

Sockeye catch history of Chignik and Alaska Peninsula.

2011 Harvest

Alaska Peninsula - Southwestern District (which includes Dolgoi) – 47,407 fish

Chignik – 2,497,004 fish

2012 Harvest

Alaska Peninsula - Southwestern District (which includes Dolgoi) – 33,339 fish

Chignik – 1,800,121 fish

2013 Harvest

Alaska Peninsula - Southwestern District (which includes Dolgoi) – 43,334 fish

Chignik – 2,396,000 fish

All three of these years Chignik had above average harvests, 2011 being one of the larger harvests since 1970. However during these same years the Southwestern district of the Alaska Peninsula had relatively small harvests of sockeye salmon. The reality is sockeye that return to Chignik rivers are **not** always swimming through the southwestern district. We have had a lot of skinny years in Area M that were big years in Chignik. 2015, was certainly an exception to that, however, is it wrong for us to catch fish during good years? Have we hurt the resource? It doesn't appear so from the history.