The Southeastern District Mainland Salmon Fishery



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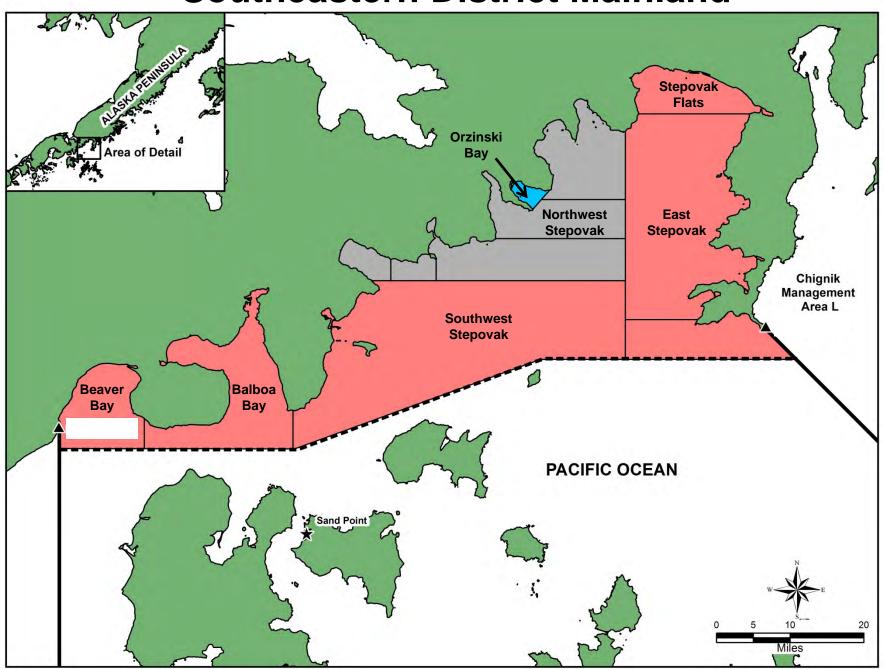
Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM) Fishery

Topics to be covered:

- 1. Geographical description of the Southeastern District Mainland (SEDM)
- 2. SEDM Salmon Management Plan
- 3. Orzinski Lake escapement, season summaries, and the fall fishery
- 4. Overview of proposals and issues

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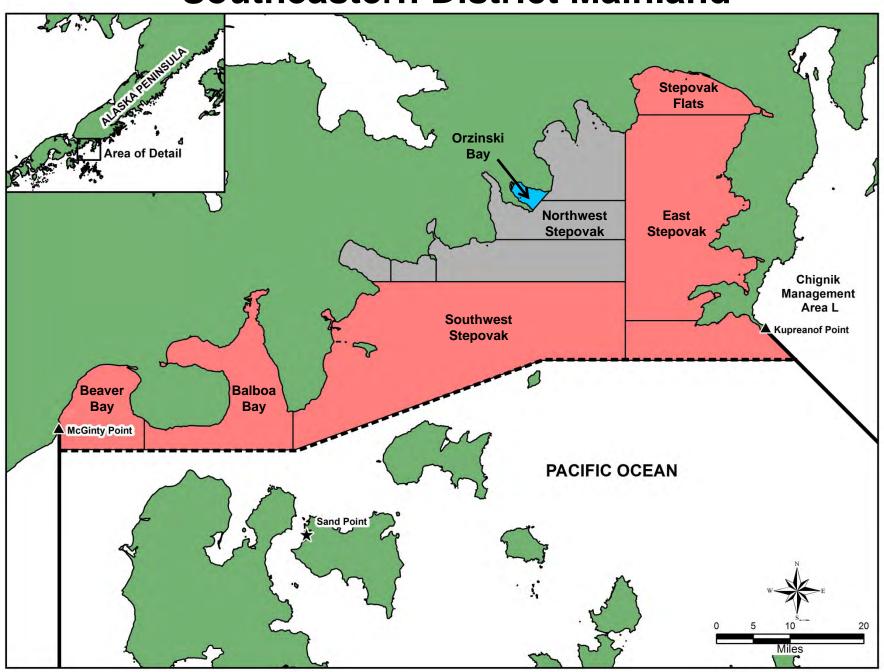
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SEDM Management Plan

- 1. June 1–July 25, 80% of the sockeye salmon caught in the SEDM are considered to be Chignik-bound
 - a. SEDM allocation is 7.6% of those sockeye salmon harvested within the Chignik Management Area
 - b. Prior to July 11, set gillnet gear only
- 2. Beginning July 1, all sockeye salmon harvested in the Northwest Stepovak Section are considered to be destined for Orzinski Bay
 - a. No more than 96 hours during a seven-day period, excluding Orzinski Bay
 - b. After June 30, fishing time in Orzinski Bay is based on sockeye salmon escapement into Orzinski Lake

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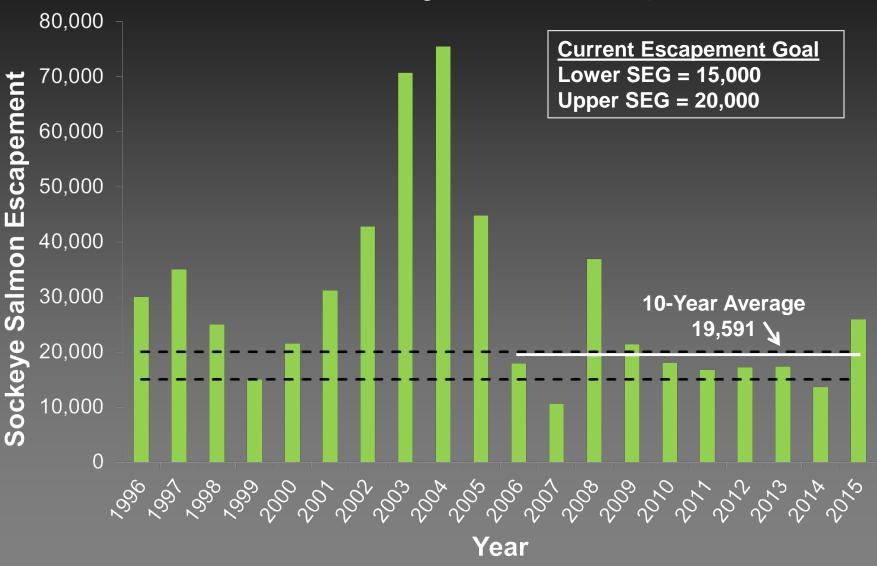
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- 1. If the Orzinski Lake escapement meets or exceeds 25,000 sockeye salmon, the Northwest Stepovak Section and Orzinski Bay may be opened concurrently as follows
 - Set gillnet gear may be operated continuously until midnight
 July 25
 - b. Seine gear may not be open for more than 96 hours a week within a seven-day period

SEDM Management Plan -continued-

- 5. July 26–October 31: Managed on local pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks
- 6. July 26–October 31: The fishery will be closed for at least one 36-hour period within a seven-day period

Orzinski Lake Sockeye Salmon Escapement



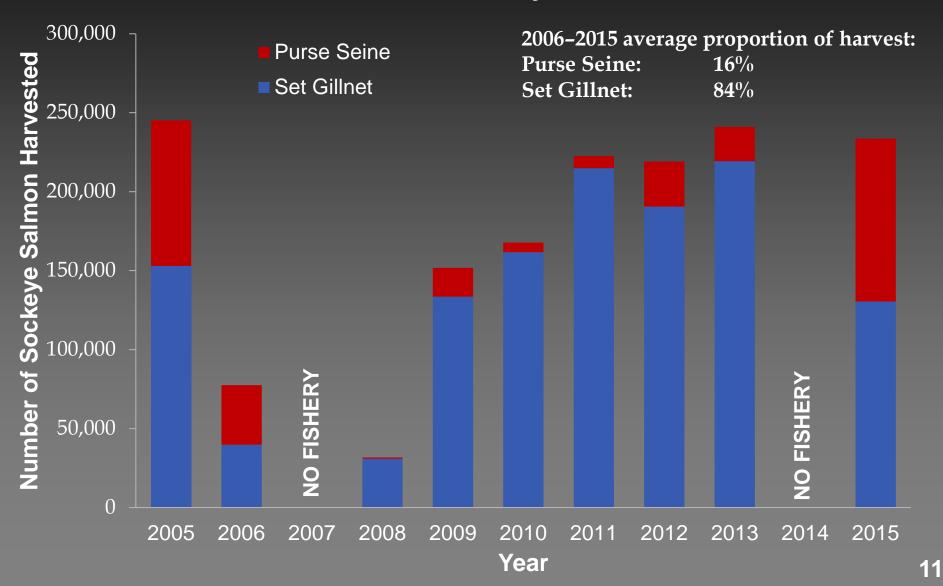
Southeastern District Mainland Fishery 2013–2015 Season Summaries

	Number of Sockeye Salmon Harvested		
	2013	2014	2015
Chignik-Bound	169,029	0	98,473
NWSS	72,003	0	135,145
Total Harvest	241,031	0	233,618
Allocation %	7.5 %	0	9.7%

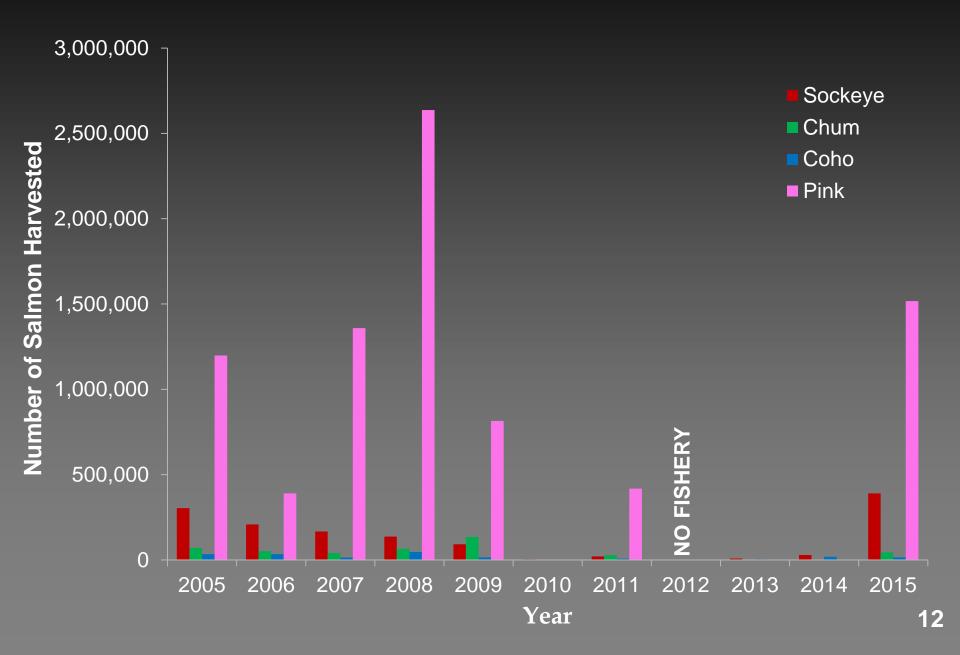
Average participation by gear type 2006–2015:

Purse seine permits: 15 Set gillnet permits: 40

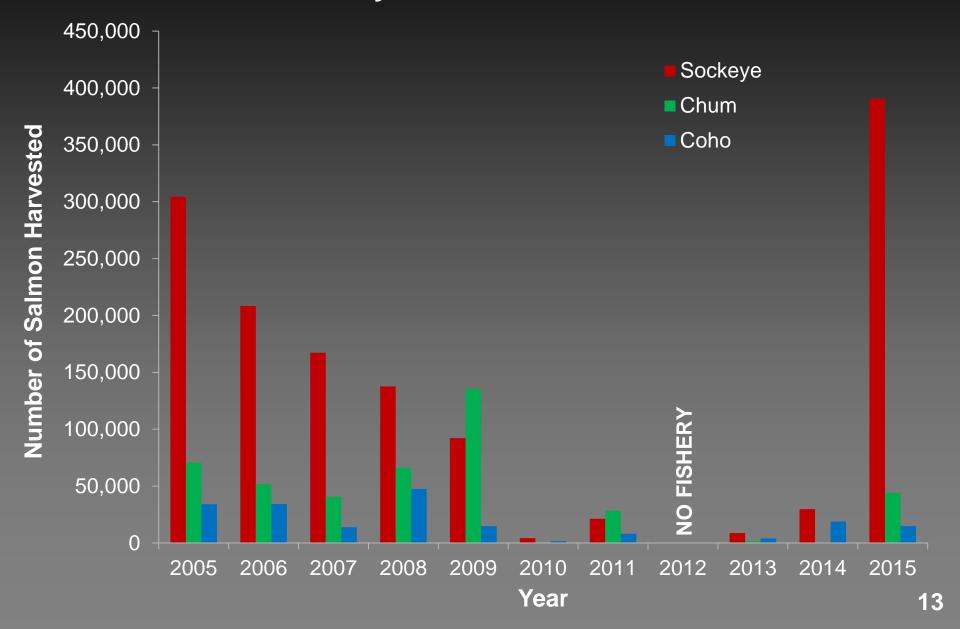
Sockeye salmon harvest in the SEDM, June 1–July 25



Salmon harvest in the SEDM, July 26-October 31



Sockeye, chum, coho salmon harvest in the SEDM, July 26–October 31



SEDM Proposals

- Changes to SEDM Salmon Management Plan Proposals 177 and 179
- Fishing time during allocation period
 Proposals 176 and 178
- Landing requirement within the SEDM
 Proposal 180

