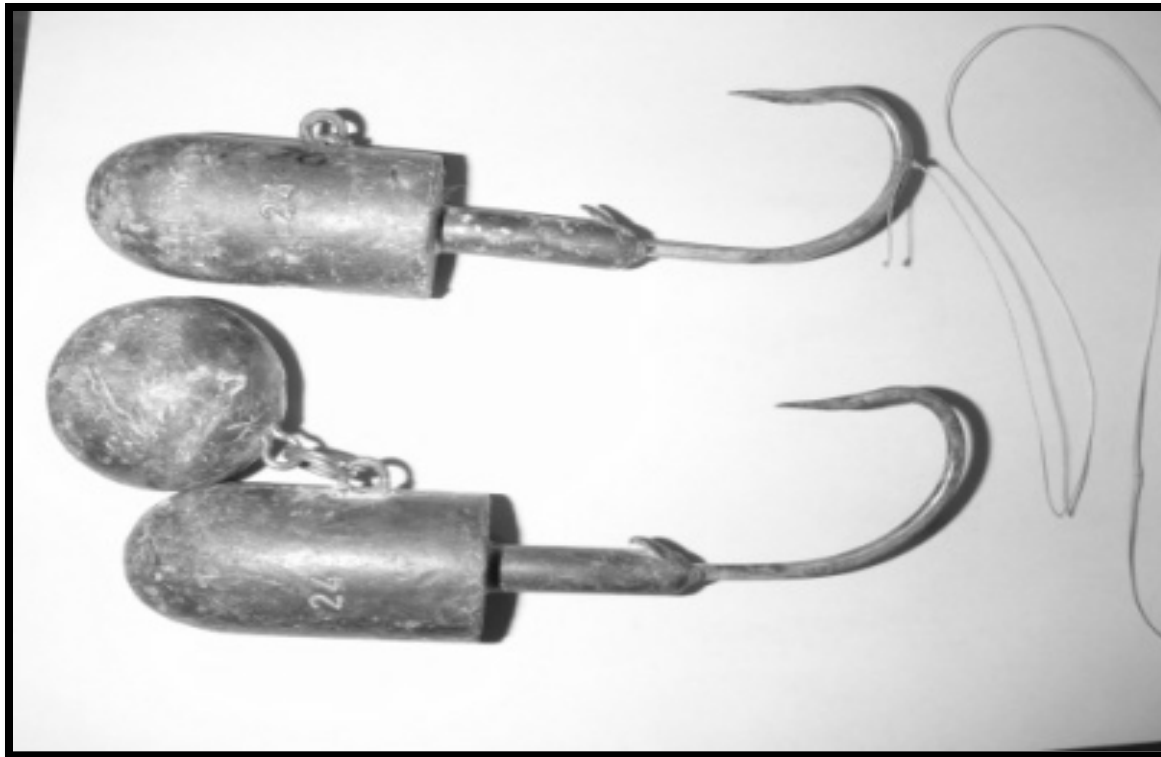
# Southeast Outside Subdistrict Sport Mortality and Allocation of Demersal Shelf Rockfish



# Release at Depth of Rockfish

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- Beginning in 2012 anglers aboard a charter vessel have been required to release non-pelagic rockfish at depth.



# Release at Depth of Rockfish

