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**Introduction**

During the joint Advisory Panel (AP)/Technical Committee (TC) meeting held in Anchorage on September 21 and 22, 2011, Gene Conservation Laboratory (GCL) presented results of tests evaluating reporting groups for the chum salmon baseline. GCL followed the AP recommendations from the joint AP/TC meeting on March 17, 2011 and developed a flow chart for testing the viability of reporting groups. The viability of reporting groups was tested using 100% proof tests described in Technical Document (TD) 5, “*Status of the SNP baseline for sockeye salmon.*” The results from these tests indicated that the addition of new SNPs and populations to the baseline did not provide the expected or desired level of resolution for the Coastal Western Alaska (CWAK) area.

At the meeting, the AP requested tests using mixtures with compositions more similar to proportions that might be observed in an actual fishery (fishery-based proof tests) to inform decisions about determining appropriate reporting groups for CWAK populations. The fisheries-based proof tests would be more analogous to mixtures associated with WASSIP than the 100% proof tests used to test reporting groups. In particular, they would 1) contain fish originating from more than one reporting group; 2) contain 400 fish (200 fish were used in the 100% proof tests); and 3) have a prior more similar to the prior likely to be used for WASSIP mixtures (the 100% proof tests used a uniform prior giving equal weight to each regional-reporting group).

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28 Fishery-based proof tests would provide a better picture of the magnitude and direction of biases  
29 and errors in potential fishery samples when using Norton Sound, lower Yukon River,  
30 Kuskokwim River, and Bristol Bay as separate reporting groups or as a single CWAK reporting  
31 group.

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33 An ad-hoc committee was assembled, chaired by Michael Link and including Art Nelson, Pat  
34 Martin, Doug Eggers and Denby Lloyd. The committee was tasked with developing 6 fishery-  
35 based mixture compositions for the fishery-based proof testing by ADFG, reviewing the results  
36 and providing recommendations to the AP and TC. The timeframe for this exercise is short due  
37 to the time constraints of the project. The committee will provide the mixture compositions to  
38 GCL by September 30 and the conclusion of this work is scheduled for October 15.

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40 ***Prior choice for proof fishery-based proof tests***

41 In order to provide fishery-based proof tests that are useful for interpreting bias and error in stock  
42 composition estimates associated with WASSIP, it is important that the analysis methods follow,  
43 as closely as possible, those proposed for WASSIP mixtures. The priors that we anticipate using  
44 to analyze WASSIP mixtures will use information from strata within each fishery (addendum to  
45 TD 13, "*Selection of a Prior for Mixed Stock Analysis*"; sent to the TC September 26, 2011).  
46 Since we do not have this information for this exercise, we will use a surrogate for these priors  
47 based on estimates of stock composition for the same mixtures derived from the maximum  
48 likelihood-based method implemented in SPAM version 3.7b (Debevec et al. 2000).

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50 The other prior options considered were to use the regional-reporting group uniform prior or to  
51 use the known stock composition; both options are problematic. The regional-reporting group  
52 uniform prior would likely inflate biases compared to estimates using the methods anticipated for  
53 WASSIP mixtures because no fishery-based information would be incorporated in the prior.  
54 This is especially pronounced for reporting groups that are genetically less distinct, such as the  
55 potential reporting groups within CWAK, where the effects would be more pessimistic. On the  
56 other hand, using the known stock composition as the prior would likely produce less bias than  
57 we might expect from the methods anticipated for WASSIP mixtures. The effect would be more

58 optimistic for reporting groups that are genetically less distinct, such as the CWAK reporting  
59 groups.

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61 ***Kuskokwim River reporting group***

62 During the meeting, the AP requested that the upper Kuskokwim River populations be moved  
63 into the CWAK reporting group rather than being included in the upper Yukon/Kuskokwim  
64 reporting group. For these fishery-based proof tests, the upper Kuskokwim River populations  
65 will be added to the lower Kuskokwim River reporting group and this new reporting group will  
66 be referred to as the “Kuskokwim River” reporting group. The upper Yukon River reporting  
67 group will be maintained separately.

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**Methods**

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71 ***Developing mixture compositions***

72 The committee will develop 6 fishery-based stock compositions for proof testing. These fishery  
73 compositions will cover a wide range of stock compositions for evaluating the magnitude and  
74 direction of biases and the magnitude of error for reporting groups present from high to low  
75 proportions within fisheries. Final stock compositions for proof tests will be provided to the  
76 GCL by September 30.

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78 ***Testing mixture compositions***

79 A set of 400 fish was randomly selected and removed from the baseline in exact proportion to  
80 the mixture compositions provided by the committee. The process was repeated 5 times for each  
81 set of fishery-based mixture compositions. SPAM was used to produce stock composition  
82 estimates for each set of selected fish. These estimates served as priors for the BAYES analyses.  
83 BAYES was performed as described in TD 5, except that we used the SPAM results as the prior,  
84 with a prior weight of 1 fish. Estimates and 90% credibility intervals were determined from the  
85 posterior distribution formed from 3 chains with different starting conditions. Each chain was  
86 40,000 iterations with only the last 20,000 used in the posterior distribution.

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88 For any mixtures that contained Kuskokwim River, fish from only the coastal populations were  
 89 selected for the mixtures. This was done to avoid over-optimistic simulation results that could be  
 90 an artifact of the genetic divergence between upper Kuskokwim River fish and other coastal  
 91 western Alaska fish. Upper Kuskokwim River fish are represented by a few small populations  
 92 and these fish are unlikely to be in any WASSIP mixture in appreciable numbers (Gilk et al.  
 93 2009). If we included fish in mixtures in proportion to the number of populations represented in  
 94 the baseline, the proof tests could appear inappropriately optimistic in estimating Kuskokwim  
 95 River components.

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97 ***Reporting mixture compositions and performance of reporting groups***

98 Results were tabulated for two sets of reporting groups: 1) the 9 reporting groups that passed the  
 99 90% correct allocation tests using the 100% proof tests (CWAK as a single reporting group) and  
 100 2) the 12 reporting groups where the CWAK reporting group as subdivided into Norton Sound,  
 101 lower Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, and Bristol Bay reporting groups (Table 1). Tabulation  
 102 of results included a table of four related measures:

103 1) absolute deviations (range: 0 to 1) from known proportions

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$$\left( D_{s,g}^{(i)} = \left| \hat{p}_{s,g}^{(i)} - p_{s,g} \right| \right);$$

105 2) relative percent deviations (range: 0% to infinity%) from known proportion

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$$\left( \theta_{s,g}^{(i)} = \frac{D_{s,g}^{(i)}}{p_{s,g}} * 100 \right);$$

107 3) root mean square error (range 0 to 1)

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$$\left( rMSR_g = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{p}_{s,g}^{(i)} - p_{s,g} \right)^2} \right), \text{ and};$$

109 4) relative root mean square error (range 0 to infinity)

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$$\left( rMSR'_g = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \hat{p}_{s,g}^{(i)} - p_{s,g} \right)^2 / \hat{p}_{s,g}^{(i)}} \right).$$

111 The first two measures were provided for each reporting group,  $g$ , for each fishery mixture,  $s$ ,  
 112 and for each repetition  $i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, n; n = 5$ ), whereas the second set of measures are  
 113 summaries across repetitions for each reporting group for each mixture. Results were provided  
 114 to the committee for review as they became available so that the committee can determine if a

115 recommendation can be made to the AP/TC before all the fishery-based proof tests are  
116 completed. The results from the initial set of proportions are reported here.

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## 118 **Results**

### 119 ***Developing mixture compositions***

120 The committee provided the first fishery-based stock compositions for testing consisting of the  
121 proportions shown as “Actual” in Table 2. An additional 5 fishery-based stock compositions  
122 will be provided for testing. Here we present the results from this first fishery-based proof test.

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### 124 ***Testing mixture compositions***

125 SPAM results that served as priors for the BAYES analyses are reported in Table 2.

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### 127 ***Reporting mixture compositions and performance of reporting groups***

128 BAYES stock composition estimates and 90% credibility intervals along with absolute  
129 deviations and relative percent deviations for each of the 5 replicates are presented for both the 9  
130 and 12 reporting group sets (Table 3). Stock compositions and 90% credibility intervals are also  
131 presented graphically in Figures 1 and 2. Root mean square error and relative root mean square  
132 error across repetitions for each reporting group for each mixture are reported in Table 4.

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## 134 **Discussion**

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136 Stock composition estimates for the 9 reporting groups (CWAK as a single reporting group)  
137 were more precise and had smaller 90% CI than for the reporting groups of the subdivided  
138 CWAK (Norton Sound, lower Yukon River, Kuskokwim River, and Bristol Bay reporting  
139 groups) (Table 3 and Figures 1 and 2). The estimates for the 9 reporting were within 0.03 of the  
140 actual in every case and averaged 0.01, whereas for the 4 reporting groups within CWAK, the  
141 deviations were as high as 0.14 from the actual, and averaged 0.05. Credibility interval widths  
142 averaged 0.04 and 0.16 for the 9 and 12 reporting groups, respectively.

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144 The CIs seem to be appropriate for both the highly identifiable 9 reporting groups and the 4 less-  
145 identifiable CWAK reporting groups. The actual (correct) proportion was included within the

146 90% CI for the 9 reporting groups and the 4 CWAK reporting groups 89% and 85% of the time,  
147 respectively. This indicates that the wider CI's for the CWAK reporting groups are  
148 appropriately wide.

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150 A well known statistical property is that variance of a proportional estimate is greater when the  
151 proportion approaches 0.5. This means that as actual proportions reach 0.5, the width of the CI  
152 increases. Conversely, proportions near 0 and 1 should have narrower CIs. In addition, because  
153 CIs are bounded by 0 and 1, they are necessarily truncated. However, this alone does not explain  
154 the broader 90% CI's for the Norton Sound, Lower Yukon, Kuskokwim and Bristol Bay  
155 reporting groups (Figure 2). If this phenomenon were the primary reason for the inflated CI's,  
156 the Asia and CWAK reporting groups would have also had broad 90% CI's (Figure 1). The  
157 Asia reporting group had a proportion closer to 0.5 than any of the individual CWAK reporting  
158 groups, but the 90% CI width for this reporting group averaged half the width of the 4 reporting  
159 groups within CWAK (Figures 1 and 2). The same pattern was evident for the CWAK reporting  
160 group even though this reporting group was represented by 0.56 of the mixture – the proportion  
161 closest to 0.5. A more likely hypothesis to explain these wider CI within the CWAK group is a  
162 lack of genetic distinctiveness among these reporting groups.

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164 Genetic distinctiveness also can explain the inclusion of 0 in the 90% CI of Norton, but not  
165 NWPenn, and EastKodiak reporting groups, which all had 5% actual contributions in the fishery-  
166 based proof test mixture. EastKodiak and NWPenn both met the 90% correct allocation criterion  
167 in 100% proof tests, whereas Norton did not. The imprecision of the Norton measurement  
168 makes it difficult to distinguish the presence of this stock within mixtures.

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170 A few biases were observed in these fishery-based proof tests. The largest average biases were  
171 seen in the CWAK reporting groups with upward biases in the Yukon River coastal reporting  
172 group (4 of 5 replicates with average of 0.05) and downward biases for the Bristol Bay (4 of 5  
173 replicates with average of -0.02). In addition, two reporting groups had large relative negative  
174 biases (Koztebue and Northern District Alaska Peninsula; both with averages of -0.01) and, for  
175 the Kotzebue reporting group, the estimate was not included in the 90% CI in 4 of the 5  
176 replicates.

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178 As pointed out during the September joint AP/TC meeting, determining the acceptable level of  
179 precision requires weighing the benefits of adding more reporting groups with the risks of  
180 providing less precise and more biased estimates. This one test provides insights into the  
181 magnitude of errors and magnitude and direction of biases resulting from the division of CWAK  
182 into 4 reporting groups. The 4 CWAK reporting groups that did not meet the standard 90%  
183 correct-allocation metric had 90% CI ranges that were 4 times as wide and average deviations  
184 from the actual stock composition that were 5 times higher than for reporting groups that met the  
185 metric. Finally, the largest biases were among the 4 CWAK reporting groups and they were 2 to  
186 5 times larger than the biases observed for the reporting groups that met the metric.

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#### **Questions for the ad-hoc committee**

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- 195 1) Do these results provide the information needed for the committee to recommend  
196 reporting groups to the WASSIP AP?
- 197 2) If not, will additional tests of other fishery-based mixtures provide the information  
198 required to make this decision?
- 199 3) If so, has the committee agreed on proportions for up to 5 additional hypothetical  
200 mixtures that would be valuable for these tests?

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### Tables

Table 1. Populations associated with the 9 reporting groups that met the 90% correct allocation criteria based on 100% proof tests and the 12 reporting groups where coastal western Alaska (CWAK) is divided into 4 reporting groups. Mixture sets of 400 individual fish will be randomly selected and removed from the baseline in proportion to the mixture compositions provided by the committee. These mixtures will be analyzed using both the 9 and 12 reporting groups to examine bias and error of the two sets of reporting groups. Reporting group names in parentheses are used in result tables and figures.

“9”	Reporting groups “12”	Population	N
Asia		Namdae River	90
(Asia)		Gakko River - early	78
		Abashiri River	80
		Sasauchi River	77
		Yurappu River - early	80
		Yurappu River - late	80
		Teshio River	78
		Shinzunai River	80
		Tokachi River	78
		Kushiro River	79
		Nishibetsu River	80
		Shari River	75
		Tokoro River	69
		Tokushibetsu River	80
		Naiba	98
		Tym River	53
		Bolshaya River	59
		Paratunka River	94
		Amur River - summer run	88
		Bistraya River	66
		Hairusova River	85
		Ozerki Hatchery	93
		Pymta	147
		Penzhina	43
		Kol River	123
		Vorovskaya	101
		Kamchatka River	50
		Palana River	90
		Magadan	77
		Ossora	87
		Ola River - Hatchery	78

## Oklan River

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	Kanchalan	77	
	Udarnitza River	43	
Kotzebue Sound (Kotzebue)	Inmachuk River	91	
	Kiana River	95	
	Kobuk - Salmon River (Mile 4)	99	
	Noatak River - above hatchery	47	
	Selby Slough	90	
	Agiapuk River	94	
	Eldorado River	89	
CWAK Norton Sound (CWAK) (Norton)	Nome River	94	
	Pilgrim River	75	
	Snake River	90	
	Solomon River	62	
	Fish River	92	
	Kwiniuk River	94	
	Niukluk River	93	
	Tubutulik River	93	
	Shaktoolik River	94	
	Pikmiktalik River	95	
	Koyuk River	43	
	Unalakleet	188	
	Ungalik River	144	
	Coastal Yukon River (Yukon Coastal)	Black River	93
		Andreafsky River - East Fork	94
		Chulinak	92
		Beaver Creek - Anvik	110
		Yellow River - Anvik	80
		Innoko River	85
		Kaltag River	92
Nulato River		189	
Gisasa River		95	
Melozitna River		91	
South Fork Koyukuk R. - Early		90	
Henshaw Creek - early		94	
Kuskokwim River (Kuskokwim)	Huslia River, Koyukuk	95	
	Tozitna River	92	
	Mekoryuk River	104	
	Kwethluk River	143	
	Tuluksak River Weir	92	

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	Kisaralik River	93
	Aniak River	92
	Salmon River	95
	Holokuk River	103
	Kogruklu River weir	95
	Kasiglu River - (Set G)	55
	George River	95
	Stony River - Early	95
	Stony River - Late	55
	Necons River	95
	Tatlawiksuk River weir	95
	Nunsatuk River - (Set A)	92
	Takotna River	94
	Kanektok River weir	94
	Goodnews River - North Fork	43
	Big River	94
	South Fork Kuskokwim - fall	95
	Windy Fork Kuskokwim	93
Bristol Bay	Osviak River	88
(BristolBay)	Sunshine Creek	47
	Iowithla River	95
	Snake River	48
	Upper Nushagak	97
	Stuyahok River	86
	Klutuspak Creek	70
	Alagnek River	92
	Whale Mountain Creek	189
	Pumice Creek	95
	Wandering Creek	50
Upper Yukon River	Henshaw Creek - late	60
(UpperYukon)	South Fork Koyukuk R.- Late	92
	Jim River	92
	Tanana River Mainstem	95
	Toklat River	95
	Kantishna River	94
	Chena River	77
	Salcha River	83
	Delta River - Fairbanks	149
	Bluff Cabin	99
	Big Salt River	70

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	Chandalar River	92
	Sheenjek River	93
	Black River	95
	Old Crow - Porcupine River	92
	Fishing Branch	90
	Kluane River	114
	Pelly River	84
	Minto Slough	91
	Tatchun Creek	92
	Big Creek - Canadian Mainstem	100
	Teslin River	92
Northern District Peninsula (NorthPenn)	Wiggly Creek - Cinder	177
	Meshik River	78
	Plenty Bear Creek	138
	Meshik Braided	94
	Ilnik River - "Three Hills River"	49
	North of Cape Seniavin	96
	Right Head Moller Bay	189
	Lawrence Valley Creek	190
	Coal Valley	94
	Deer Valley	91
	Sapsuk River, Nelson Lagoon	144
Northwest District Peninsula (NWPenn)	Moffet Creek (Cold Bay)	95
	Joshua Green	186
	Frosty Creek	190
	Alligator Hole	183
	Traders Cove (AK. Peninsula)	76
	St. Catherine Cove	171
	Peterson Lagoon	181
South Peninsula (SouthPenn)	Little John Lagoon	80
	Sandy Cove	186
	Little John Lagoon	92
	Russell Creek	185
	Delta Creek (Cold Bay )	95
	Belkovski River	87
	Volcano Bay (Cold Bay)	189
	Ruby's Lagoon ( Cold Bay )	92
	Canoe Bay	186
	Zachary Bay	76
	Foster Creek - Balboa Bay	182

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	Coleman Creek	95
	Chichagof Bay	180
	Stepovak Bay - Big River	143
	Stepovak River	189
Chignik/Kodiak (includes K. Island)	Ivanoff River	181
(ChignikKod)	Portage Creek	190
	Kujulik - North Fork	93
	North Fork Creek, Kujulik Bay	71
	North Fork Creek, Aniakchak R.	94
	Main Creek	174
	Northeast Creek	94
	Ocean Bay	78
	Nakililock River	95
	Chiginagak Bay River	159
	Kialagvik Creek (Wide Bay)	177
	Pass Creek - Wide Bay	94
	Dry Bay River	71
	Bear Bay Creek	187
	Alagogshak River	94
	Big River	95
	Big River (Hallo Bay)	92
	Karluk Lagoon	83
	Sturgeon River	109
	Big Sukhoi	189
	Deadman River	95
	Sitkinak Island	93
	NE Portage - Alitak	94
	Barling Bay Creek	92
	West Kiliuda Creek	87
	Dog Bay	95
	Coxcomb Creek	89
	Gull Cape Creek	92
	Gull Cape Lagoon	94
	Eagle Harbor	94
	Rough Creek	77
	American River	95
	Russian River	185
	Kizhuyak River	174
	Uganik River	175
	Spiridon River - Upper	89
	Zachar River	66

	Kitoi Hatchery	194
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	East of Kodiak	McNeil River Lagoon 108
	(EastKodiak)	Chunilna River 83
		Susitna River ( Slough 11 ) 94
		Talkeetna River 50
		Little Susitna River weir 95
		Willow Creek 89
		Carmen Lake 67
		Williwaw Creek 67
		Siwash 97
		Wally Noerenberg Hatchery 189
		DIPAC Hatchery 94
		Dry Bay Creek 94
		Ford Arm Lake - fall 95
		Hidden Falls Hatchery 95
		Long Bay 94
		Medvejie Hatchery 95
		Nakwasina River 93
		Ralph's Creek 95
		Sanborn Creek 94
		Saook Bay 94
		Sawmill Creek - Berners Bay 95
		Taku River - fall 93
		West Crawfish 92
		Wells Bridge 46
		Disappearance Creek - fall run 181
		Fish Creek - Hyder 83
		Fish Creek - early 49
		Fish Creek - late 49
		Karta River 56
		Lagoon Creek - fall run 78
		Nakat Inlet - summer 95
		North Arm Creek 94
		Carroll River 85
		Neets Bay - fall 95
		Neets Bay - summer 95
		Traitors Cove Creek 91
		Sample Creek 74
		Kitwanga River 74
		Elwha River 93
		Nisqually River Hatchery 94

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223 Table 2. SPAM estimates from 5 replicate samples for the first fishery-based proof test. These  
 224 estimates were used as priors for the BAYES analysis of the same replicate samples. The 5  
 225 replicate samples consisted of different sets of individuals drawn from the baseline in the same  
 226 reporting group proportions (Actual). These fish were removed from the baseline and used as  
 227 mixtures.

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Reporting group	Actual	Replicates				
		1	2	3	4	5
Asia	0.250	0.251	0.250	0.246	0.245	0.246
Kotzebue	0.020	0.014	0.016	0.017	0.018	0.033
Norton	0.050	0.045	0.076	0.092	0.059	0.075
YukonCoastal	0.100	0.140	0.124	0.106	0.115	0.106
Kusko	0.150	0.118	0.144	0.155	0.191	0.142
BristolBay	0.260	0.254	0.200	0.192	0.199	0.211
UpperYukon	0.020	0.027	0.024	0.026	0.021	0.032
NorthPenn	0.020	0.018	0.033	0.023	0.008	0.034
NWPenn	0.060	0.057	0.059	0.059	0.061	0.051
SouthPenn	0.010	0.019	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.007
ChignikKod	0.010	0.013	0.016	0.022	0.018	0.011
EastKodiak	0.050	0.043	0.049	0.053	0.055	0.051

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 232 Table 3. BAYES estimates for 5 replicate samples for a single fishery-based proof test.  
 233 Estimate (mean), standard deviation (sd), lower (CI 5) and upper (CI 95) 90% credibility interval  
 234 values, absolute deviation from the known (ABS dev; proportion) and relative absolute deviation  
 235 from the known (Rel ABS dev; percent) for each estimate are provided. Estimates for coastal  
 236 western Alaska (CWAK) are shown both for a single reporting group and that proportion divided  
 237 among the 4 reporting groups (*italics*) that make up CWAK.  
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<b>Replicate 1</b>						
Reporting group	mean	sd	CI 5	CI 95	ABS dev	Rel ABS dev
Asia	0.258	0.023	0.222	0.296	0.008	3.2
Kotzebue	0.001	0.004	0.000	0.008	0.019	94.5
CWAK	0.591	0.027	0.546	0.636	0.031	5.6
<i>Norton</i>	<i>0.006</i>	<i>0.017</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.040</i>	<i>0.044</i>	<i>88.1</i>
<i>YukonCoastal</i>	<i>0.237</i>	<i>0.052</i>	<i>0.152</i>	<i>0.322</i>	<i>0.137</i>	<i>136.8</i>
<i>Kuskokwim</i>	<i>0.051</i>	<i>0.046</i>	<i>0.004</i>	<i>0.139</i>	<i>0.099</i>	<i>65.8</i>
<i>BristolBay</i>	<i>0.297</i>	<i>0.048</i>	<i>0.217</i>	<i>0.374</i>	<i>0.037</i>	<i>14.3</i>
UpperYukon	0.015	0.011	0.000	0.035	0.005	25.7
NorthPenn	0.005	0.011	0.000	0.032	0.015	74.8
NWPenn	0.064	0.015	0.041	0.090	0.004	7.5
SouthPenn	0.020	0.012	0.000	0.042	0.010	104.2
ChignikKod	0.001	0.005	0.000	0.011	0.009	86.0
EastKodiak	0.044	0.011	0.027	0.063	0.006	12.7
<b>Replicate 2</b>						
Reporting group	mean	sd	CI.5.	CI.95.	ABS dev	Rel ABS dev
Asia	0.249	0.022	0.213	0.286	0.001	0.4
Kotzebue	0.006	0.004	0.001	0.013	0.014	72.4
CWAK	0.575	0.028	0.528	0.620	0.015	2.6
<i>Norton</i>	<i>0.062</i>	<i>0.047</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.143</i>	<i>0.012</i>	<i>24.1</i>
<i>YukonCoastal</i>	<i>0.119</i>	<i>0.057</i>	<i>0.037</i>	<i>0.222</i>	<i>0.019</i>	<i>19.0</i>
<i>Kuskokwim</i>	<i>0.189</i>	<i>0.060</i>	<i>0.091</i>	<i>0.288</i>	<i>0.039</i>	<i>26.0</i>
<i>BristolBay</i>	<i>0.204</i>	<i>0.042</i>	<i>0.141</i>	<i>0.278</i>	<i>0.056</i>	<i>21.3</i>
UpperYukon	0.025	0.013	0.004	0.046	0.005	22.5
NorthPenn	0.011	0.011	0.000	0.034	0.009	43.1
NWPenn	0.064	0.014	0.042	0.088	0.004	6.3
SouthPenn	0.020	0.012	0.000	0.040	0.010	98.3
ChignikKod	0.005	0.012	0.000	0.038	0.005	51.7
EastKodiak	0.046	0.012	0.029	0.067	0.004	7.1

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**Replicate 3**

Table 3 (continued)

Reporting group	mean	sd	CI.5.	CI.95.	ABS dev	Rel ABS dev
Asia	0.243	0.022	0.207	0.280	0.007	2.7
Kotzebue	0.009	0.005	0.002	0.019	0.011	56.7
CWAK	0.581	0.028	0.535	0.627	0.021	3.8
<i>Norton</i>	<i>0.069</i>	<i>0.052</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.159</i>	<i>0.019</i>	<i>37.2</i>
<i>YukonCoastal</i>	<i>0.085</i>	<i>0.045</i>	<i>0.002</i>	<i>0.160</i>	<i>0.015</i>	<i>14.6</i>
<i>Kuskokwim</i>	<i>0.203</i>	<i>0.059</i>	<i>0.113</i>	<i>0.305</i>	<i>0.053</i>	<i>35.3</i>
<i>BristolBay</i>	<i>0.224</i>	<i>0.046</i>	<i>0.149</i>	<i>0.302</i>	<i>0.036</i>	<i>13.7</i>
UpperYukon	0.020	0.012	0.004	0.042	0.000	1.9
NorthPenn	0.003	0.007	0.000	0.019	0.017	83.2
NWPenn	0.065	0.013	0.044	0.088	0.005	8.2
SouthPenn	0.002	0.005	0.000	0.011	0.008	79.0
ChignikKod	0.033	0.012	0.015	0.053	0.023	225.9
EastKodiak	0.043	0.011	0.026	0.063	0.007	13.3

**Replicate 4**

Reporting group	mean	sd	CI.5.	CI.95.	ABS dev	Rel ABS dev
Asia	0.246	0.022	0.210	0.282	0.004	1.8
Kotzebue	0.004	0.007	0.000	0.018	0.016	80.0
CWAK	0.592	0.026	0.549	0.634	0.032	5.8
<i>Norton</i>	<i>0.021</i>	<i>0.037</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.105</i>	<i>0.029</i>	<i>58.9</i>
<i>YukonCoastal</i>	<i>0.148</i>	<i>0.067</i>	<i>0.039</i>	<i>0.261</i>	<i>0.048</i>	<i>47.8</i>
<i>Kuskokwim</i>	<i>0.233</i>	<i>0.072</i>	<i>0.116</i>	<i>0.353</i>	<i>0.083</i>	<i>55.1</i>
<i>BristolBay</i>	<i>0.191</i>	<i>0.041</i>	<i>0.132</i>	<i>0.264</i>	<i>0.069</i>	<i>26.4</i>
UpperYukon	0.016	0.007	0.006	0.030	0.004	18.3
NorthPenn	0.001	0.003	0.000	0.004	0.019	96.2
NWPenn	0.064	0.014	0.043	0.088	0.004	6.7
SouthPenn	0.013	0.013	0.000	0.035	0.003	25.3
ChignikKod	0.008	0.011	0.000	0.030	0.002	18.6
EastKodiak	0.056	0.013	0.037	0.078	0.006	12.8

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**Replicate 5**

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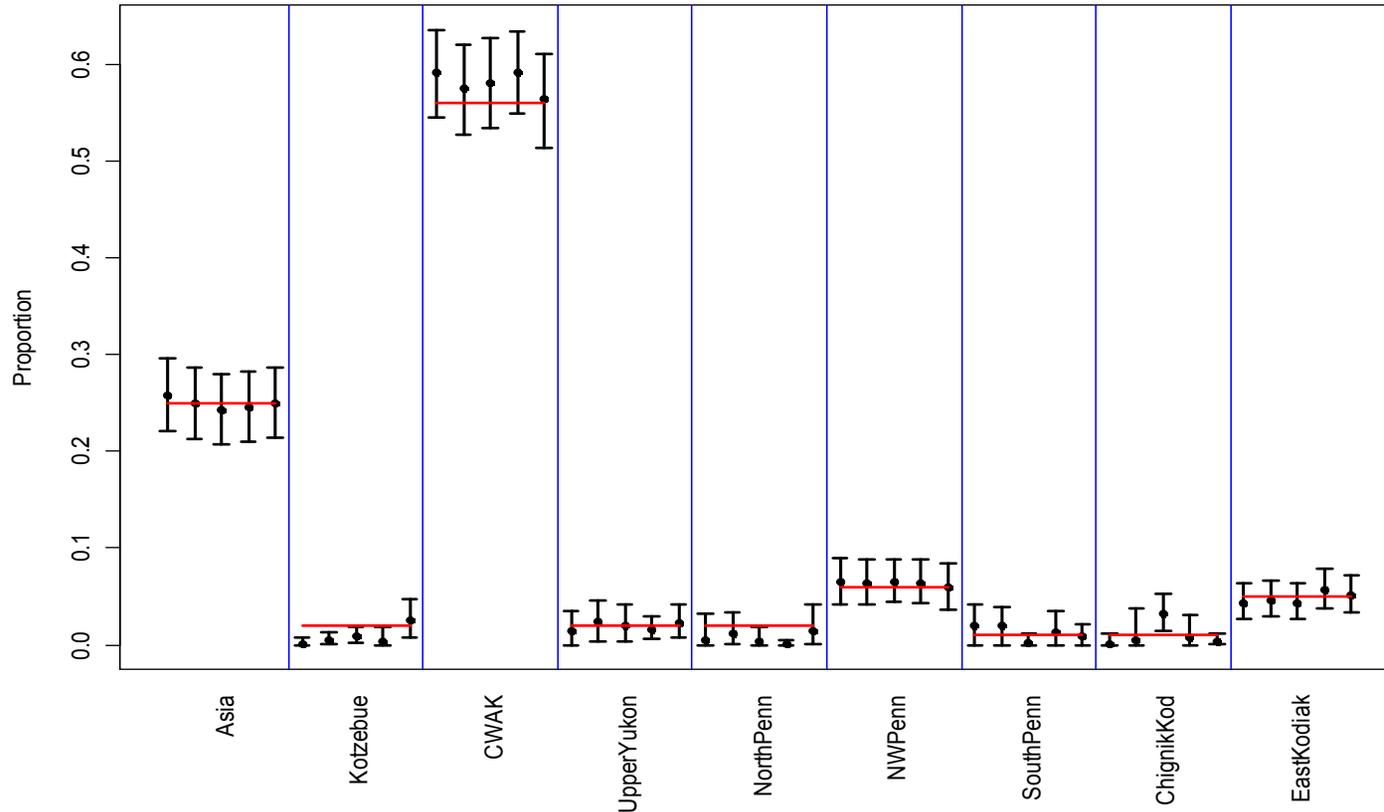
Reporting group	mean	sd	CI.5.	CI.95.	ABS dev	Rel ABS dev
Asia	0.250	0.022	0.214	0.287	0.000	0.0
Kotzebue	0.025	0.012	0.008	0.047	0.005	25.8
CWAK	0.564	0.030	0.514	0.611	0.004	0.7
<i>Norton</i>	<i>0.062</i>	<i>0.042</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.133</i>	<i>0.012</i>	<i>23.1</i>
<i>YukonCoastal</i>	<i>0.157</i>	<i>0.057</i>	<i>0.067</i>	<i>0.254</i>	<i>0.057</i>	<i>57.1</i>
<i>Kuskokwim</i>	<i>0.085</i>	<i>0.069</i>	<i>0.004</i>	<i>0.215</i>	<i>0.065</i>	<i>43.0</i>
<i>BristolBay</i>	<i>0.260</i>	<i>0.053</i>	<i>0.180</i>	<i>0.355</i>	<i>0.000</i>	<i>0.1</i>
UpperYukon	0.023	0.010	0.008	0.042	0.003	14.9
NorthPenn	0.015	0.014	0.001	0.042	0.005	26.2
NWPenn	0.059	0.015	0.037	0.084	0.001	1.0
SouthPenn	0.010	0.007	0.000	0.022	0.000	4.9
ChignikKod	0.003	0.004	0.000	0.011	0.007	66.2
EastKodiak	0.051	0.012	0.033	0.072	0.001	2.2

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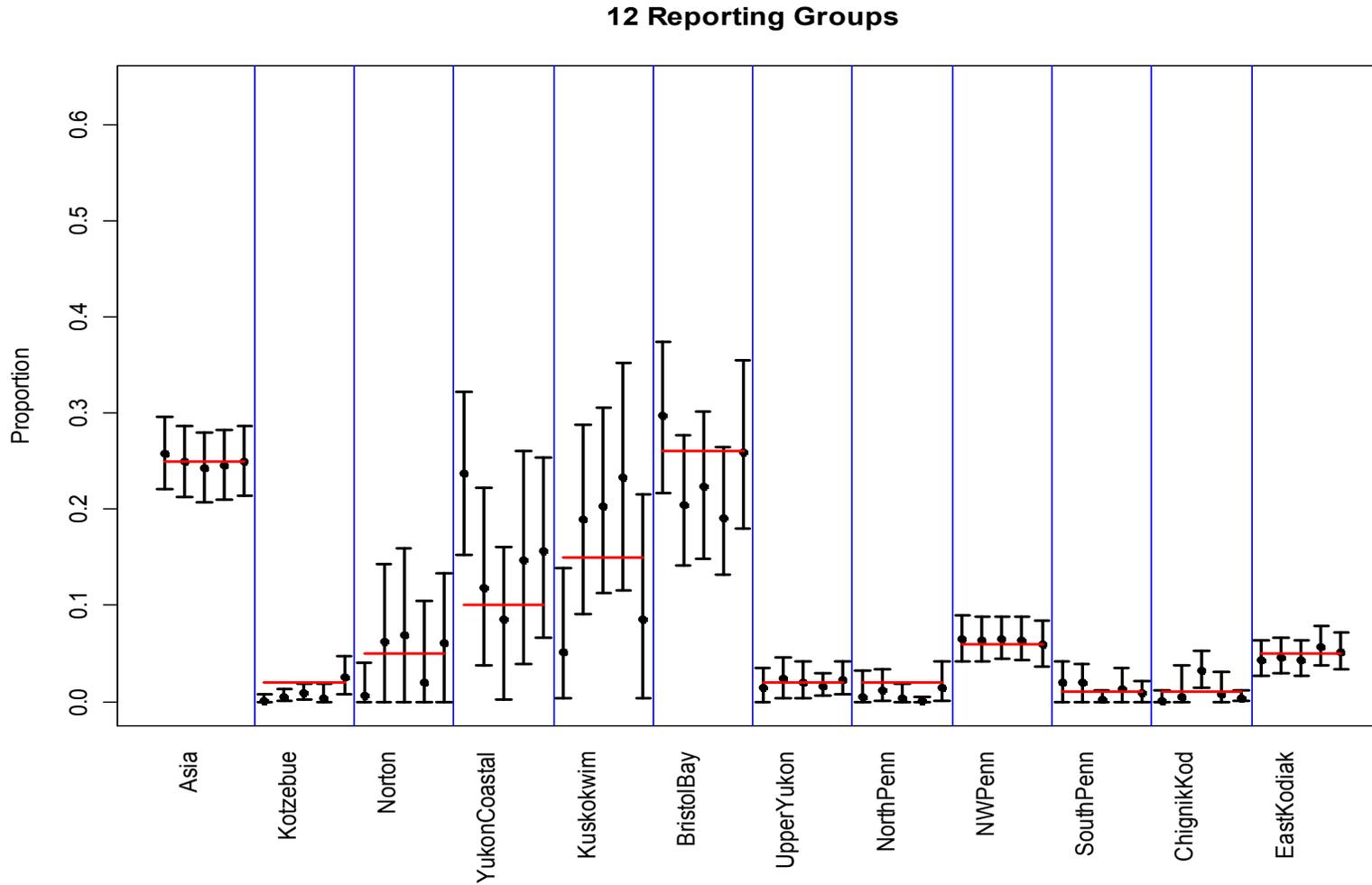
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Figure 1. BAYES estimates for 5 replicate samples for a fishery-based proof test for 9 reporting groups where coastal western Alaska (CWAK) is a single reporting group. The actual stock composition of the replicate samples is shown as a red horizontal line. For each replicate sample, the estimate (dot) and lower and upper 90% credibility interval (vertical line) are provided.



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251 Figure 2. BAYES estimates for 5 replicate samples for a fishery-based proof test for 12 reporting groups where coastal western  
 252 Alaska (CWAK) divided into 4 reporting groups (Norton, YukonCoastal, Kuskokwim, BristolBay). The actual stock composition of  
 253 the replicate samples is shown as a red horizontal line. For each replicate sample, the estimate (dot) and lower and upper 90%  
 254 credibility interval (vertical line) are provided.