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deciliter	dL	all commonly accepted abbreviations	e.g., Mr., Mrs., AM, PM, etc.	alternate hypothesis	H_A
gram	g	all commonly accepted professional titles	e.g., Dr., Ph.D., R.N., etc.	base of natural logarithm	e
hectare	ha	at	@	catch per unit effort	CPUE
kilogram	kg	compass directions:		coefficient of variation	CV
kilometer	km	east	E	common test statistics	(F, t, χ^2 , etc.)
liter	L	north	N	confidence interval	CI
meter	m	south	S	correlation coefficient	
milliliter	mL	west	W	(multiple)	R
millimeter	mm	copyright	©	correlation coefficient (simple)	r
		corporate suffixes:		covariance	cov
Weights and measures (English)		Company	Co.	degree (angular)	$^\circ$
cubic feet per second	ft ³ /s	Corporation	Corp.	degrees of freedom	df
foot	ft	Incorporated	Inc.	expected value	E
gallon	gal	Limited	Ltd.	greater than	>
inch	in	District of Columbia	D.C.	greater than or equal to	≥
mile	mi	et alii (and others)	et al.	harvest per unit effort	HPUE
nautical mile	nmi	et cetera (and so forth)	etc.	less than	<
ounce	oz	exempli gratia	e.g.	less than or equal to	≤
pound	lb	(for example)		logarithm (natural)	ln
quart	qt	Federal Information Code	FIC	logarithm (base 10)	log
yard	yd	id est (that is)	i.e.	logarithm (specify base)	log ₂ , etc.
		latitude or longitude	lat. or long.	minute (angular)	'
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day	d	months (tables and figures): first three letters	Jan, ..., Dec	null hypothesis	H_0
degrees Celsius	°C	registered trademark	®	percent	%
degrees Fahrenheit	°F	trademark	™	probability	P
degrees kelvin	K	United States (adjective)	U.S.	probability of a type I error (rejection of the null hypothesis when true)	α
hour	h	United States of America (noun)	USA	probability of a type II error (acceptance of the null hypothesis when false)	β
minute	min	U.S.C.	United States Code	second (angular)	"
second	s	U.S. state	use two-letter abbreviations (e.g., AK, WA)	standard deviation	SD
Physics and chemistry				standard error	SE
all atomic symbols				variance	
alternating current	AC			population sample	Var
ampere	A			sample	var
calorie	cal				
direct current	DC				
hertz	Hz				
horsepower	hp				
hydrogen ion activity (negative log of)	pH				
parts per million	ppm				
parts per thousand	ppt, ‰				
volts	V				
watts	W				

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ABSTRACT

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) will manage the commercial salmon fisheries in the Kodiak Management Area (KMA) to promote maximum sustained yield (MSY) for future KMA salmon returns by achieving salmon escapement goals and providing opportunity to harvest salmon in excess of those goals. In addition, ADF&G will attempt to provide for orderly fisheries while maximizing harvest opportunities on the highest quality salmon. ADF&G will adhere to the biological and allocative requirements of the management plans adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries for the KMA. Management of the fisheries follows a general chronology based on the run timing of four commercially targeted salmon species: sockeye *Oncorhynchus nerka*, coho *O. kisutch*, pink *O. gorbuscha*, and chum *O. keta* salmon.

The 2011 preseason forecasts project a harvest of approximately 2,053,228 sockeye, 373,048 coho, 29,300,000 pink, and 1,139,578 chum salmon. Additionally, about 20,000 Chinook salmon *O. tshawytscha* could be harvested incidentally in fisheries targeting other salmon species. All fishing periods are established by emergency order. The initial sockeye salmon commercial test fishing period for the west side of Kodiak Island is tentatively scheduled for June 9. A June 9 fishery opening is also planned for the Duck Bay Section and the Foul Bay and Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Areas. The initial commercial test fishing period in the Alitak District may occur on June 9, which would be announced no later than June 5. The actual opening date for the Alitak District will be determined based on inseason indicators of run strength. On July 6, the weekly fishing period targeting pink salmon will be 105 hours (4½ days) per week for Kodiak Archipelago sections and 57 hours (2½ days) per week for Mainland District sections north of Cape Aklek.

Key Words: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Kodiak, Afognak, Alaska Peninsula, Karluk, Ayakulik, Frazer, Upper Station, Alitak, Cape Igvak, North Shelikof, commercial fishery, salmon, management plan, purse seine, set gillnet, KMA, Chinook salmon, *O. tshawytscha*, sockeye salmon, *O. nerka*, coho salmon, *O. kisutch*, pink salmon, *O. gorbuscha*, chum salmon, *O. keta*

INTRODUCTION

The Kodiak Management Area (KMA; Figure 1) 2011 commercial salmon fishery harvest strategy emphasizes the following three criteria:

1. Promote maximum sustained yield (MSY) for future KMA salmon returns by ensuring salmon escapements of sufficient magnitude and distribution.
2. Provide for orderly fisheries while maximizing harvest opportunities on the highest quality salmon.
3. Adhere to the biological and allocative requirements of all management plans adopted by the Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) for the KMA salmon fishery.

There are 10 salmon management plans that direct Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) management activities for specific portions and time periods of the KMA (Table 1). Within the KMA there are 7 districts which are further broken down into sections and statistical areas (Figures 2–8). All salmon fishing districts within the KMA are managed by regulatory plans for the entire season. Proper implementation of these plans requires a major effort in communication between ADF&G and fishing industry personnel.

Salmon run timing within the KMA follows a general chronology by species (Figure 9). Commercial fisheries management is based on the run timing of four targeted salmon species: sockeye *Oncorhynchus nerka*, chum *O. keta*, pink *O. gorbuscha*, and coho salmon *O. kisutch*.

The KMA salmon fisheries are managed with data compiled and evaluated daily. These data include escapement information from weir counts and/or aerial, boat, and foot surveys, and total catch and fishery performance trends over time.

Management of major sockeye salmon runs is based on escapement, and utilizes daily escapement information from salmon counting weirs on seven systems (Appendices A1–A11). Due to decreases in funding for weir projects, ADF&G now relies on inseason aerial survey counts on smaller streams. For many of these small systems, aerial survey counts are not available until sockeye salmon begin to move into their spawning streams. This means that escapement data is obtained much later in the season. Due to this lag in timing, ADF&G employs a more conservative management approach which includes increased closed water areas and reduced fishing time. These management actions will likely occur for systems that have the potential to be overharvested or have shown signs of overharvest in previous years.

The length of the initial fishing periods for pink salmon are determined pre-season based on the magnitude of the pink salmon forecast. Adjustments in weekly fishing time and areas open to fishing will occur as the actual run strength becomes apparent through assessment of harvest and escapement estimates.

Initially, chum and coho salmon are incidentally harvested in fisheries directed at sockeye or pink salmon. Terminal or near-terminal fisheries targeting chum or coho salmon will be managed based on an assessment of actual run strength and current harvest information.

Commercial fisheries are not currently directed toward surplus Chinook salmon *O. tshawytscha*. Incidental harvests of Chinook salmon occur during directed sockeye and pink salmon fisheries.

HARVEST PROJECTIONS

Based on pre-season projections, a total of approximately 20,000 Chinook, 2,053,228 sockeye, 373,048 coho, 29,300,000 pink, and 1,139,578 chum salmon could be available for harvest throughout the KMA in 2011 (Table 2).

Of this total, the Kodiak Regional Aquaculture Association (KRAA) has forecasted the harvest of salmon returning to the Kitoi Bay Hatchery to be approximately 67,000 sockeye, 7,400,000 pink, 411,000 chum, and 156,000 coho salmon (Table 2). Additional enhanced salmon production, from projects conducted by KRAA and ADF&G, are expected to produce about 176,206 sockeye salmon for harvest (e.g., Spiridon Lake, Hidden Lake, etc.; Table 2). Although most of these fish are available in the common property fishery, approximately 6.5 million pounds of pink salmon will be harvested in a cost recovery program conducted by KRAA at Kitoi Bay and an additional 120,000 pounds of sockeye salmon will be harvested for cost recovery in Telrod Cove.

FISHING PERIODS

All fishing periods will be established by emergency order (EO).

ADVANCE NOTICE

For the initial sockeye salmon fisheries from June 1 through June 14, there usually is at least 42 hours advance notice. All subsequent fishing periods will have at least 18 hours advance notice. For the opening of the Cape Igvak Section (Figure 2) fishery, there will be at least 24 hours advance notice. For the openings in the Inner or Outer Akalura, Inner or Outer Upper Station, or Dog Salmon Flats sections (Figure 3), there will be at least 24 hours advance notice. For decreasing closed waters, there will be at least 18 hours advance notice.

For extension of a previously announced fishing period, or for in-period closure of an announced fishing period, there will be at least three hours advance notice.

FISHERY OPENING TIMES

Most fishing periods from June 1 through August 15 open at noon and close at 9:00 PM. Beginning on August 16, most fishing periods will close at 6:00 PM instead of 9:00 PM.

There are several exceptions to this opening/closure schedule:

- Cape Igvak fisheries open at 12:01 AM and close at 12:01 AM from June 1 through July 25. The 12:01 AM opening and closure time allows for more orderly fisheries due to the possibility of relatively short notice given for extensions of fishing periods.
- Except for the initial commercial test fishing period (June 1 through June 13), Cape Alitak, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections (Figure 3) fisheries will begin and end at different times through September 15 (and still have equal fishing time), as follows:
- In the Olga Bay Section, fishing periods open at 6:00 AM and close at 9:00 AM on a subsequent day. In the Moser Bay Section, fishing periods open at noon and close at 3:00 PM a subsequent day. In the Alitak Bay Section, fishing periods open at 6:00 PM and close at 9:00 PM on a subsequent day. In the Cape Alitak Section, fishing periods open at 6:00 AM the day following the openings of the Olga Bay, Moser Bay, and Alitak Bay sections, and close at 9:00 AM on the day after the other three sections close (5 AAC 18.361).
- The Humpy-Deadman Section opens and closes at the same time as the Cape Alitak Section through July 15. From July 16 through August 15, fishing periods open at noon and close at 9:00 PM. Beginning on August 16, most fishing periods will close at 6:00 PM, instead of 9:00 PM.
- The Inner Kitoi Bay Section (Figure 5) common property fisheries will usually begin between noon and 12:30 PM, when a flare is launched by hatchery staff within inner Kitoi Bay.

TIMING AND LENGTH OF INITIAL FISHING PERIODS

Sockeye Salmon

The first commercial salmon fishing period could begin as early as Wednesday June 1, 2011 but most fisheries are likely to open on Thursday June 9.

Initial Commercial Fisheries

Cape Igvak Section of the Mainland District (Figure 2).

In 2011, a forecasted harvestable surplus of Chignik River sockeye salmon of more than 600,000 fish beyond escapement needs is anticipated. Chignik sockeye salmon are considered, by regulation, the principal stock harvested in the Cape Igvak Section from June 1 to July 25. The timing of initial commercial fisheries in the Cape Igvak Section depends on the inseason evaluation of the Chignik sockeye salmon run strength. The first Cape Igvak fishery could occur beginning June 1. Fishing periods in the Cape Igvak Section will be in 24-hour increments, beginning at 12:01 AM (5 AAC 18.360).

June 9 Commercial Fisheries

Commercial salmon fishing is expected to begin at noon Thursday June 9, 2011, in the following management areas:

The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District (Figures 6).

For these sections, a 33-hour commercial test fishing period will be conducted from noon Thursday June 9 through 9:00 PM Friday June 10. An extension of this period will depend on escapement and buildups in Karluk Lagoon. The commercial catch from this period will be used to assess the strength of the sockeye salmon run to the Karluk system, with consideration of the Ayakulik, Frazer (Dog Salmon), and Upper Station sockeye salmon runs (5 AAC 18.362).

Anton Larsen, Sharatin Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, Kizhuyak, and Uyak Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District (Figure 6).

These sections are likely to open at noon Thursday June 9, for a 33-hour commercial test fishing period. Management of these sections is based on local chum or sockeye salmon runs. Openings in these sections must open concurrently with fishing periods in the Central and North Cape sections (5 AAC 18.362).

The Foul Bay and Waterfall Bay Special Harvest Areas (Figure 5).

Cape Alitak, Humpy-Deadman, Alitak Bay, Moser Bay, and Olga Bay sections of the Alitak District (Figure 3).

Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, Inner Kitoi Bay, and Outer Kitoi Bay sections (Figure 5).

Inner and Outer Ayakulik sections of the Southwest Kodiak District (Figure 4) and the Southeast Afognak Section of the Afognak District (Figure 5).

June 14 to June 21 Commercial Fisheries

Commercial fisheries in the following management units may also occur on or after June 14, if escapement objectives are met or exceeded.

The Central and North Cape sections of the Northwest Kodiak District (Figure 4 and 6).

Anton Larsen, Sharatin Bay, Terror Bay, Inner Uganik Bay, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, Kizhuyak and Uyak Bay sections of the Northwest Kodiak District (Figure 6).

These fisheries are likely to open at noon Thursday June 9, and will remain open until further notice (5 AAC 18.365).

It is anticipated these fisheries will open at noon Thursday June 9 as a commercial test fishing period, depending on early indications of sockeye salmon run strength to Frazer and Upper Station. If a commercial test fishing period is allowed on June 9, it will be announced no later than June 5, and shall be no more than 33 hours in length, with no extension to fishing time. All sections would open and close concurrently, from noon Thursday June 9 through 9:00 PM Friday June 10 (5 AAC 18.361).

These fisheries are likely to open at noon Thursday June 9. Most openings will remain open until further notice. The fishery for the Kitoi Bay Hatchery early chum salmon runs may extend through mid to late July (5 AAC 18.365).

The initial fishing period in the Inner and Outer Ayakulik sections and the Southeast Afognak Section is solely dependent on sockeye salmon escapement to the Ayakulik (Red) or Afognak (Litnik) systems, respectively (5 AAC 18.362).

For these sections, a 33-hour commercial test fishing period will occur from noon Tuesday June 14 through 9:00 PM Wednesday June 15. An extension of this period will depend on escapement and buildups in Karluk Lagoon. The commercial catch from this period will be used to assess the strength of the sockeye salmon run to the Karluk system, with consideration of the Ayakulik, Frazer (Dog Salmon), and Upper Station sockeye salmon runs (5 AAC 18.362).

These sections may open at noon Tuesday June 14 as a 33-hour commercial test fishing period (5 AAC 18.362).

Southwest Afognak, Perenosa Bay, Pauls Bay, and Northwest Afognak sections of the Afognak District (Figure 5) Eastside Kodiak District (Figure 7) Big River and Outer Kukak Bay sections of the Mainland District (Figure 2).

Commercial salmon fishing will open at noon Tuesday, June 14 for a 33-hour fishing period. This initial fishing period targets early-run sockeye salmon bound for Pauls, Portage, Thorsheim, Long Lagoon, Saltery, Pasagshak, Ocean Beach, Swikshak, and/or Kafia systems. A second fishing period for minor sockeye salmon systems should occur on Tuesday, June 21 (5 AAC 18.362; 5 AAC 18.367; 5 AAC 18.368; 5 AAC 18.369).

Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area (Telrod Cove; Figure 6).

The initial commercial salmon fishing period targeting enhanced sockeye salmon returning to Telrod Cove is not expected to occur until after a cost recovery fishery has been initiated to help KRAA fund this project. The actual starting date will depend on the salmon buildups in Telrod Cove, ADF&G's ability to monitor the commercial fisheries (5 AAC 18.366), and the progress of the cost recovery harvest.

Additional fishing time from mid-June to early July will be based on sockeye salmon run strength as determined by salmon escapement counts, salmon buildups, and fishery performance. In order to maintain sockeye salmon escapements within established goal ranges, commercial fishing may be extended or curtailed.

Directed commercial fisheries within the Inner Karluk Section are solely dependent on Karluk River sockeye salmon escapement, and are only expected to occur if it appears likely that the early-run Karluk sockeye salmon escapement goal would be exceeded.

For most late-run sockeye salmon stocks, a portion of the harvestable surplus is taken during fishing periods targeting pink salmon. Consequently, a blended management strategy is needed to ensure that escapements for each species are achieved. Commercial fisheries targeting Upper Station late-run sockeye salmon may begin August 10 and fisheries targeting Karluk late-run sockeye salmon may begin August 16 (5 AAC 18.362).

Pink Salmon

In addition to the three management criteria identified in the introduction of this document, the KMA harvest strategy for pink salmon also utilizes

- a fixed opening date (July 6),
- pink salmon forecasts to set the length of the initial fishing periods, and
- coordination of multiple fisheries, whenever possible, to disperse the purse seine fleet.

The initial pink salmon fishing period will be 105 hours in length, excluding the Mainland District fisheries. From July 6 to July 25, fishing time for that portion of the Mainland District north of Cape Aklek will not exceed 57 hours per week (this does not include the Cape Igvak Section, which is managed in accordance with the Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan;

5 AAC 18.360 and the Wide Bay Section which may not open before July 26; 5AAC 18.369). During the peak harvest period, from late July to mid-August, fishing periods may be adjusted to match the actual strength of the pink salmon run.

The following schedule of pink salmon fishing periods for the 2011 season is provided for industry planning purposes. Changes to the following schedule should be expected if the perceived pink salmon run strength is weaker or stronger than forecasted. No extensions will occur during the first two periods. Extensions to later fishing periods may occur.

First Period: 105 hours—from noon Wednesday, July 6 through 9:00 PM Sunday, July 10. Harvests during this initial period provide important data to assess early run strength of KMA pink and chum salmon stocks. There will be no extension in fishing time following this period. In the Mainland District north of Cape Aklek this period will be 57 hours, from noon Wednesday July 6 through 9:00 PM Friday July 8.

Second Period: 105 hours—from noon Wednesday, July 13 through 9:00 PM Sunday, July 17. During the second period, run strength for both pink and chum salmon will again be assessed from harvest data. There will be no extension in fishing time following this period. In the Mainland District north of Cape Aklek this period will be 57 hours, from noon Wednesday, July 13 through 9:00 PM Friday, July 15.

Third Period: 105 hours—from noon Wednesday, July 20 through 9:00 PM Sunday, July 24. The previous closures will likely allow an influx of pink and chum salmon into terminal closed areas, resulting in the buildup of potential escapement. At this time, a combination of harvest and early escapement and/or buildup information should provide an indication of the actual run strength for major pink salmon stocks. If the pink salmon run is strong, extensions in fishing time may occur if escapements are sufficient within the systems. In the Mainland District north of Cape Aklek, this period will be 57 hours, from noon Wednesday, July 20 through 9:00 PM Friday, July 23. In the Inner Kitoi Bay, Outer Kitoi Bay, Izhut Bay, or Duck Bay sections, fishery restrictions may occur to meet hatchery cost recovery needs.

Fourth Period: 105 hours—from noon Wednesday, July 27 through 9:00 PM Sunday, July 31. During this period the total run strength should be evident by the end of the period. The pink salmon harvest has traditionally increased during this period. If the pink salmon run is strong, extensions in fishing time will occur. In the Inner Kitoi Bay, Outer Kitoi Bay, Izhut Bay, or Duck Bay sections, fishery restrictions may occur to meet hatchery cost recovery needs.

Subsequent fishing periods will likely follow the same weekly pattern through August, unless escapement information indicates that an extension or reduction of fishing time is necessary. Fishing time will be based on pink salmon returns to individual systems. Differential fishing time, by management unit, may occur as stronger production areas are targeted, while moderate or lower production areas have relatively less fishing time to provide additional protection. There also may be changes in closed water sanctuaries to increase escapement levels or to harvest surplus salmon.

From approximately August 1 through August 16, there will be cost recovery fisheries for the Kitoi Bay Hatchery. These cost recovery fisheries will primarily occur within the Inner Kitoi Bay Section, but may also expand into the Outer Kitoi Bay Section. There may be restricted fishing time in the Izhut Bay and Duck Bay sections during this time period, to allow fish to move into the Kitoi Bay sections for cost recovery and broodstock needs.

Chum Salmon

The supplemental Kitoi Bay Hatchery chum salmon run is projected to be strong in 2011 (Table 2). Liberal amounts of fishing time in the vicinity of the hatchery should begin June 9 and could extend into early July.

With the exception of chum salmon returning to the Kitoi Bay Hatchery, a major portion of the 2011 chum salmon harvest will occur in non-terminal locations during directed sockeye and pink salmon fisheries. The initial fishing periods targeting chum salmon will begin on July 6, and will follow the same opening dates and times as those for pink salmon. System-specific chum salmon fisheries that occur during the pink salmon fishery may result in some management units (such as the Kizhuyak Bay, Terror Bay, Uganik River, Uyak River, Sturgeon, Spiridon Bay, Zachar Bay, Inner Kukak Bay, Outer Kukak Bay, or Outer Ugak Bay sections) having more or less fishing time than those targeting primarily pink salmon stocks. Additional fishing time after July 25 for that portion of the Mainland District north of Dakavak Bay will depend on assessment of local pink, chum, and coho salmon runs. Chum salmon run strength will be assessed primarily from aerial surveys and harvest data.

Coho Salmon

Initially, coho salmon harvests will occur in non-terminal locations during directed pink salmon fisheries. System-specific coho salmon fisheries may occur during the pink salmon fishery, and may result in some management units having more or less fishing time than those primarily targeting pink salmon stocks (such as the Shuyak Island, Pauls Bay, Perenosa Bay, or Inner Ayakulik sections). Coho salmon run strength will be assessed from weir escapements, aerial surveys, foot surveys, and harvest data.

Directed coho salmon fisheries may begin on August 1 in both the Pauls Bay and Shuyak Island sections. The supplemental Kitoi Bay Hatchery coho salmon run has been successful over the past several years, and is projected to be moderately strong again this season (Table 2). Additional fishing time in the vicinity of the hatchery may occur in early September after pink salmon broodstock requirements are ensured. After September 10, coho salmon fishing may be allowed in the Settler Cove Special Harvest Area, if at least 500 coho salmon are available for harvest (statistical area 259-35; Figure 6).

INPERIOD CLOSURES

From July 6 through July 25, there are limits on the number of sockeye salmon that may be harvested in areas bordering the North Shelikof Strait (5 AAC 18.363). Purse seine permit holders operating in the North Shelikof Strait from July 6 to July 25 are advised that inperiod closures of designated Seaward Zones will occur in the likely event the harvest of sockeye salmon approach these limits (Figure 5; 5 AAC 18.360). Since the plan went into effect in 1990, Seaward Zone closures have occurred every year except 1991, 2000, and 2008.

Seaward Zone closures, if required, will be announced on single side band radio (SSB) frequency 3.230 MHz, from the ADF&G office in Kodiak, and on VHF 6 from the *R/V K-Hi-C* on the fishing grounds. In-period Seaward Zone closures announcement times will be 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 5:00 PM, or 8:00 PM. There will be at least 3 hours advance notice given for Seaward Zone closures.

INSEASON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENTS

After enough information has been collected to determine an appropriate amount fishing time to harvest surplus fish, a fishery announcement or News Release (NR) will be issued as follows:

1. The NR will include:
 - a. the date, time, and number of the EO announcement,
 - b. the length of the fishing period,
 - c. the opening and closing times and dates of the fishing period,
 - d. the areas opening to fishing,
 - e. the areas closing to fishing,
 - f. the location of closed water adjustments (if any), and
 - g. a list of any previous NR information that is still pertinent.
2. The NR will be posted at the main entrance of the Kodiak ADF&G office at 211 Mission Road. Copies of the NR will be available outside the main entrance, in the Kodiak ADF&G office during regular office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM), and posted at the Region IV commercial salmon fishery web site at <http://www.csfish.adfg.state.ak.us/newsrelease/select.php?species=400>.
3. The NR will be recorded on a 24-hour recorded message phone (486-4559).
4. The NR will be made available to local radio stations (KVOK 560 AM, KRXX 101.1 FM and KMXT 100.1 FM).
5. The Kodiak ADF&G management staff will monitor SSB radio channel 3.230 MHz (call sign WON 32), and Matrix satellite phone dispatch number 7410, during regular office hours, and will reply to public and industry inquiries when available.
6. The NR will be distributed to all registered processors by fax, email, telephone, hand delivery, or through the ADF&G recorded message phone.
7. Copies of EOs, which detail specific regulation changes and justifications, will be available upon request.

NRs are generally very detailed and complicated. It is advised that tender operators and permit holders obtain a written copy, or use a tape recorder to document the exact wording of each announcement as it is broadcast.

ADF&G STAFF CONTACT NUMBERS

ADF&G Kodiak management staff is available to answer questions regarding commercial salmon fishery regulations, openings, closures, and harvests. Contact phone numbers and e-mail address are as follows:

General Information: 486-1830

James Jackson: 486-1808
Area Management Biologist

After hours cell phone: 942-2097

Matrix Dispatch: 7410

Joe Dinnocenzo: 486-1807
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NOTABLE REGULATIONS AND CHANGES TO REGULATIONS MADE DURING THE 2011 BOARD OF FISHERIES MEETING

The Alaska Board of Fisheries (BOF) met in Kodiak during January 2011 to discuss Kodiak salmon fishery regulations. Changes were made that will be in effect for the 2011 commercial salmon fishery. A synopsis of several important regulations and regulation changes follows, but all participants in the Kodiak commercial salmon fishery are urged to make themselves aware of all applicable regulations. Copies of the KMA commercial salmon fishery regulations and the most recent Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart (revised 2011) are available at the Kodiak ADF&G office.

MULTIPLE SET NET PERMITS

During the 2008 BOF meeting for the KMA, a regulation (5 AAC 18.331 (j)) was adopted to allow a CFEC permit holder with two Kodiak set gillnet permits to fish with both permits. This regulation had a sunset clause and expired on December 31, 2010. During their 2011 meeting, the BOF decided to allow this regulation to sunset as written and this provision is no longer in effect.

CLOSED WATER AREAS

All freshwater streams and rivers of the KMA are closed to commercial salmon fishing. Additionally, commercial fishing is allowed seaward of the exposed tidal bank adjacent to all streams and rivers in the KMA unless:

1. Alternatives are specifically listed in the regulation book (see 5 AAC 18.350. CLOSED WATERS); or
2. The stream number is un-circled on the most recent version of the KMA salmon statistical chart issued annually by ADF&G. For streams with un-circled numbers, all saltwater within 500 yards of the seaward extremities of the exposed tidal banks are closed to commercial salmon fishing; or
3. Closed water areas are specifically reduced or increased inseason by EO at a particular stream or bay (announced by NR); or
4. Closed waters markers are in place. The intent is to maintain a 500-yard closed water area from the stream terminus, at all stages of the tide, unless the area is made larger or smaller by regulation or EO. If closed waters markers are in place, the closure line may be a straight line or may be an arc, as follows:
 - a. The closure line is a straight line between two regulatory markers if specifically stated in regulation or EO, or if at all stages of the tide, the markers are farther than 500 yards from the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks of the salmon streams located inside the markers.
 - b. The closed water line will be an arc if necessary to maintain the 500-yard distance from the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks of the salmon stream at any stage of the tide. Then, waters closed to salmon fishing will be a line arcing from the markers to a point 500 yards directly off the seaward extremities of the exposed tideland banks that designates the stream mouth. The actual shape of the closed water area will change as the tide ebbs and floods.

As stated in 5 AAC 18.350. CLOSED WATERS. (b). If the location of a regulatory marker is in conflict with the closed waters listed in this section, it is illegal to fish on the stream-ward side of that marker. There will be no inseason adjustments of closed water markers unless ADF&G personnel are available to remove the normal markers, install new markers, and subsequently reinstall the normal markers. There will be at least 18 hours advance notice prior to adjusting closed waters.

NEW STATISTICAL AREAS

It is important that permit holders have the most recent statistical chart (March 2011) and take note of the new numerical designations for many of the inner bay statistical numbers.

RELEASE OF LARGE CHINOOK (KING) SALMON BY PURSE SEINE FISHERMEN

ADF&G may require commercial purse seine fishermen to release large Chinook salmon (greater than 28 inches in length) from their catch. If ADF&G does require the release of Chinook salmon, any Chinook salmon greater than 28 inches would have to be released unharmed, immediately. This would apply only in the Inner Karluk, Outer Karluk, Inner Ayakulik, or Outer Ayakulik sections and that portion of the Northwest Kodiak District south of the latitude of Cape

Kuliuk, and only if the department determines that the Karluk or Ayakulik Chinook salmon runs will not likely meet seasonal escapement goals (5 AAC 18.395).

USE OF NET PENS

Floating net pens may be used in the KMA to hold live, commercially caught salmon prior to processing. However, fishermen that choose to use a net pen to hold live salmon must obtain a permit at the Kodiak ADF&G office (5 AAC 18.392). The permit will outline restrictions, conditions, and reporting requirements. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain any additional licenses or permits that may be required. Any fishermen that wish to use a net pen should contact salmon management staff at the Kodiak Fish and Game office.

WASTE OF SALMON

Waste of salmon will not be tolerated and may result in fishing period closures (AS 16.05.831 and 5 AAC 93.310). Unless prohibited by law, salmon taken commercially may be used or sold as bait (5 AAC 93.350).

PERSONAL USE OF COMMERCIALY TAKEN SALMON

Commercial fishermen may keep salmon legally taken in their commercial gear during open commercial fishing periods for their own personal use. However, the number of fish harvested and kept for personal use must be reported on a fish ticket. These fish may not be sold or bartered (5 AAC 39.010).

At the time of delivery, record the number of each species of salmon caught but not sold in the lower right hand corner of the fish ticket, in the space designated for that purpose.

DIRECT MARKETING

There has been an increase in interest by Kodiak commercial salmon fishermen to market their own lawfully taken commercial catch (direct marketing). If fish are to be sold later, the commercial fishermen must be properly registered and licensed. There are several ways to legally market your own fish, but some require special registration and licensing. Registration and licensing ensures accurate reporting of harvests, which is essential for sound management of commercial fisheries.

Direct marketers are responsible for filing their own fish tickets with ADF&G and may be required to complete a Commercial Operators Annual Report. Direct marketers must also register with the ADF&G salmon management office in Kodiak.

FISH TRANSPORTERS

A fish transporter differs from a tender. A tender acts as the agent of a registered processor or buyer, and is the first point of sale of fish from the CFEC permit holder to a processor or buyer. A fish transporter is an agent of the CFEC permit holder(s), and is authorized to take legally harvested fish from one or more commercial salmon fisherman to a buyer or buyers. A fisherman or group of fishermen may hire a fish transporter, who may then legally take their fish to the first point of sale.

A Fish Transporter Permit is required, and must be in possession of the operator during the transport and sale of fish. The ADF&G Division of Commercial Fisheries in Juneau issues Fish Transporter Permits. All fish transporters who plan to transport salmon within the KMA must

also be registered with the ADF&G Kodiak commercial salmon fishery management staff. The transporting vessel used must be licensed as a commercial fishing vessel and all people working aboard the vessel must have crewmember licenses.

Fish transporters are required to report their activities to ADF&G and to fill out a fish ticket for all fish taken aboard their vessel. The commercial fisherman who caught the salmon is required to provide the fish transporter with fish ticket information such as the CFEC permit number, the area of harvest, catch dates, and catcher vessel ADF&G number, and must sign the fish ticket. The number of fish by species and the weight of the fish by species must be estimated and recorded on the fish ticket. Final weights and fish counts will be verified upon delivery of the fish to the buyer or processor. The buyer or processor submits the finalized fish ticket to ADF&G. Additional information and Fish Transporter Permit applications are available from the ADF&G Kodiak staff.

FISH TICKETS / HARVEST REPORTS

It is the legal responsibility of commercial fishermen, tenders or transporters, and processors and buyers to ensure that all information on a fish ticket is complete and correct. Prior to completing and signing fish tickets, permit holders, tender operators, and/or processing personnel should make sure that the proper statistical area with the correct harvest information has been entered and the fish ticket is complete, legible, and accurate. Fishermen are reminded that 5AAC 39.130 (c)(9) requires completed fish tickets to include the CFEC permit number of the operator of the unit of gear with which the fish were taken, imprinted on the fish ticket from the valid permit card.

PROCESSORS/TENDERS

Management of the KMA commercial salmon fisheries requires timely, accurate harvest reporting. Without accurate information, a more conservative harvest strategy will be adopted and less fishing time will be allowed. Processors and buyers are required to accurately report catches daily to ADF&G (5 AAC 39.130). In order to process the harvest information and use it for management decisions, catch reports must include the estimated number of salmon harvested by species, for each gear type, from each major catch area (by statistical area, or by geographic area such as a bay, cape, or headland). ADF&G management staff will contact processors to arrange the daily reporting times and format. Daily reports can be made verbally, by fax, or by email. Email is the preferred method. Processors should obtain correct, up to date, information from tender operators prior to providing daily reports to ADF&G.

Each day, tender operators must provide their processing companies with an accurate count of deliveries and number of salmon delivered, by species and by catch area. Alternately, tender operators may report, the total number of pounds and the average weight by species, by catch area.

Statistical area numbers are used to record harvest location(s) on fish tickets. Tender operators should ensure that the location of the catch, rather than the location of the tender pick-up, is recorded on the fish ticket.

The correct harvest location and number of fish harvested by species must be recorded on each fish ticket. This information is extremely important in evaluating inseason harvests, stock contribution, and effort distribution. In order to provide maximum allowable fishing time, especially in areas such as the Cape Igvak Section and north Shelikof Strait, it is imperative that

the correct statistical areas and numbers of fish by species are reported on the fish ticket at the time of delivery.

PURSE SEINE FISHERMEN

Purse seine fishermen should be certain that their fish tickets show the number of fish of each species, or the total weight and average by species for each delivery. Purse seine permit holders must, at a minimum, provide estimates of harvest by statistical area to tender operators. For example: "1/3 of my sockeye were from Cape Alitak (257-20) and 2/3 were from Outer Ayakulik (256-20). The rest of my fish were 1/2 and 1/2 from each of those two areas". The location of the tender where the fish were delivered should not be used as the harvest location.

SET GILLNET FISHERMEN

Set gillnet fishermen should make sure their fish tickets show the number of fish of each species, or the total and average weight by species for each delivery. Because of the fixed nature of set gillnet gear, each permit holder's reporting area (statistical area) is usually consistent between landings. In the event that a gillnet is moved into a new statistical area, fishermen should make sure that the tender operator is provided with that information.

TABLES AND FIGURES

Table 1.—Alaska Board of Fisheries approved fishery management plans for the Kodiak Management Area, 2011.

Management Plan	Year Initiated	Management Units Affected	Dates in Effect
Cape Igvak Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.360)	1978	Cape Igvak Section Wide Bay Section	6/1 – 7/25
Alitak Bay District Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.361)	1987	Alitak Bay District	6/1 – 10/31
Westside Kodiak Management Plan (5 AAC 18.362)	1990	NW Kodiak District SW Kodiak District SW Afognak Section	6/1 – 10/31
North Shelikof Strait Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.363)	1990	SW Afognak Section NW Afognak Section Shuyak Island Section Big River Section Hallo Bay Section Inner and Outer Kukak Bay sections Dakavak Bay Section	7/6 – 7/25
Crescent Lake Coho Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.364)	1990	Special Harvest Area in the Central Section near Port Lions	7/15 – 10/31
Eastside Afognak Management Plan (5 AAC 18.365)	1993	Southeast Afognak Section Raspberry Strait Section Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections Duck Bay Section Izhut Bay Section	6/1 – 10/31
Spiridon Lake Sockeye Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.366)	1993	Special Harvest Area in Spiridon Bay Section	6/1 – 10/31
Eastside Kodiak Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.367)	1995	Eastside Kodiak District NE Kodiak District	6/14 – 10/31
North Afognak / Shuyak Island Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.368)	1995	NE Afognak Section Perenosa Bay Section Pauls Bay Section Shuyak Island Section NW Afognak Section	6/1 – 10/31
Mainland District Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 18.369)	1999	Mainland District	6/14 – 10/31

Table 2.—Actual versus projected 2010 commercial salmon harvest by species and fishery, and 2011 harvest projections for the Kodiak Management Area.

	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Projected Harvest 2010 ^a	20,000	2,491,584	413,108	11,400,000	1,016,668	15,341,360
Actual Harvest 2010 ^a	14,550	1,436,606	266,431	8,864,796	734,806	11,317,189
Projected Harvest 2011	20,000	2,053,228	373,048	29,300,000	1,139,578	32,885,854

FISHERY	2010 Harvest		2011 Harvest
	Projection ^b	Actual ^c	Projection ^b
Early Sockeye Salmon Fisheries (6/1-7/15)			
Kitoi Bay Hatchery ^d	30,646	63,833	46,900
Cape Igvak ^e	109,477	175,955	142,343
Karluk ^f	55,000	107,129	99,926
Ayakulik ^g	294,000	91,916	288,863
Alitak District ^h	176,000	30,691	140,424
Minor Enhancement ⁱ	30,400	44,840	43,000
Spiridon ^j	88,000	103,587	93,244
Other ^k	309,000	187,066	399,970
Subtotal	1,092,523	805,017	1,254,670
Late Sockeye Salmon Fisheries (7/16-10/31)			
Kitoi Bay Hatchery ^d	40,598	27,291	20,100
Cape Igvak ^e	96,463	29,815	87,036
Karluk ^f	440,000	190,021	139,845
Ayakulik ^g	126,000	177,527	123,799
Alitak District ^h	213,000	85,247	216,400
Spiridon ^j	88,000	70,886	39,962
Other ^k	395,000	50,802	171,416
Subtotal	1,399,061	631,589	798,558
TOTAL SOCKEYE	2,491,584	1,436,606	2,053,228
Pink Salmon Fisheries			
Kitoi Bay Hatchery ^d	5,700,000	3,250,469	7,400,000
Afognak (Wild) ^l	416,100	1,997,971	3,066,000
Westside Kodiak ^m	4,109,700	2,645,798	5,037,000
Alitak ⁿ	484,500	146,363	4,818,000
Eastside/Northend Kodiak ^o	467,400	682,887	8,103,000
Mainland ^p	222,300	141,308	876,000
Subtotal	11,400,000	8,864,796	29,300,000
Chum Salmon Fisheries			
Kitoi Bay Hatchery ^d	273,668	191,284	411,000
Afognak (Wild) ^l	30,000	37,607	36,446
Westside Kodiak ^m	291,000	175,305	221,945
Alitak ⁿ	48,000	18,836	52,972
Eastside/Northend Kodiak ^o	220,000	136,434	267,112
Mainland ^p	154,000	175,340	150,102
Subtotal	1,016,668	734,806	1,139,578

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FISHERY	2010 Harvest		2011 Harvest
	Projection ^b	Actual ^c	Projection ^b
Coho Salmon Fisheries			
Kitoi Bay Hatchery ^d	155,108	113,909	156,000
Afognak ^l	42,000	25,949	28,002
Westside Kodiak ^m	136,000	58,138	107,218
Alitak ⁿ	9,000	14,547	8,945
Eastside/Northend Kodiak ^o	51,000	32,115	52,072
Mainland ^p	20,000	21,773	20,810
Subtotal	413,108	266,431	373,048
GRAND TOTAL ^q	15,341,360	11,317,189	32,885,854

Note: Harvest projections presented in this table represent formal forecasts as well as projections based on past fishery performance.

- ^a In number of salmon (rounded to nearest hundred). Does not include subsistence, sport, personal use, or ADF&G test fish harvests.
- ^b Projected harvests for enhanced and major sockeye systems are based on the formal forecasts for those individual stocks (total run minus escapement) and the projected harvest from minor sockeye systems and other salmon species are based on less formal escapement to return relationships.
- ^c Actual harvest is the number taken in a particular geographic area, not the catch assigned to an individual salmon stock.
- ^d From the Duck Bay, Izhut Bay, and Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections only.
- ^e From the Cape Igvak Section. Early run is from the beginning of season through June 26. Late run is from July 8 through 25.
- ^f From the Southwest Afognak Section, Northwest Kodiak District (except for Spiridon and Settler Cove Terminal Harvest Areas), Inner and Outer Karluk sections, plus 50% of Halibut Bay Section from June 21 through July 15 and 100% after July 31.
- ^g From the Outer and Inner Ayakulik sections, plus 50% of Halibut Bay Section from June 21 through July 15 and 100% from July 16 through 31.
- ^h From the Alitak Bay District. Frazer and Upper Station harvest estimates are based on initial run and fishery timing and stock separation.
- ⁱ From the Foul Bay, Waterfall Bay, and Settler Cove Special Harvest areas.
- ^j From the Spiridon Lake Special Harvest Area (Telrod Cove), plus an estimate of Spiridon-bound sockeye taken in adjacent areas.
- ^k From minor systems at Inner and Outer Ugak Bay (Saltery), Buskin River, Perenosa Bay (Portage), Northwest Afognak (Thorsheim & Long Lagoon), Big River (Swikshak), and Outer Kukak Bay (Kafliia & Kuliuk) sections.
- ^l From the Afognak District except for the Duck, Izhut, and Inner and Outer Kitoi Bay sections.
- ^m From the Southwest Kodiak District (256- and 255-) and the Northwest Kodiak District (254- and 253-) except for the North Cape, Anton Larson, Sharatin, and Kizhuyak sections, and part of the Central Section (259-35 to 259-39).
- ⁿ From the Alitak District.
- ^o From the Eastside Kodiak District (258-, and 259-40 to 259-42), Northeast Kodiak District (259-21 to 259-25), and the North Cape, Anton Larson, Sharatin, and Kizhuyak sections, plus part of the Central Section (259-35 to 259-39).
- ^p From the Mainland District.
- ^q Includes the projected 2010 harvest of 20,000 Chinook salmon, the actual 2010 harvest of 14,550 Chinook salmon and a projected 2011 harvest of 20,000 Chinook salmon.

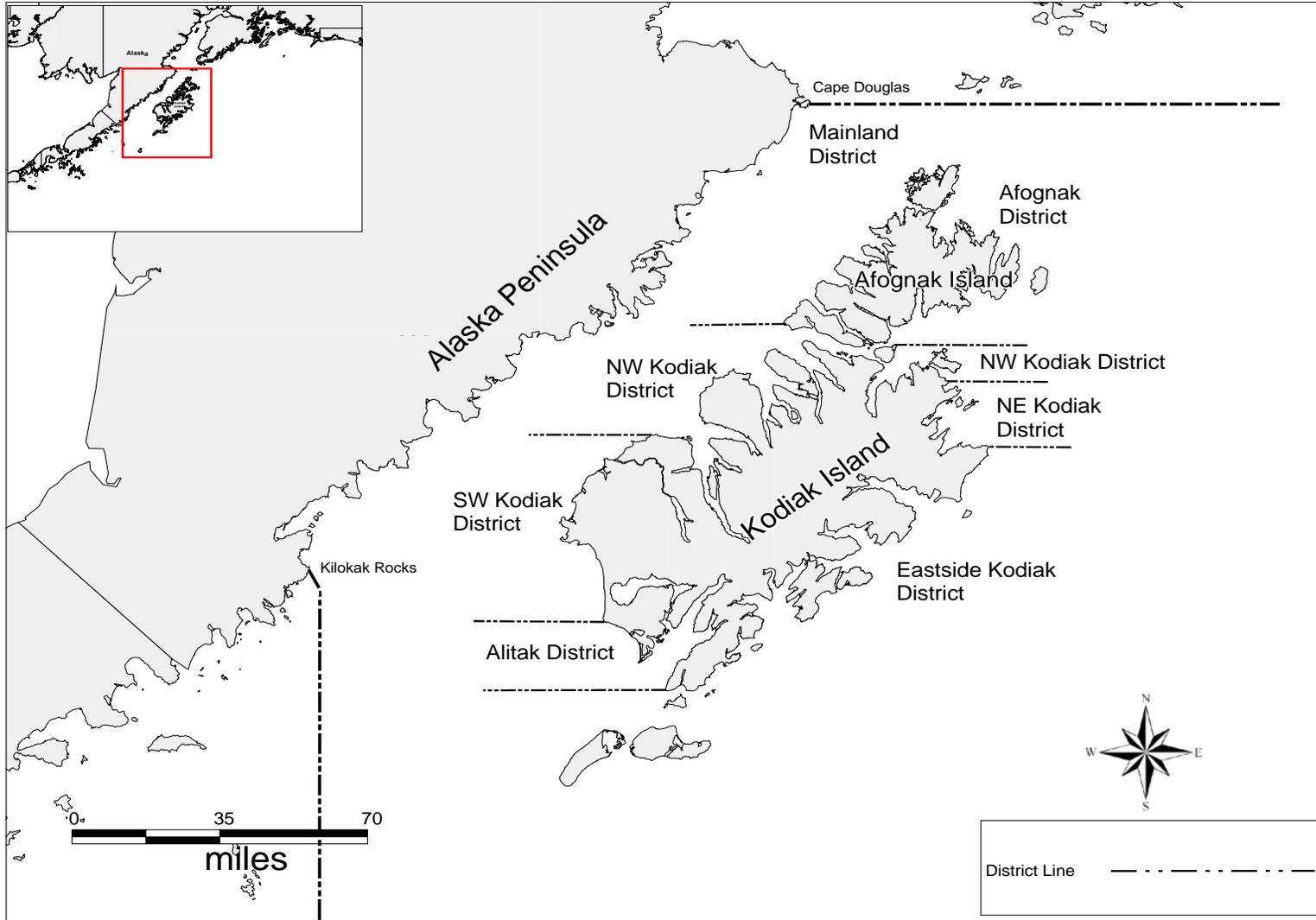


Figure 1.—Map of the commercial salmon fishing districts in the Kodiak Management Area identifying commercial salmon fishing districts.

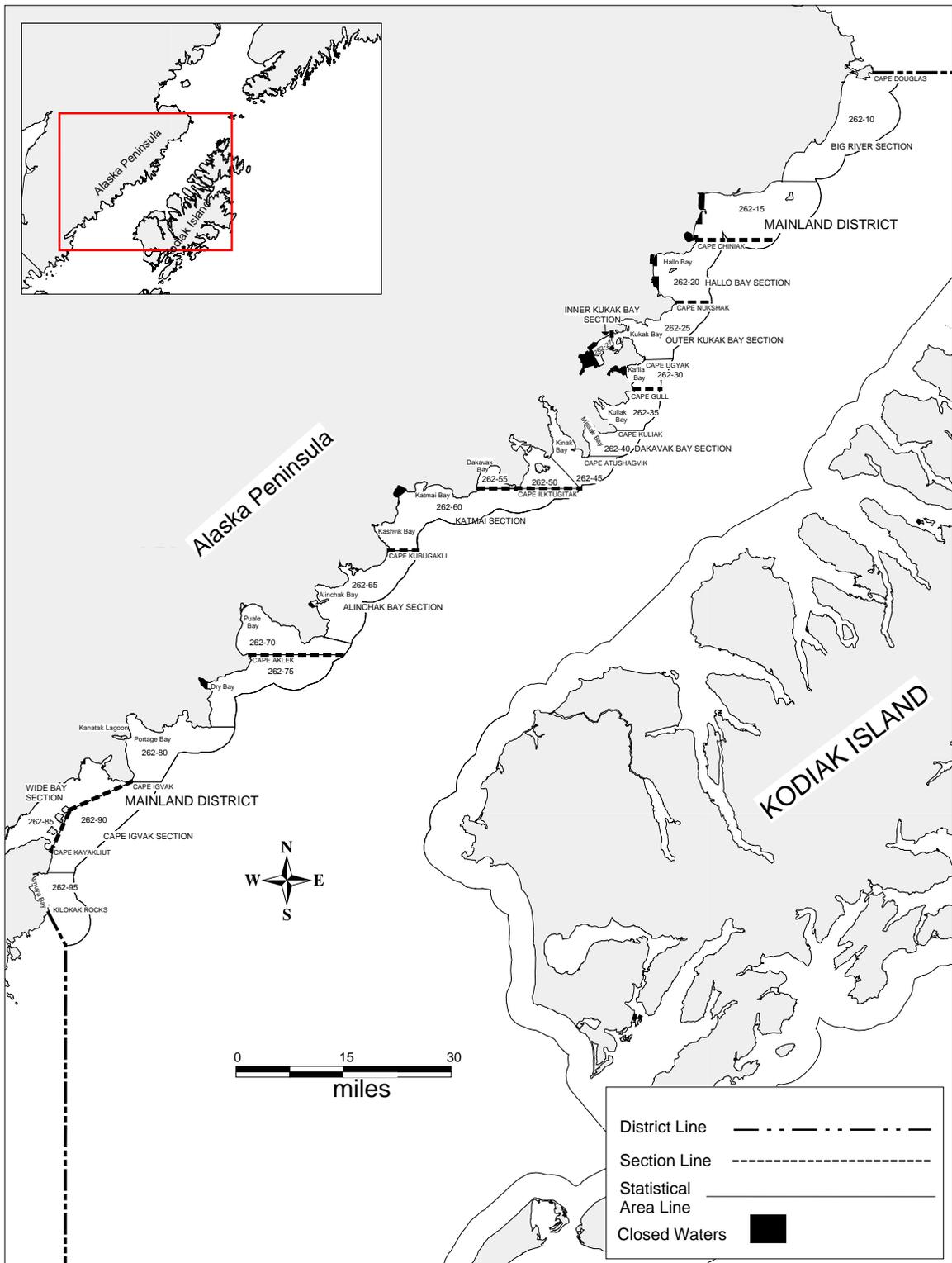


Figure 2.—Map of the Mainland District identifying commercial salmon fishing sections and statistical areas.

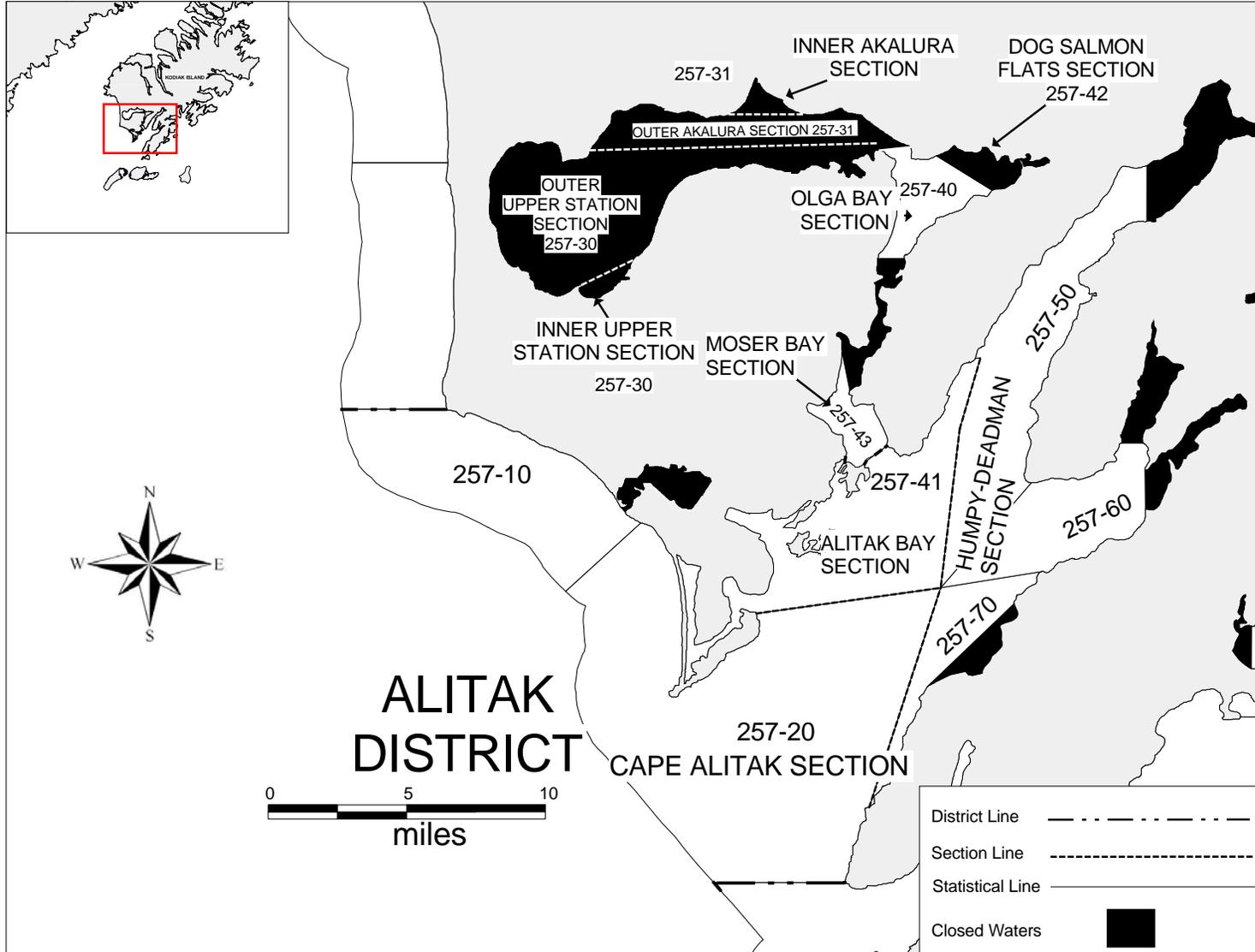


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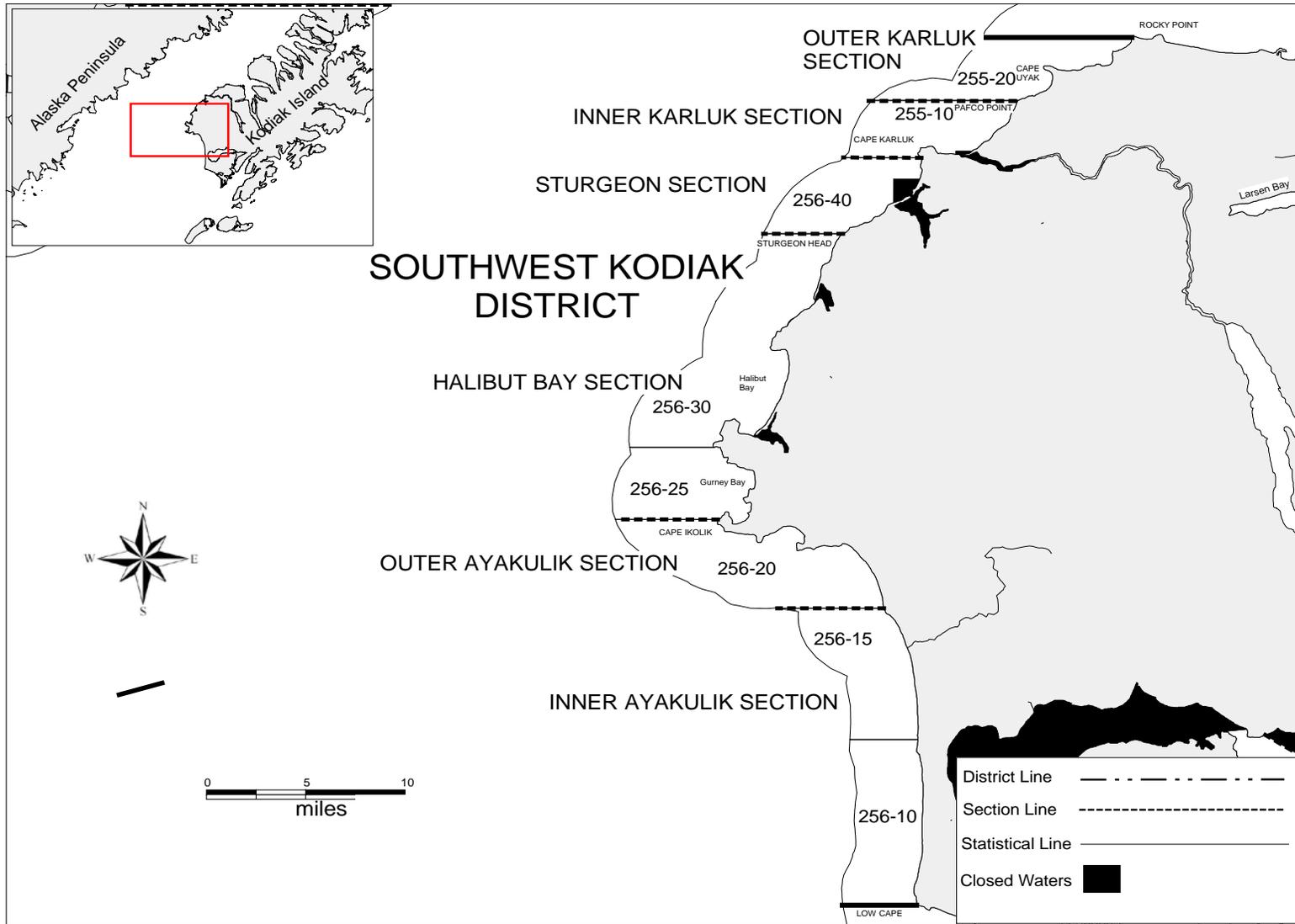


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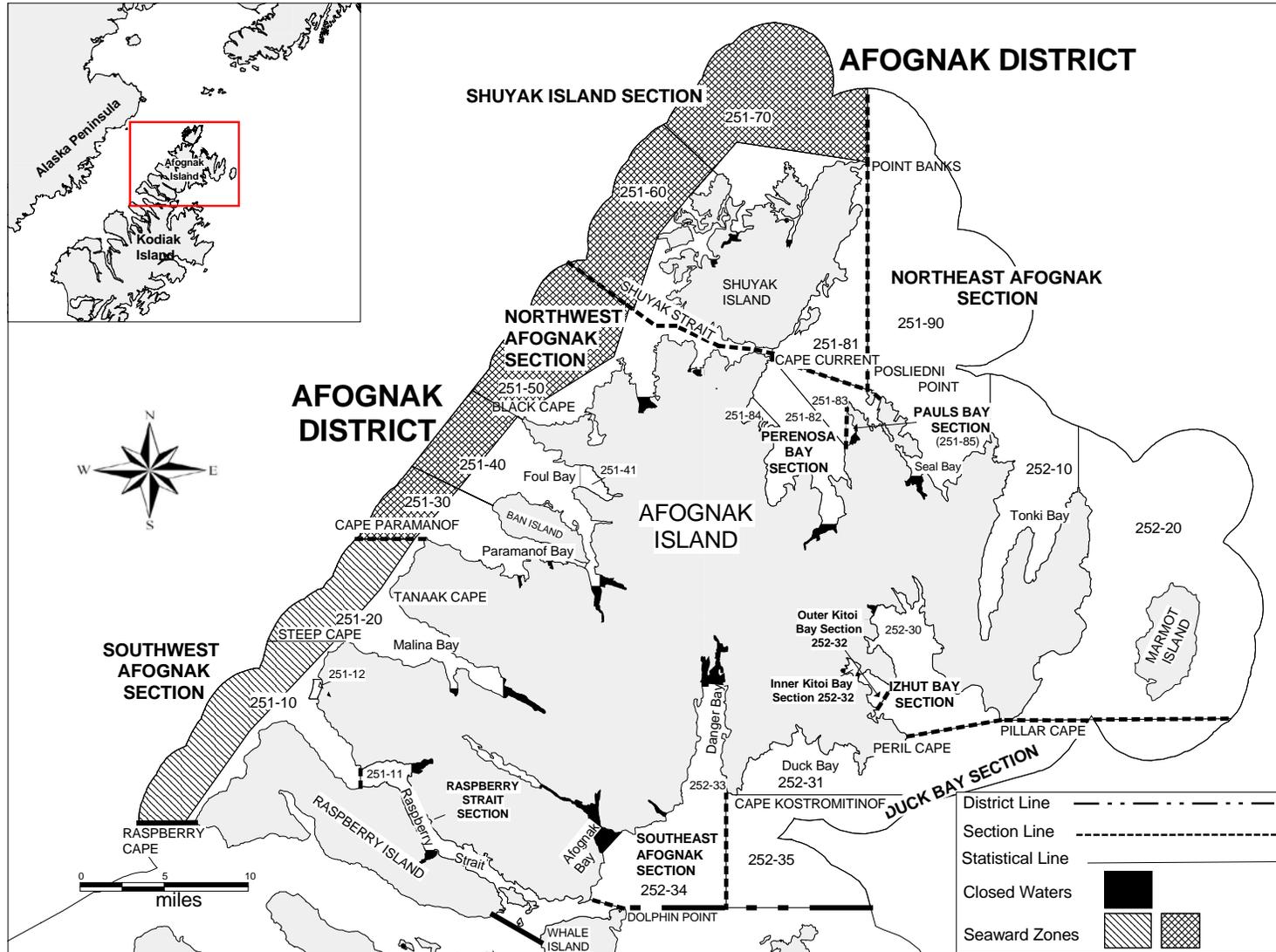


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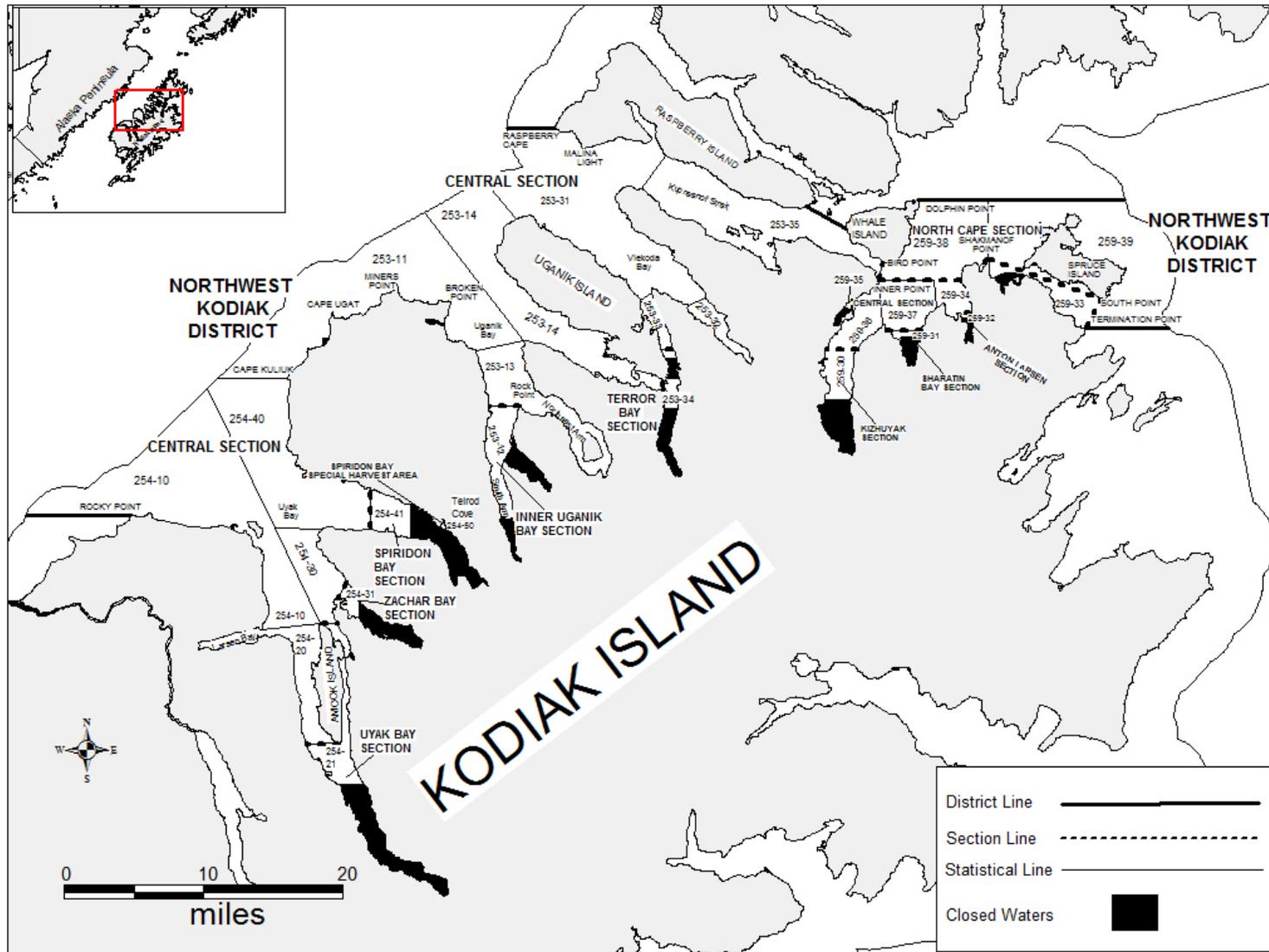


Figure 6.—Map of the Northwest Kodiak District identifying commercial salmon fishing sections and statistical areas

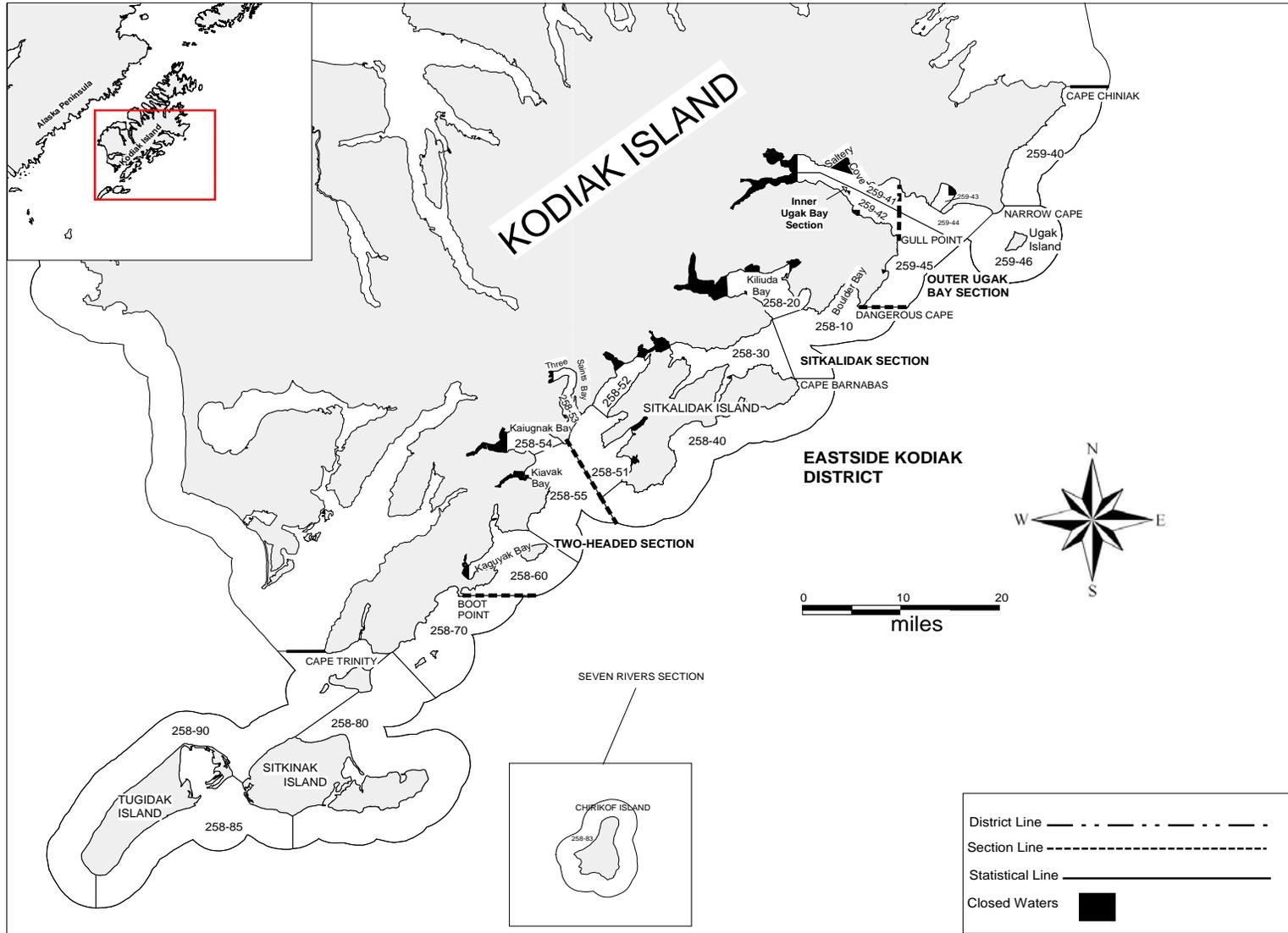


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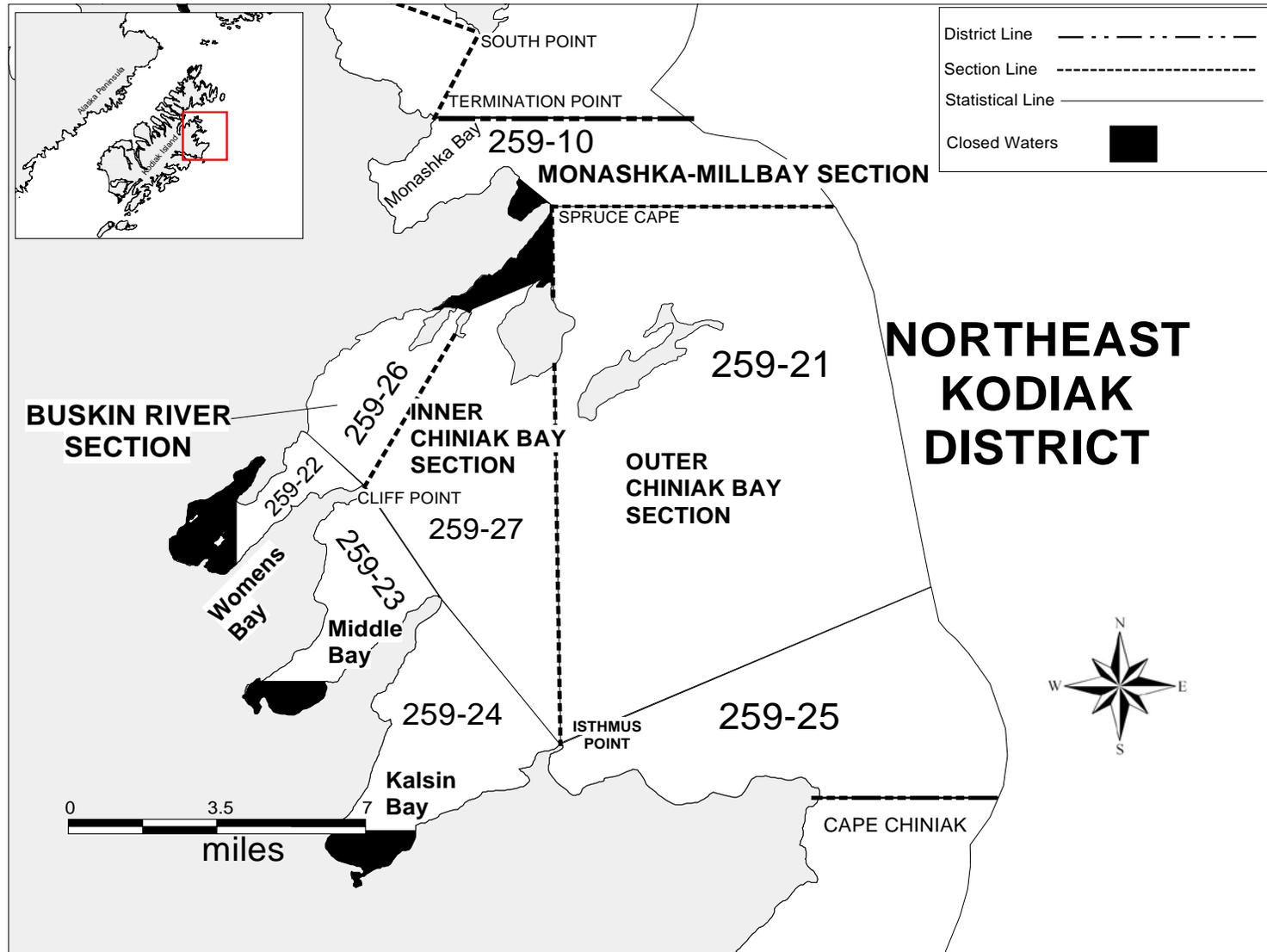


Figure 8.—Map of the Northeast Kodiak District identifying commercial salmon fishing sections and statistical areas.

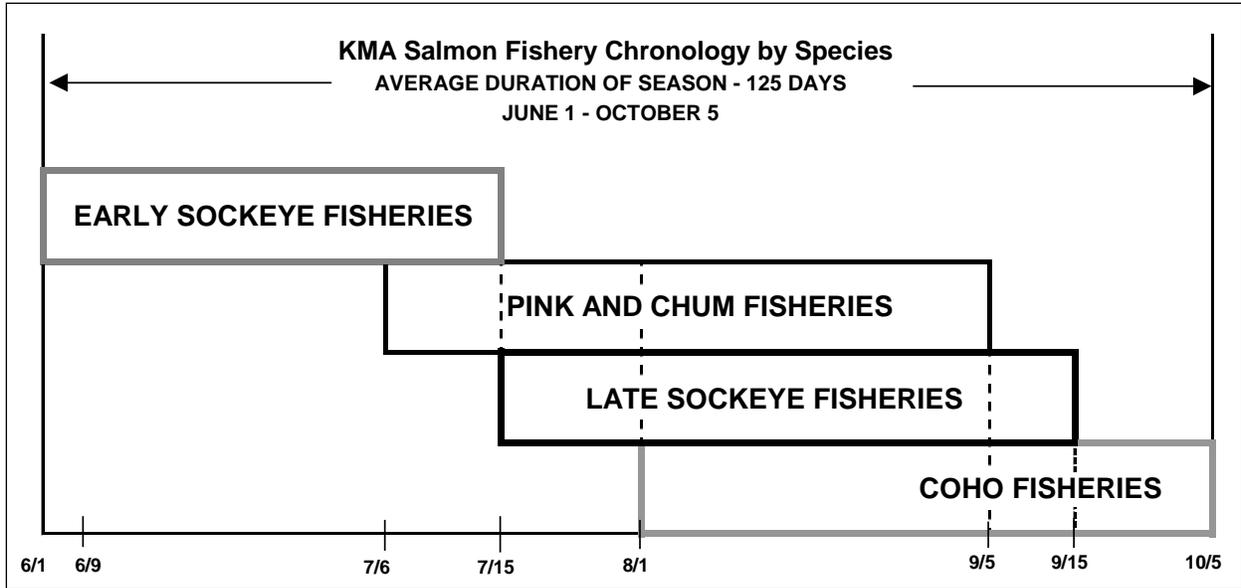
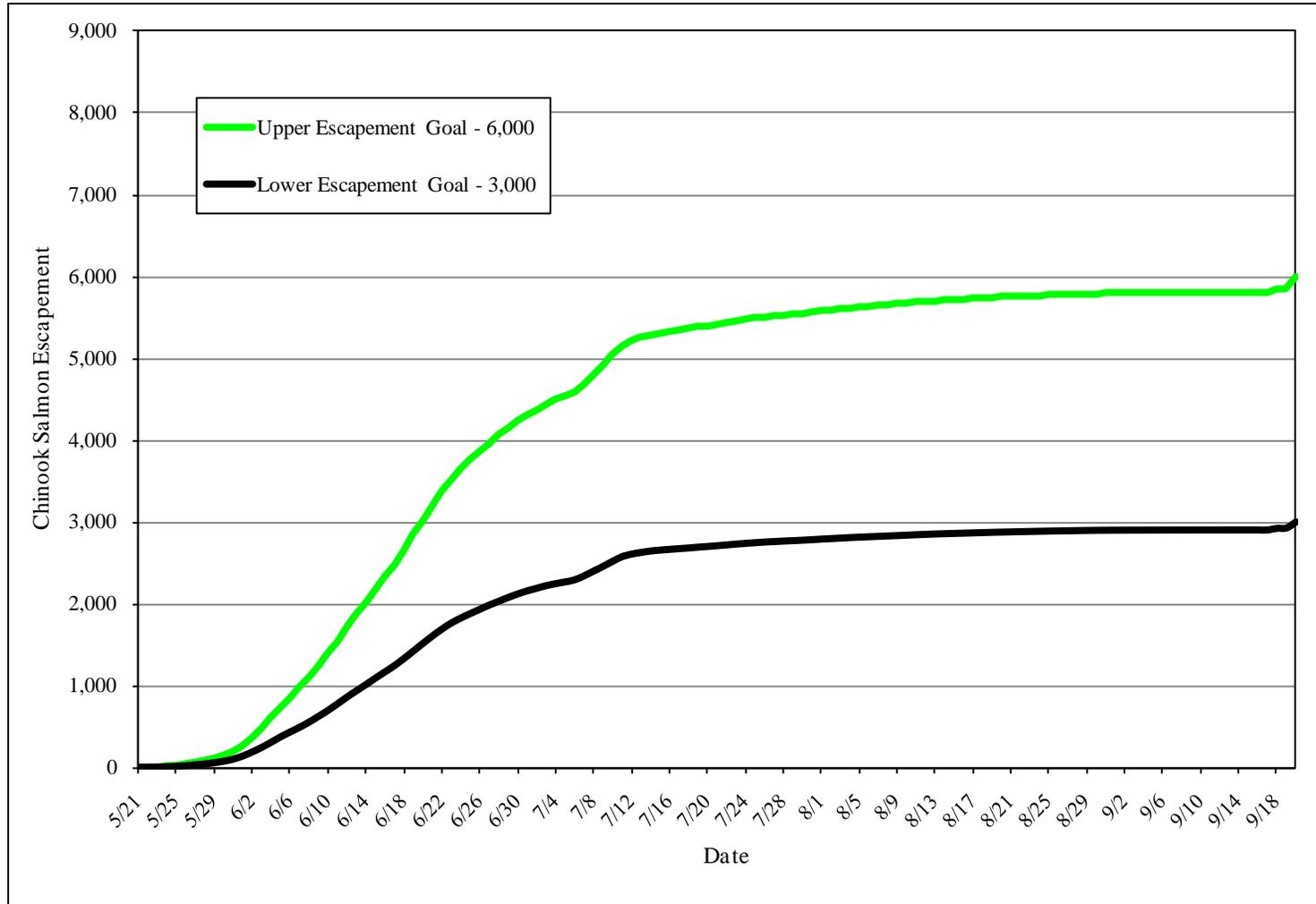


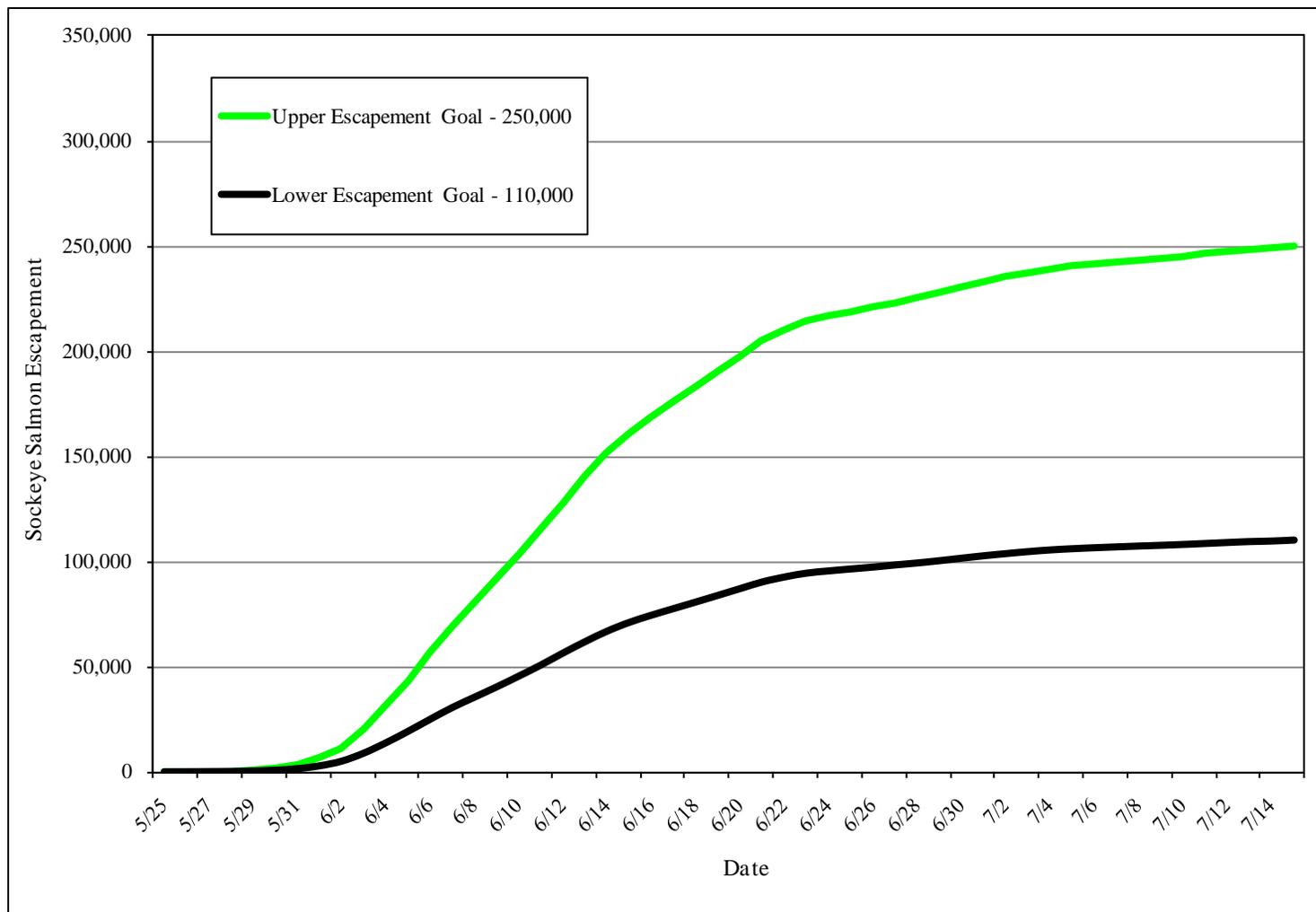
Figure 9.—Commercial salmon fishery chronology by species, for the Kodiak Management Area.

**APPENDIX A. CHARTS OF AVERAGE RUN TIMING
RELATIVE TO CURRENT ESCAPEMENT GOALS FOR
SELECT STREAMS AND SPECIES**



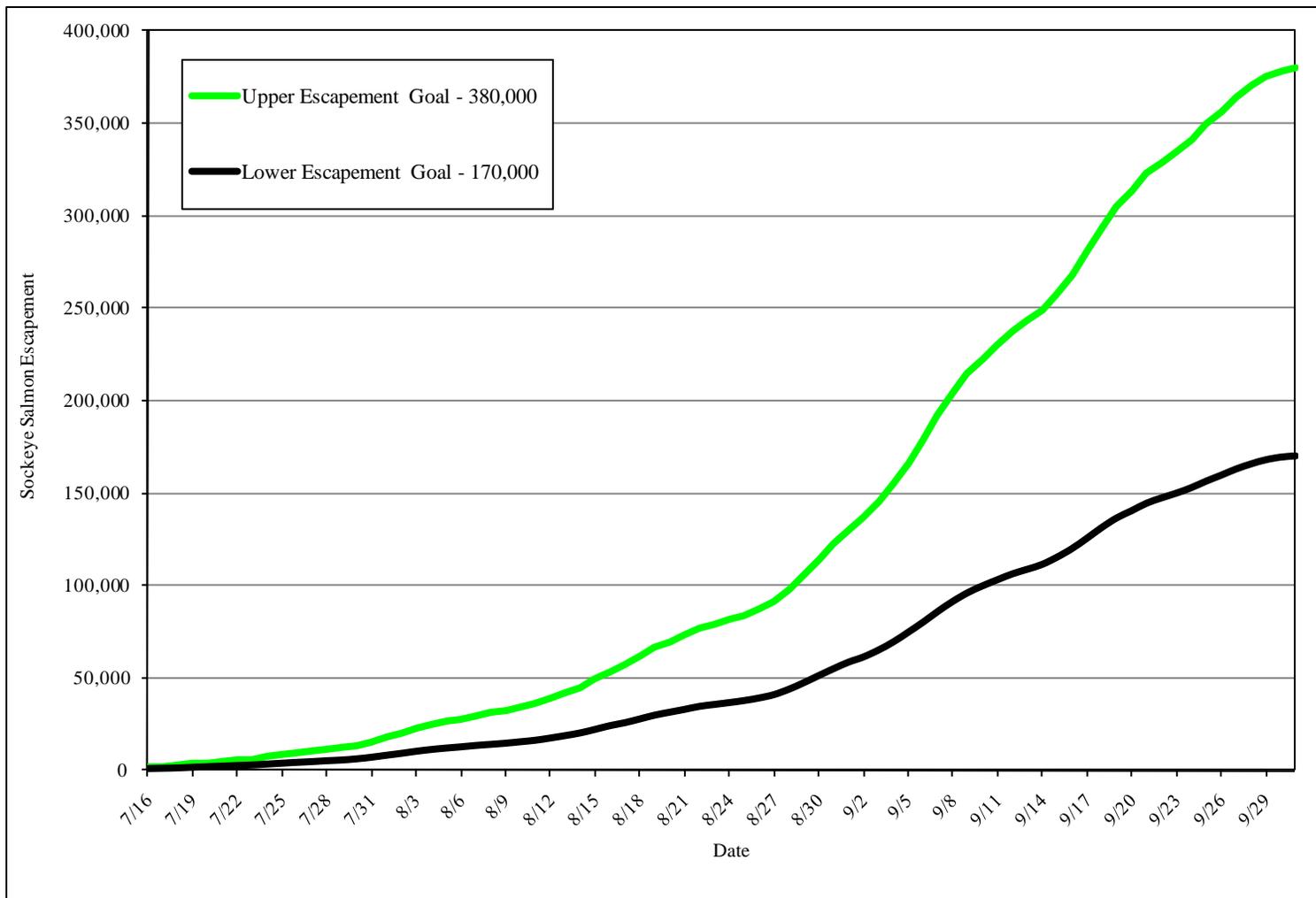
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Appendix A1.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for Chinook salmon into the Karluk system.



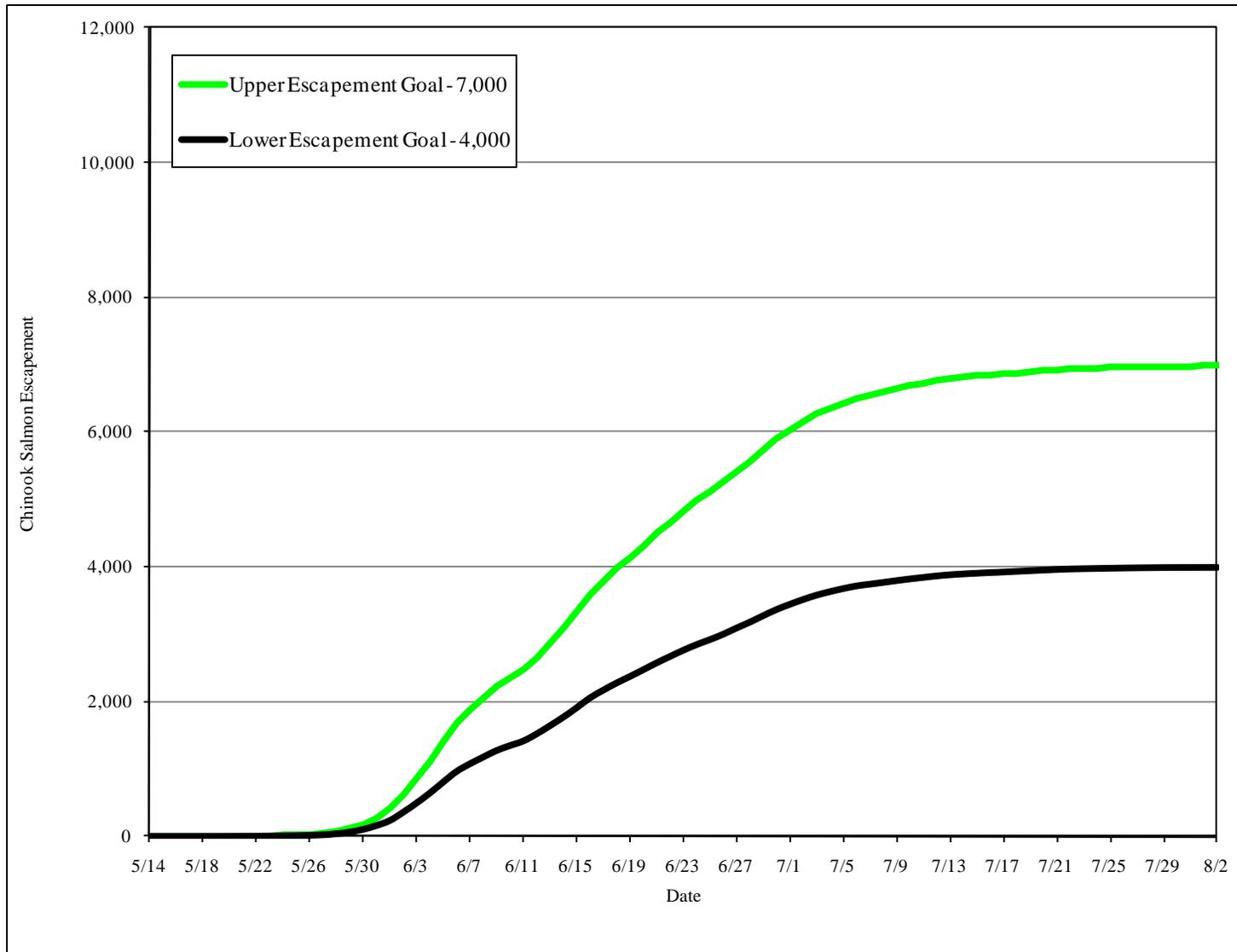
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Appendix A2.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for early-run sockeye salmon into the Karluk system.



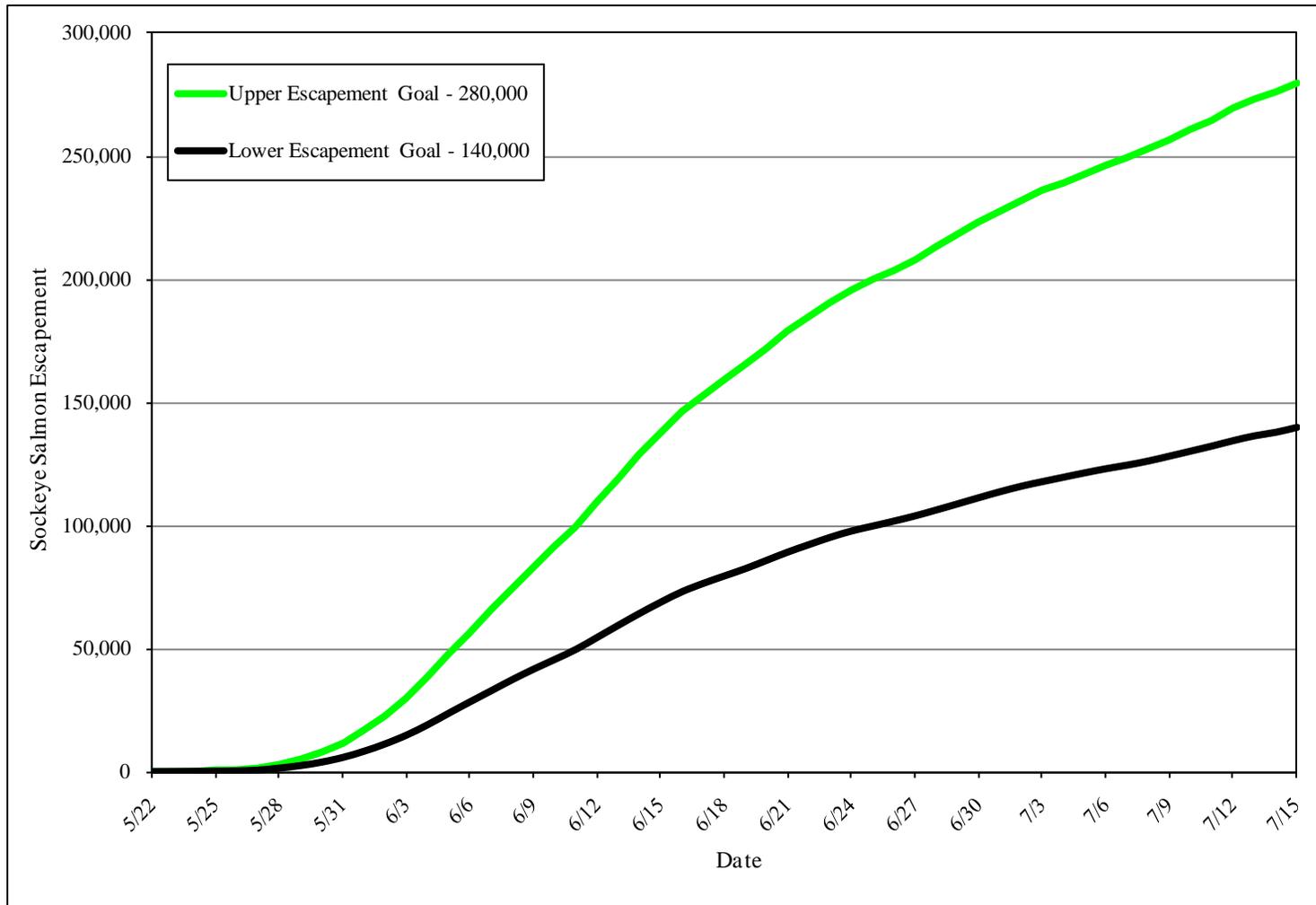
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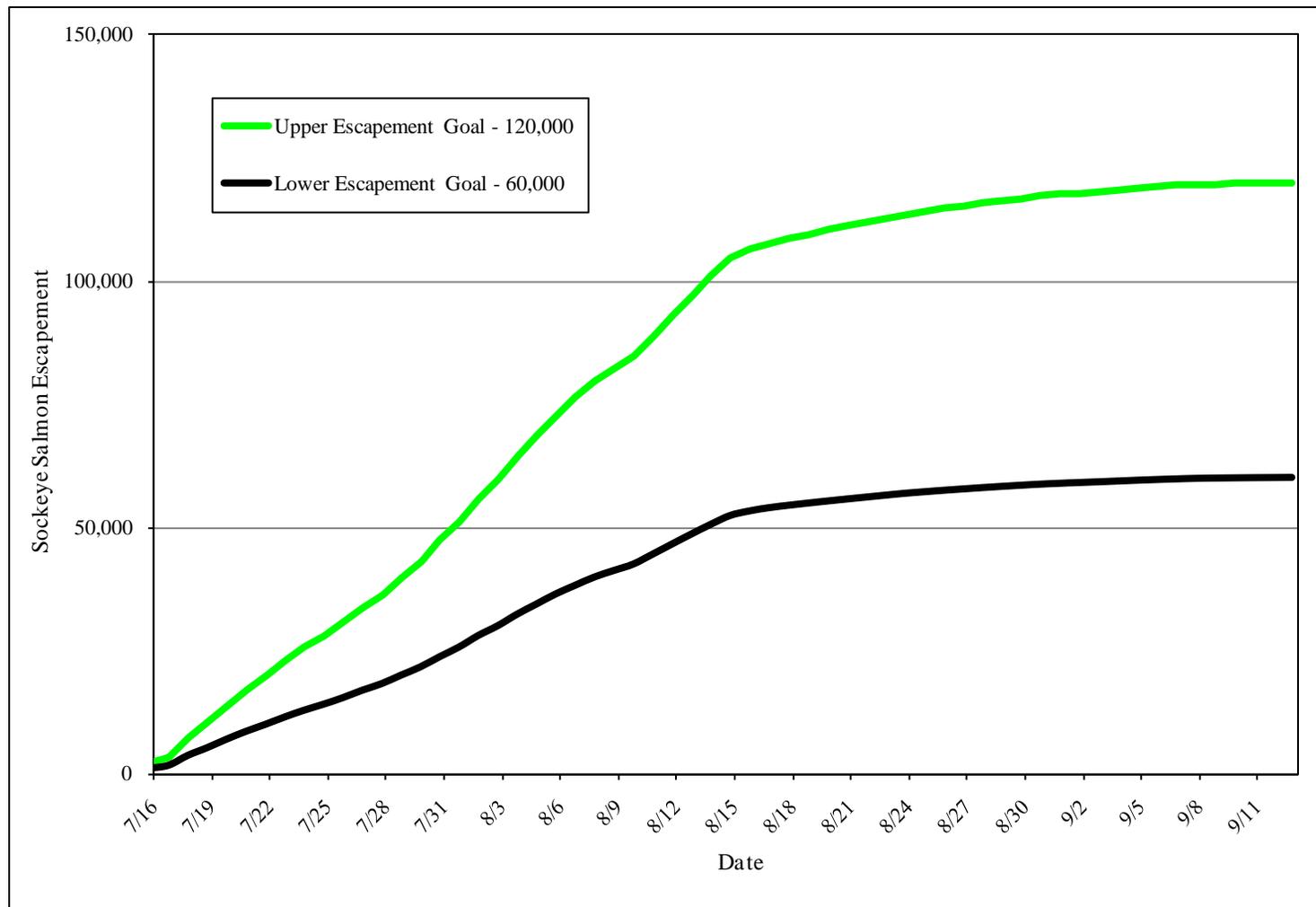
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Appendix A4.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for Chinook salmon into the Ayakulik system.



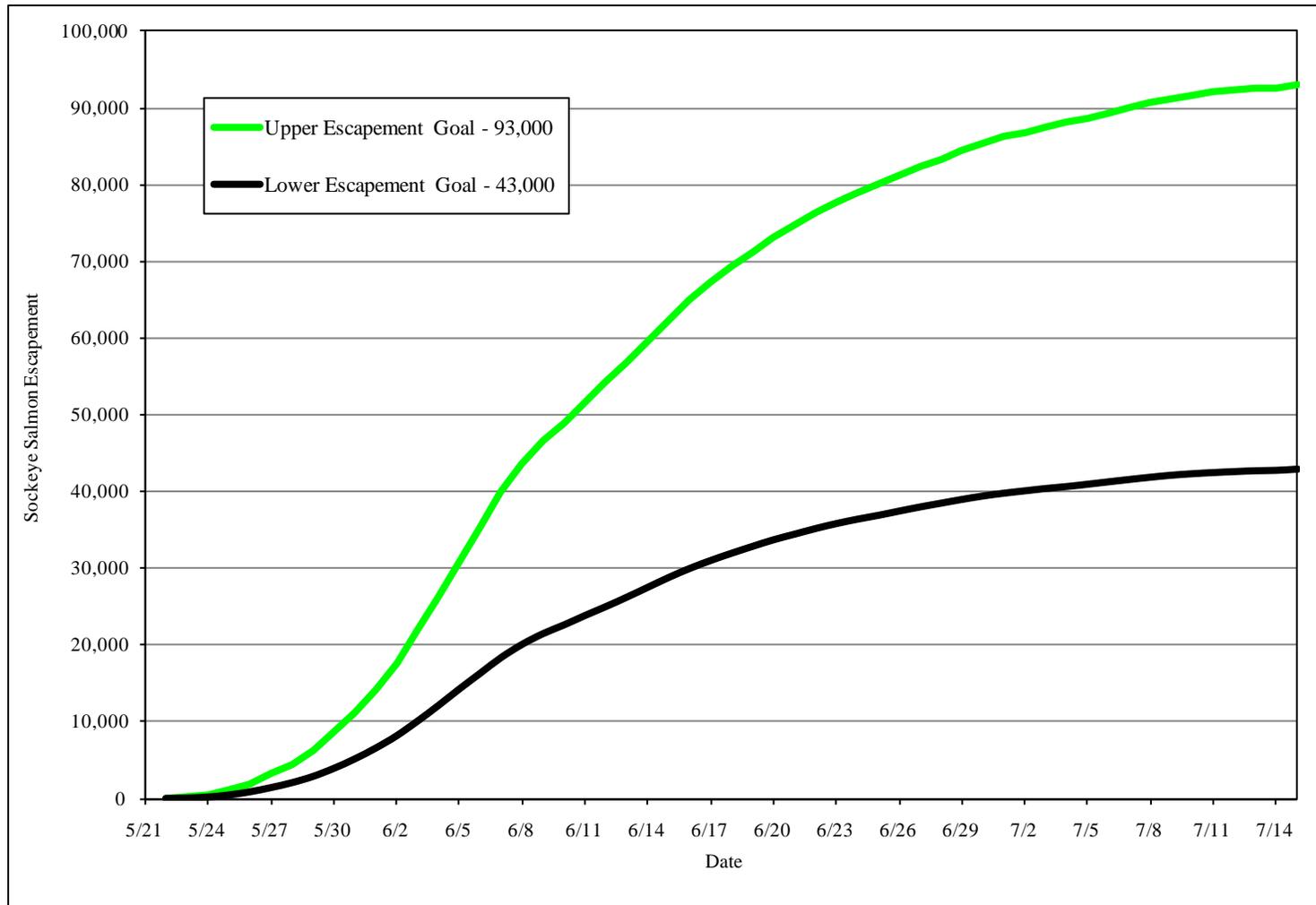
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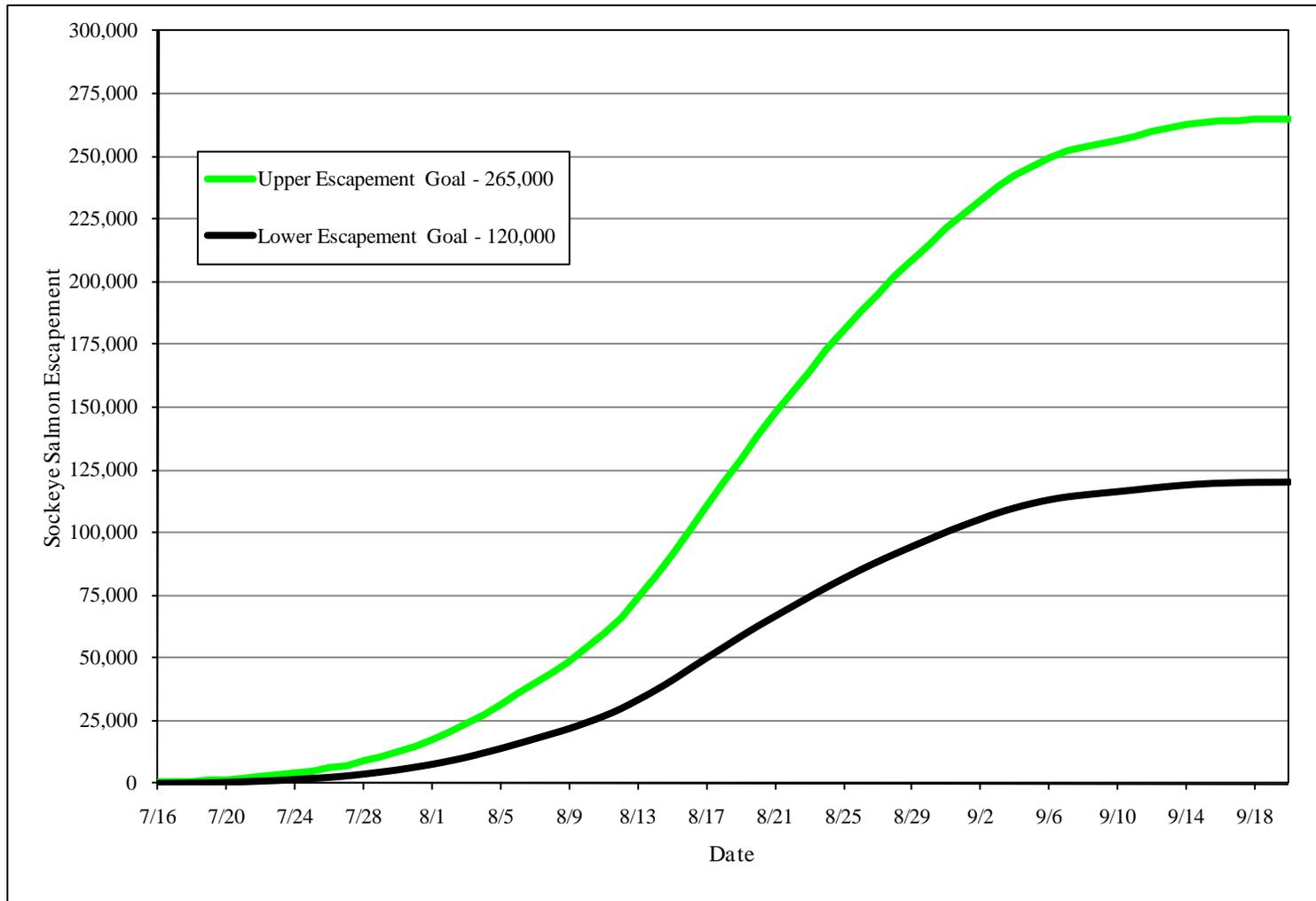
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Appendix A6.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for late-run sockeye salmon into the Ayakulik system.



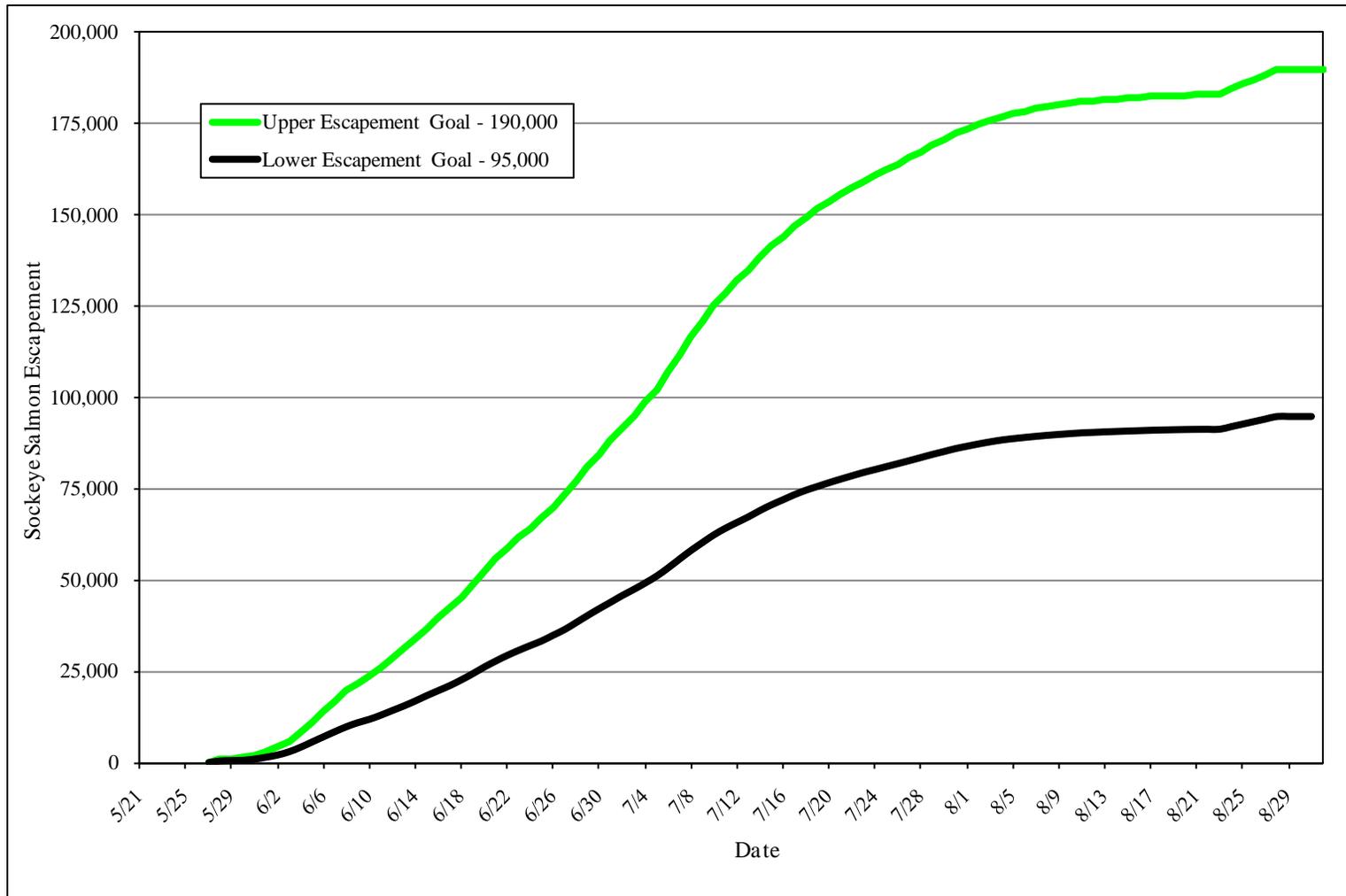
Note: This chart does not represent inseason escapement goals.

Appendix A7.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for early-run sockeye salmon into the Upper Station system.



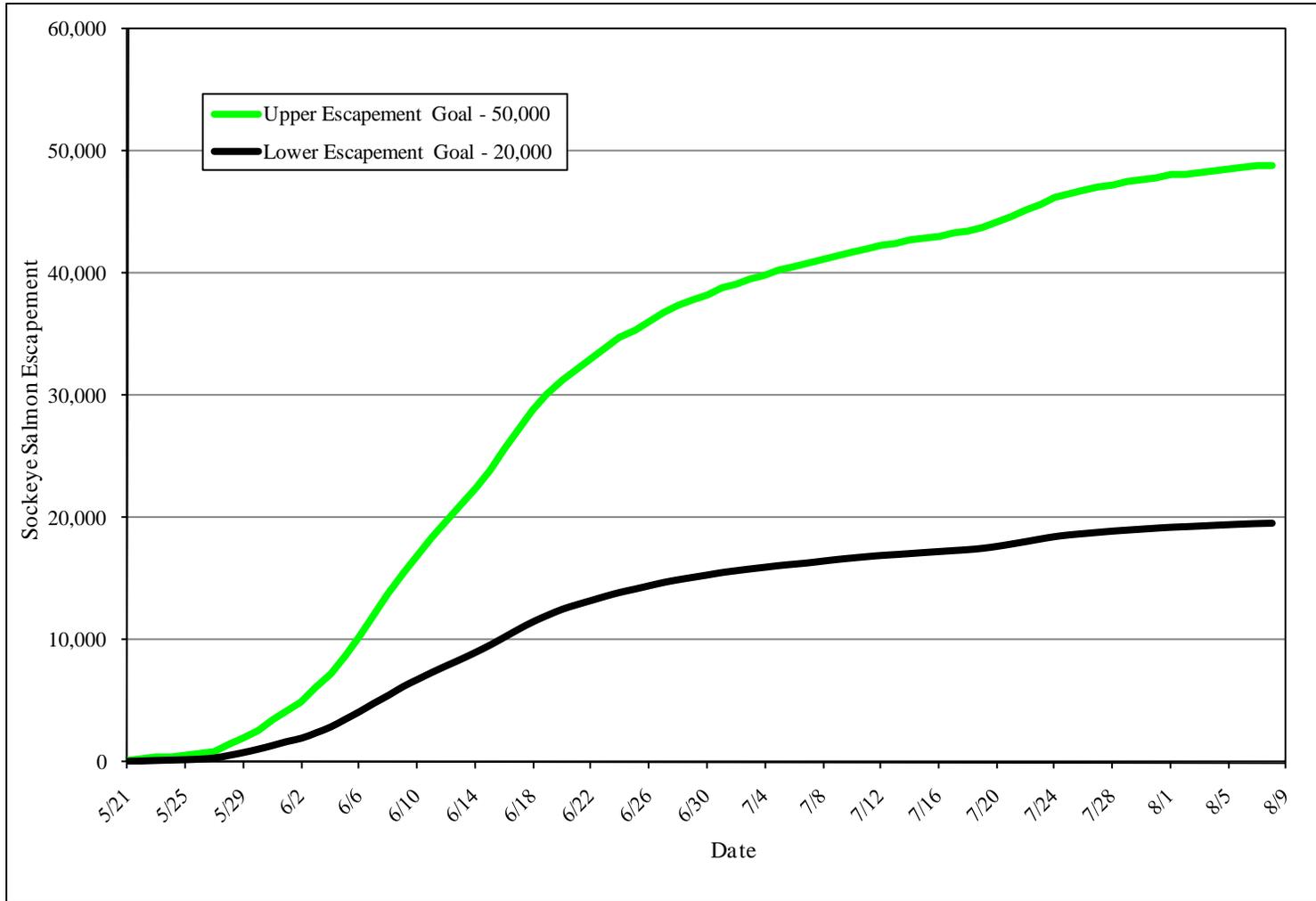
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Appendix A8.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for late-run sockeye salmon into the Upper Station system.



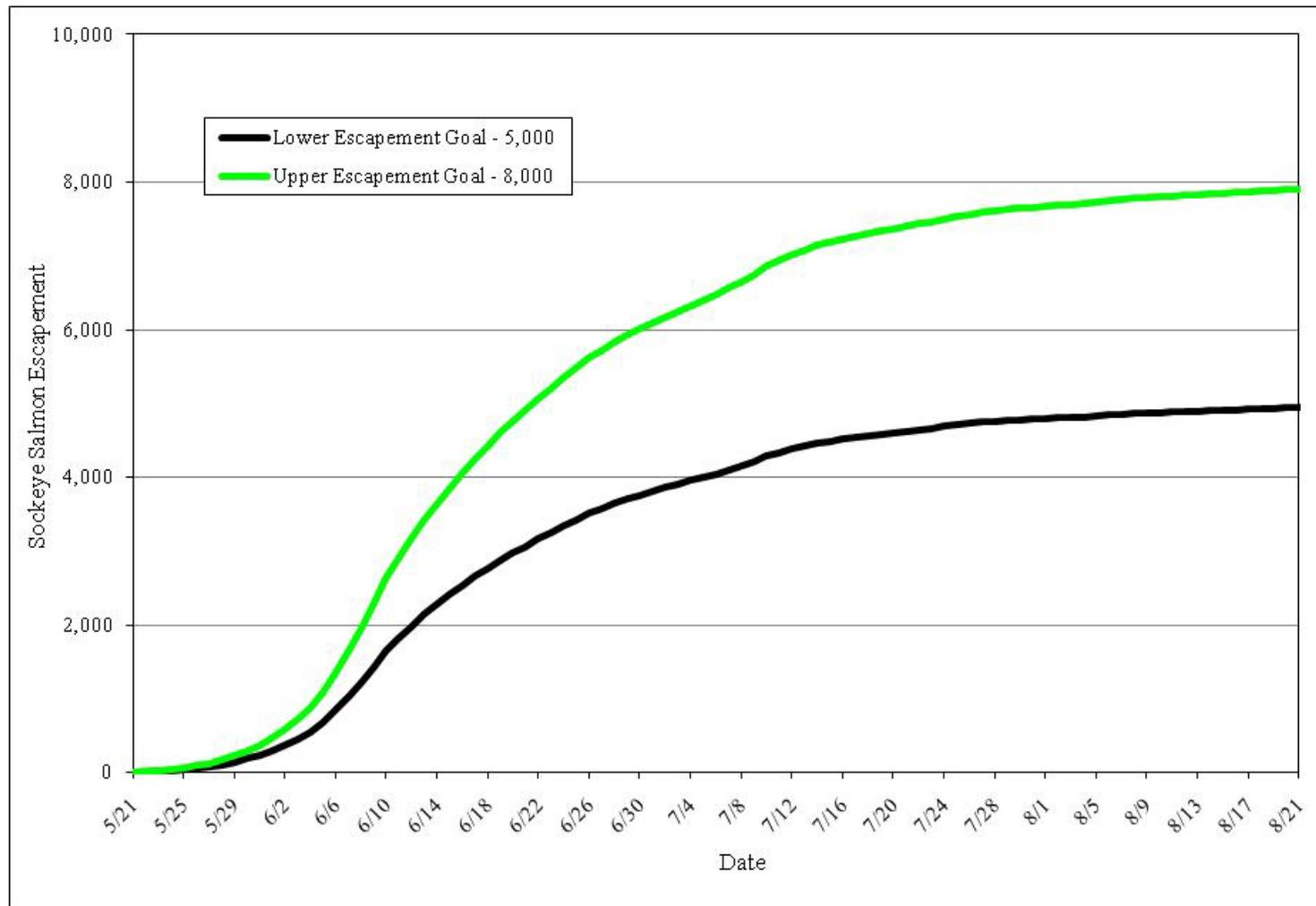
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Appendix A9.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for sockeye salmon into the Frazer system through the Dog Salmon River weir.



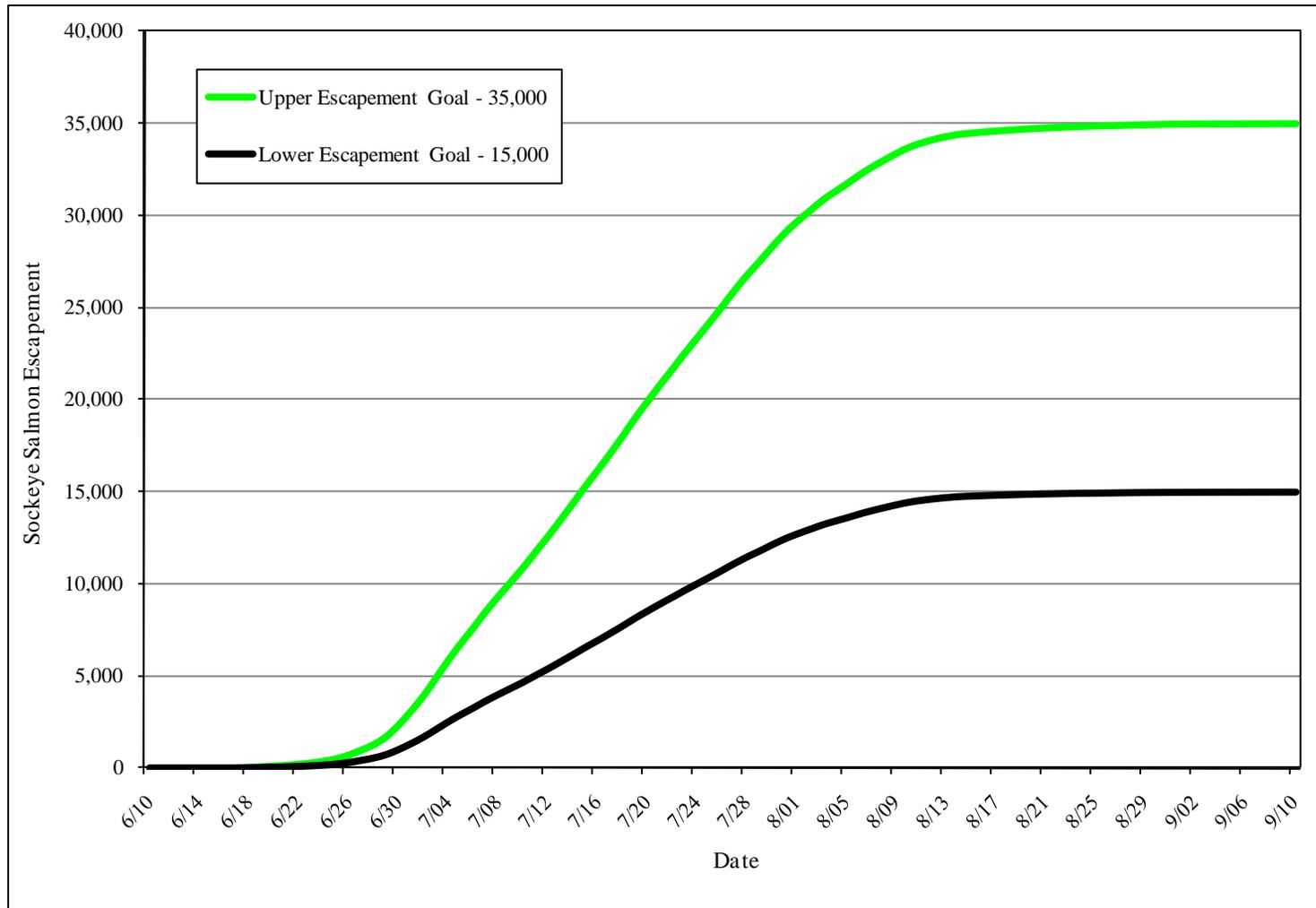
Note: This chart does not represent inseason escapement goals.

Appendix A10.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for sockeye salmon into the Litnik system.



Note: This chart does not represent inseason escapement goals.

Appendix A11.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for sockeye salmon into the Buskin system.



Note: This chart does not represent inseason escapement goals.

Appendix A12.—Recent ten-year average run timing relative to lower and upper escapement goals for sockeye salmon into the Saltery system.