

South Unimak-Shumagin Islands June Salmon Fisheries

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June Salmon Fisheries

Topics to be covered:

1. Fishery location
2. Economic importance to Area M user groups
3. History of fishery
4. Current regulations
5. 2013–2015 season summaries
6. Overview of proposals and issues

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NORTH ALASKA PENINSULA

Chignik Management Area L

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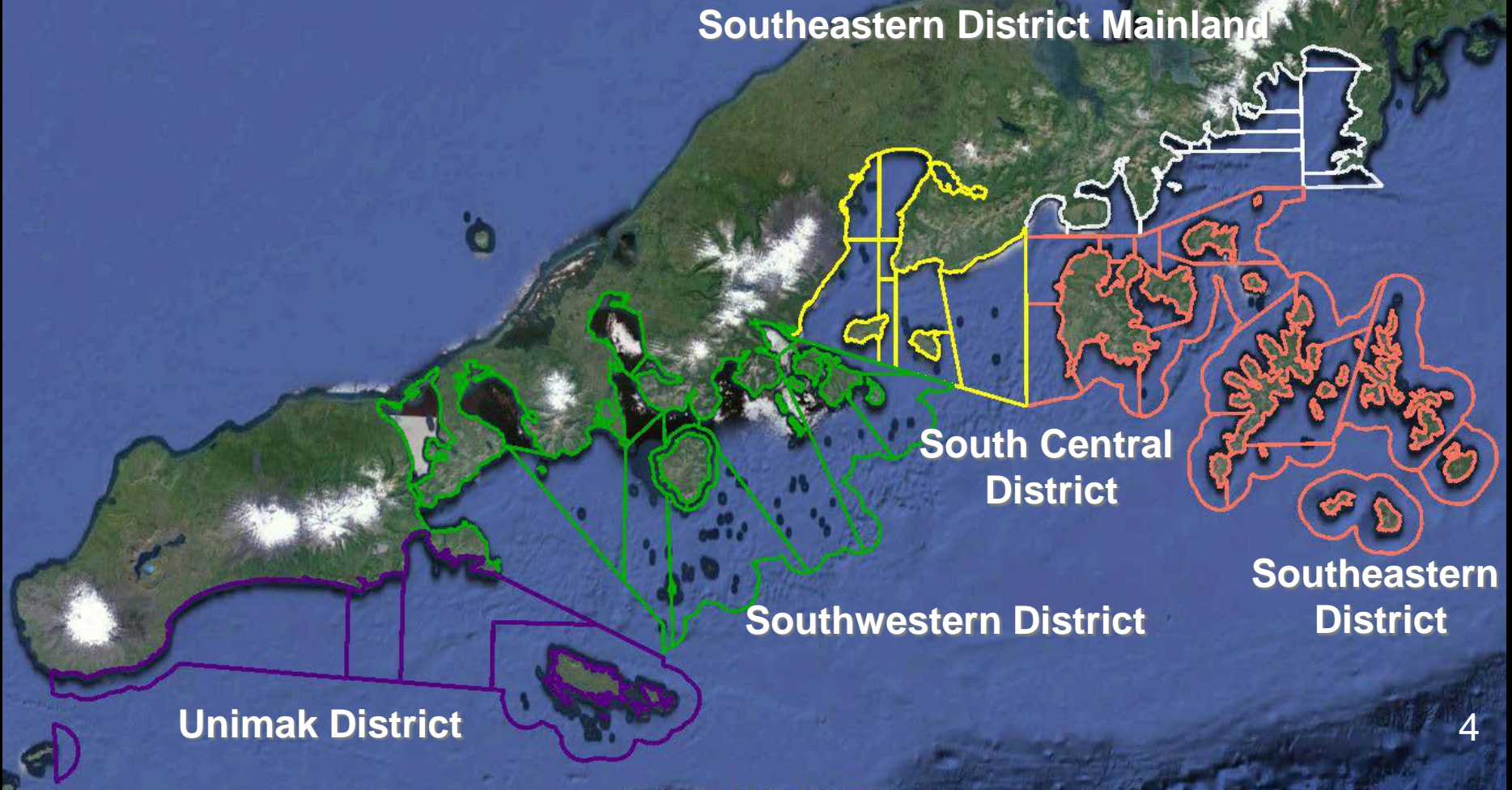
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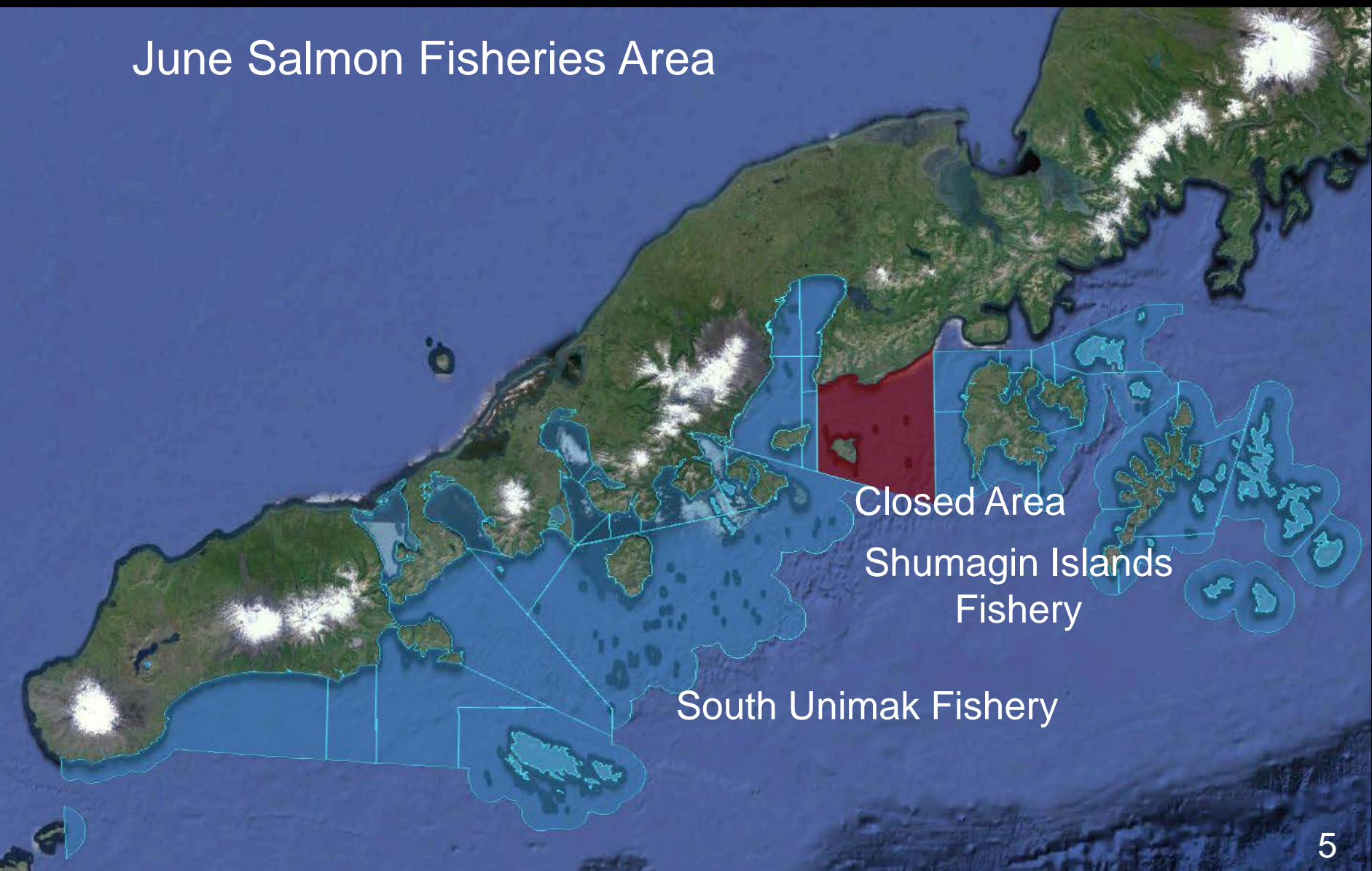
← Scotch Cap



South Alaska Peninsula Salmon Management Area



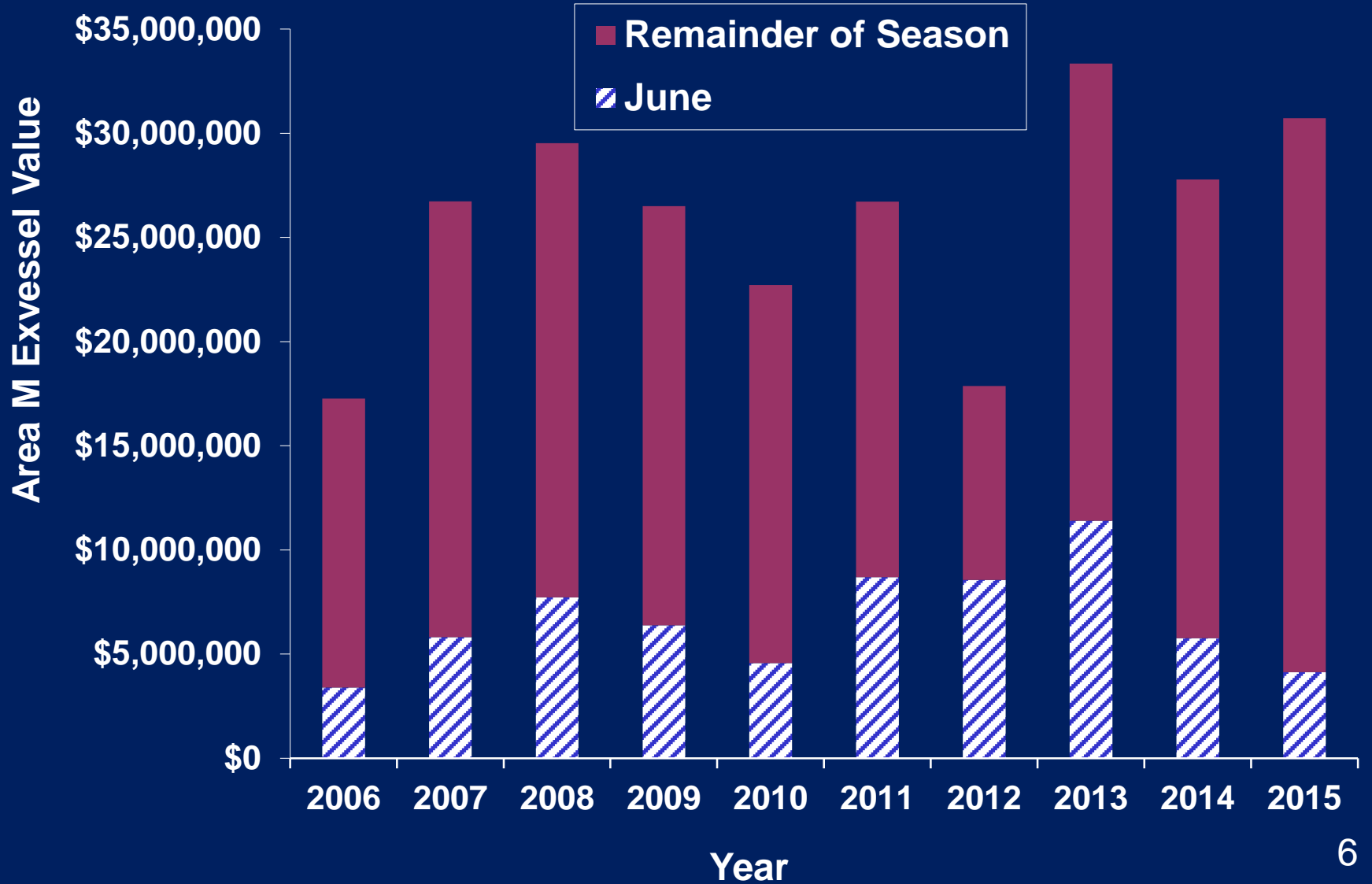
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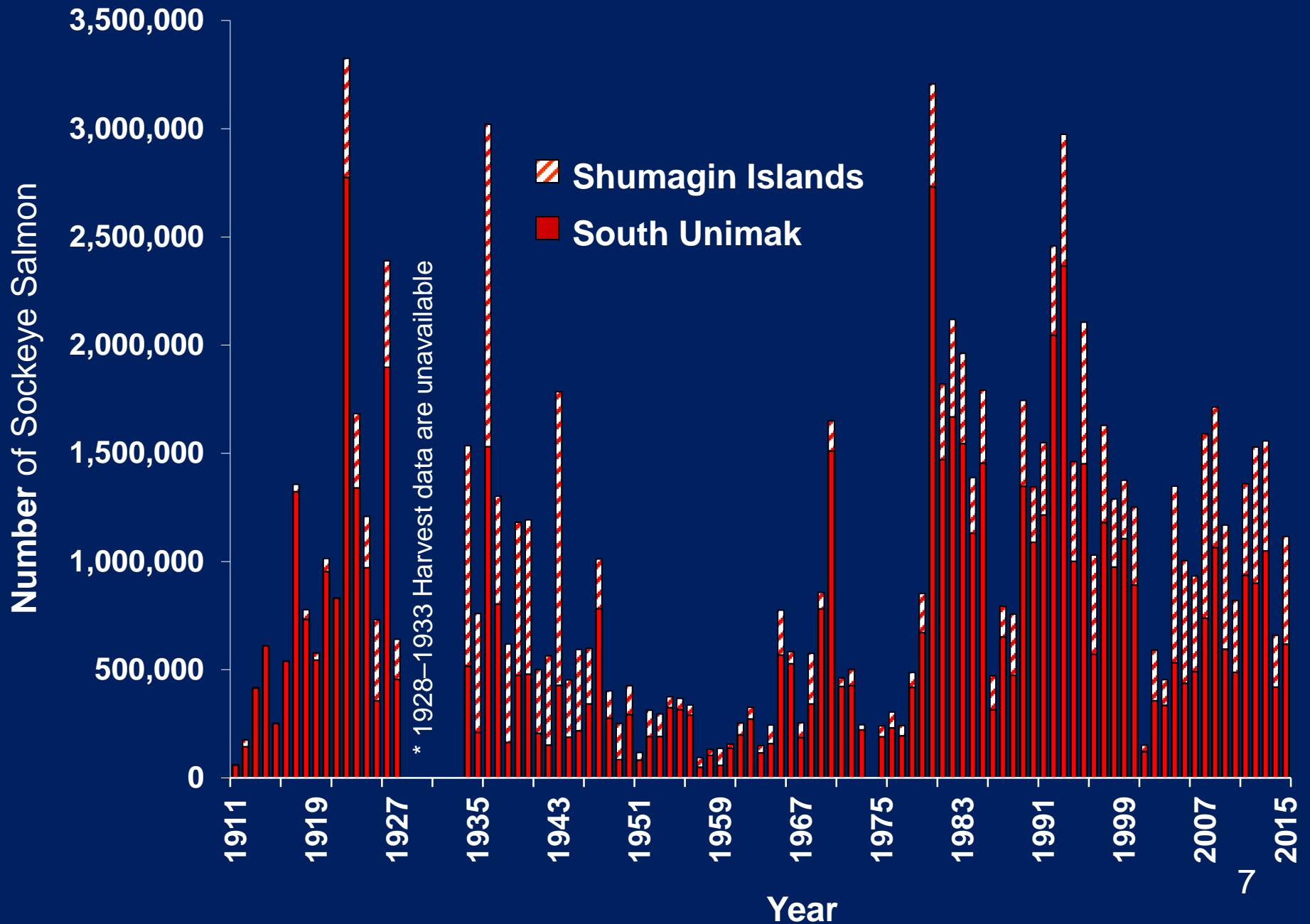
Closed Area
Shumagin Islands
Fishery

South Unimak Fishery

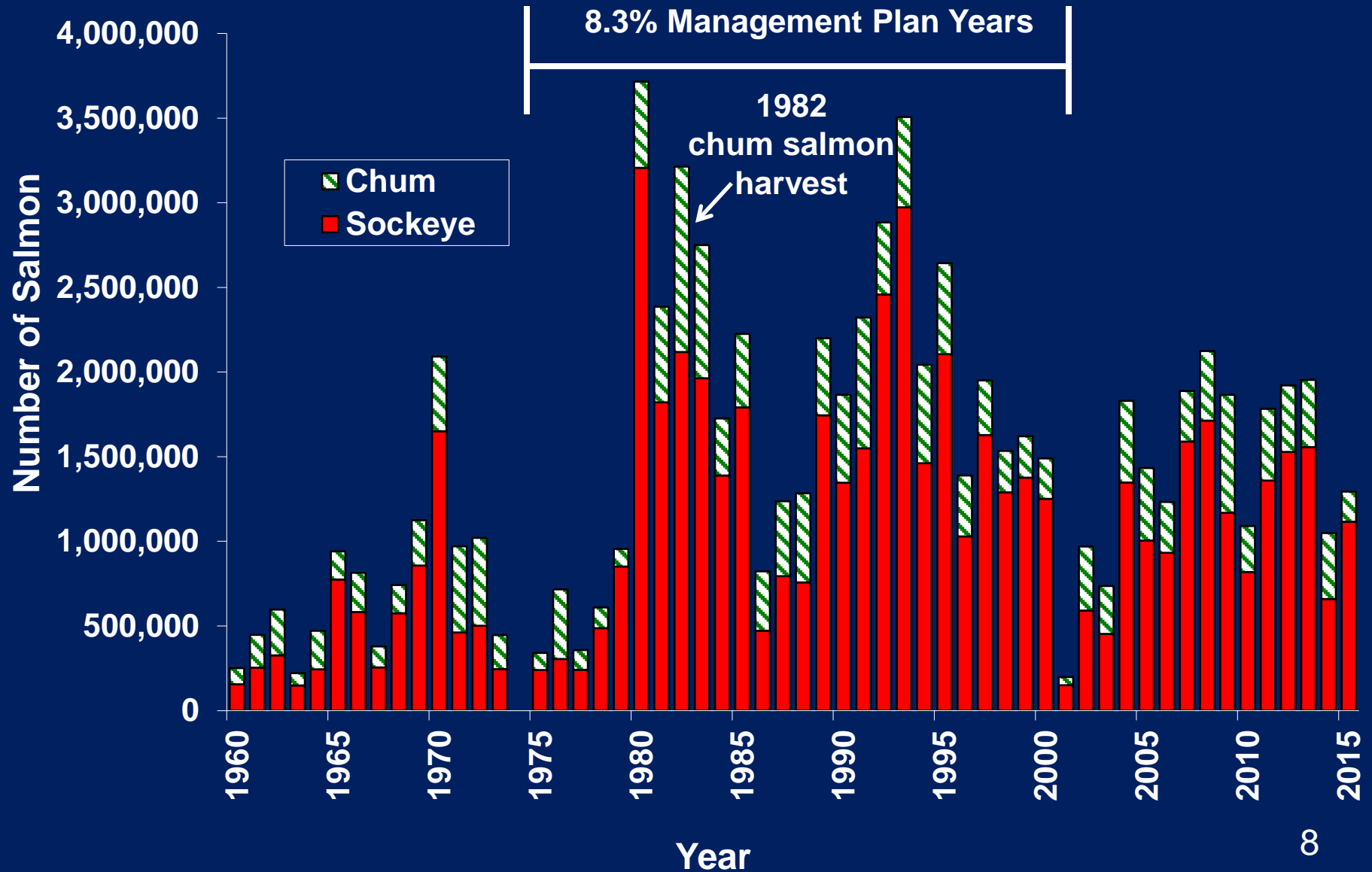
June Salmon Fisheries Exvessel Value in Relation to the Total Season Area M Value, 2006–2015



1911–2015 June Fisheries Historic Sockeye Salmon Harvest



June Fisheries Sockeye and Chum Salmon Harvest, 1960–2015



Current Regulations For the June Salmon Fisheries

- ❖ Fishing periods may begin on June 7 for set gillnet gear only and on June 10 for seine and drift gillnet gear
- ❖ Fishing periods will begin at 6:00 a.m., last for 88-hours in length, and close at 10:00 p.m. Periods will be separated by 32-hour closures
- ❖ The final fishing period will end at 10:00 p.m. on June 28 for seine and drift gillnet gear, and at 10:00 p.m. on June 29 for set gillnet gear
- ❖ All districts and sections managed under the June management plan will open concurrently

June Salmon Fishing Schedule

June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
All fishing periods start at 6:00 AM and end at 10:00 PM. All closures between fishing periods are 32 hours in duration.						
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Set Gillnet Open 88 hours						
			Seine and Drift Gillnet Open 88 hours			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Open 88 hours			Open 88 hours			
	Open 88 hours					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Open 88 hours					
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28	29	30				
Open 64 hours						

June Fisheries 2013–2015 Season Summaries

Year	Number of salmon harvested				
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum
2013	2,214	1,556,887	299	302,247	396,998
2014	2,274	659,064	2,502	179,261	388,214
2015	44,389	1,115,504	20,193	573,104	178,715
Average	16,292	1,110,485	7,665	351,537	321,309

Average Number of permits by gear type: Average percent of June harvest:

Purse seine permits = 46	Purse seine = 59%
Drift gillnet permits = 120	Drift gillnet = 27%
Set gillnet permits = 58	Set gillnet = 14%

Average exvessel value: \$7,093,488

2015 Proposals Regarding the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June Fisheries

- ❖ Repeal the South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries

Proposal 181

- ❖ Change start date of drift gillnet gear

Proposals 182 and 183

- ❖ Readopt South Unimak and Shumagin Islands June fisheries that was in regulation from 2003–2004

Proposal 184

- ❖ Establish Dolgoi Island Section and Dolgoi Island Section Salmon Fisheries Management Plan

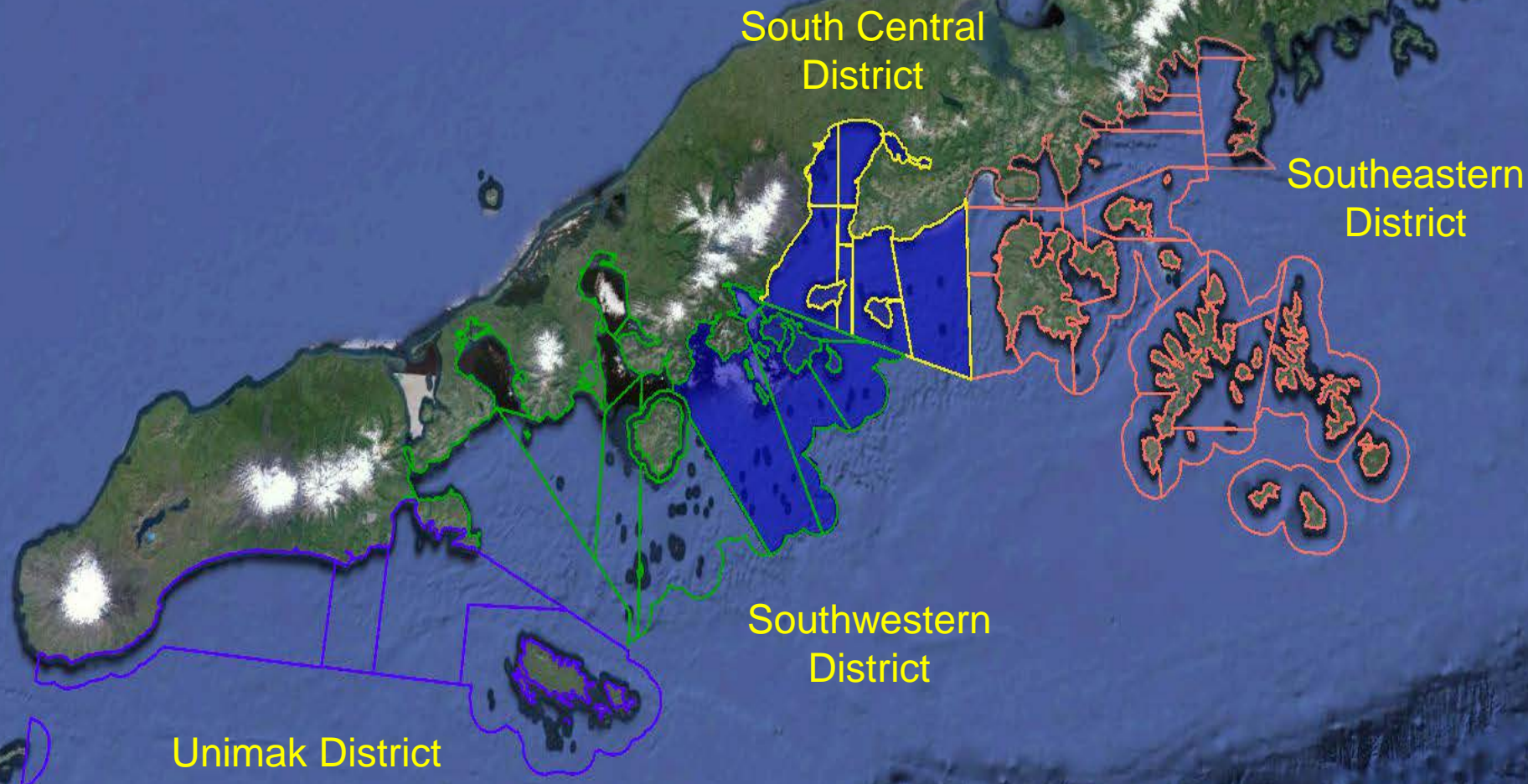
Proposals 185 and 186

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SIMILARITIES

- ❖ Establish a Dolgoi Island Section based on statistical areas used in WASSIP study

Proposals 185 and 186 Proposed New Dolgoi Island Statistical Area



Proposals 185 and 186

SIMILARITIES

- ❖ Create Dolgoi Island Section Salmon Management Plan
- ❖ Allocation period from June 1 through July 25
- ❖ Allocation based on harvestable surplus beyond escapement goals for the first and second runs of Chignik sockeye salmon
- ❖ Exclusion of terminal harvest areas described in regulation from allocation criteria
- ❖ Dolgoi Island Section fisheries curtailed in the event that the Chignik sockeye salmon fisheries fails to develop as forecasted or is determined to not meet allocative criteria set forth in these proposals

Proposals 185 and 186

DIFFERENCES

Proposal 185

- ❖ Dolgoi Island fishery would close when the number of sockeye salmon exceeds 120,000 fish reported on fish tickets
- ❖ Require delivery of salmon within Dolgoi Island Section except for 50 salmon that may be retained for personal use.

Proposal 186

- ❖ Establish fishing periods in June and July if allocation criteria are met

