

Overview of Sport Fisheries in the Prince William Sound Management Area



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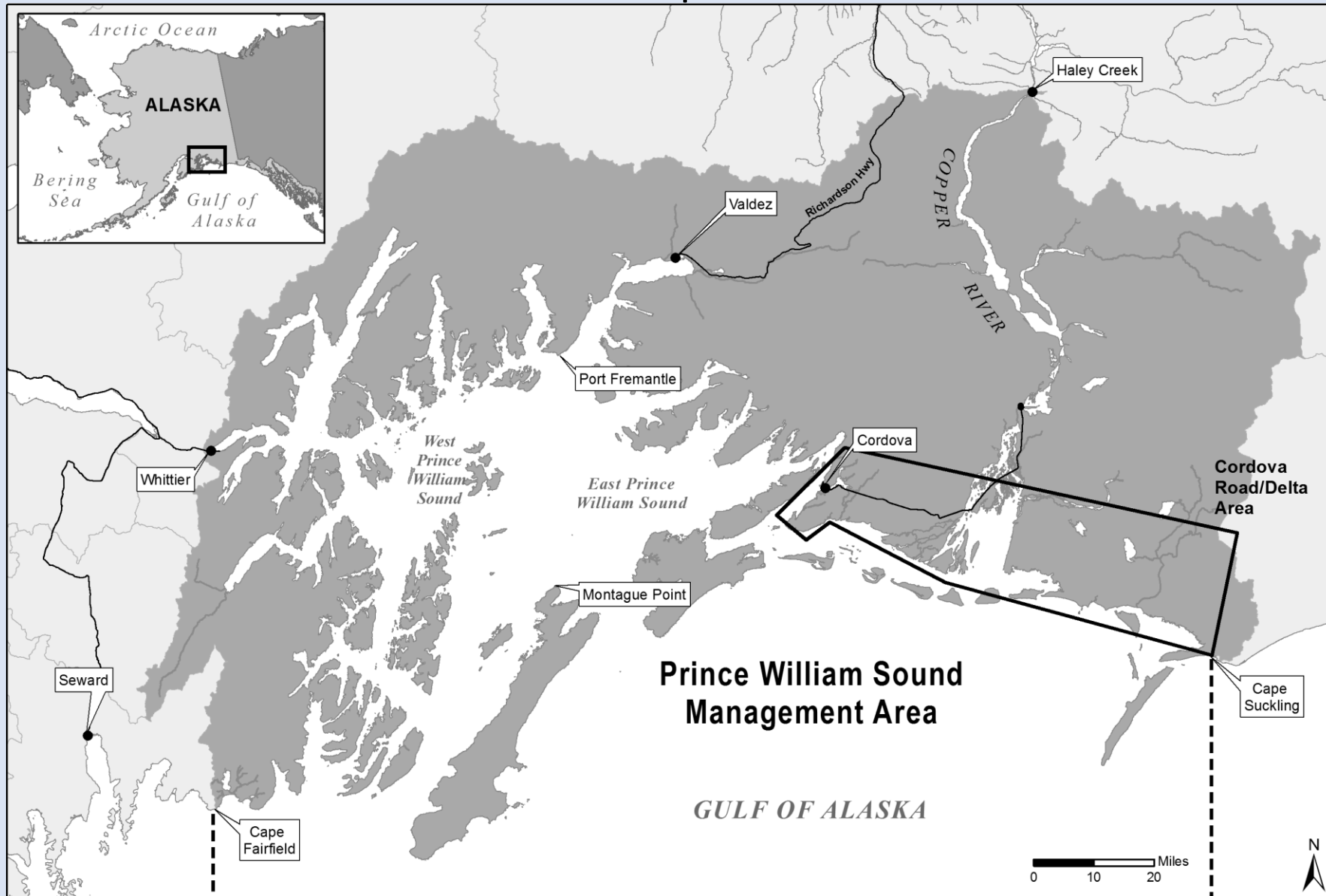
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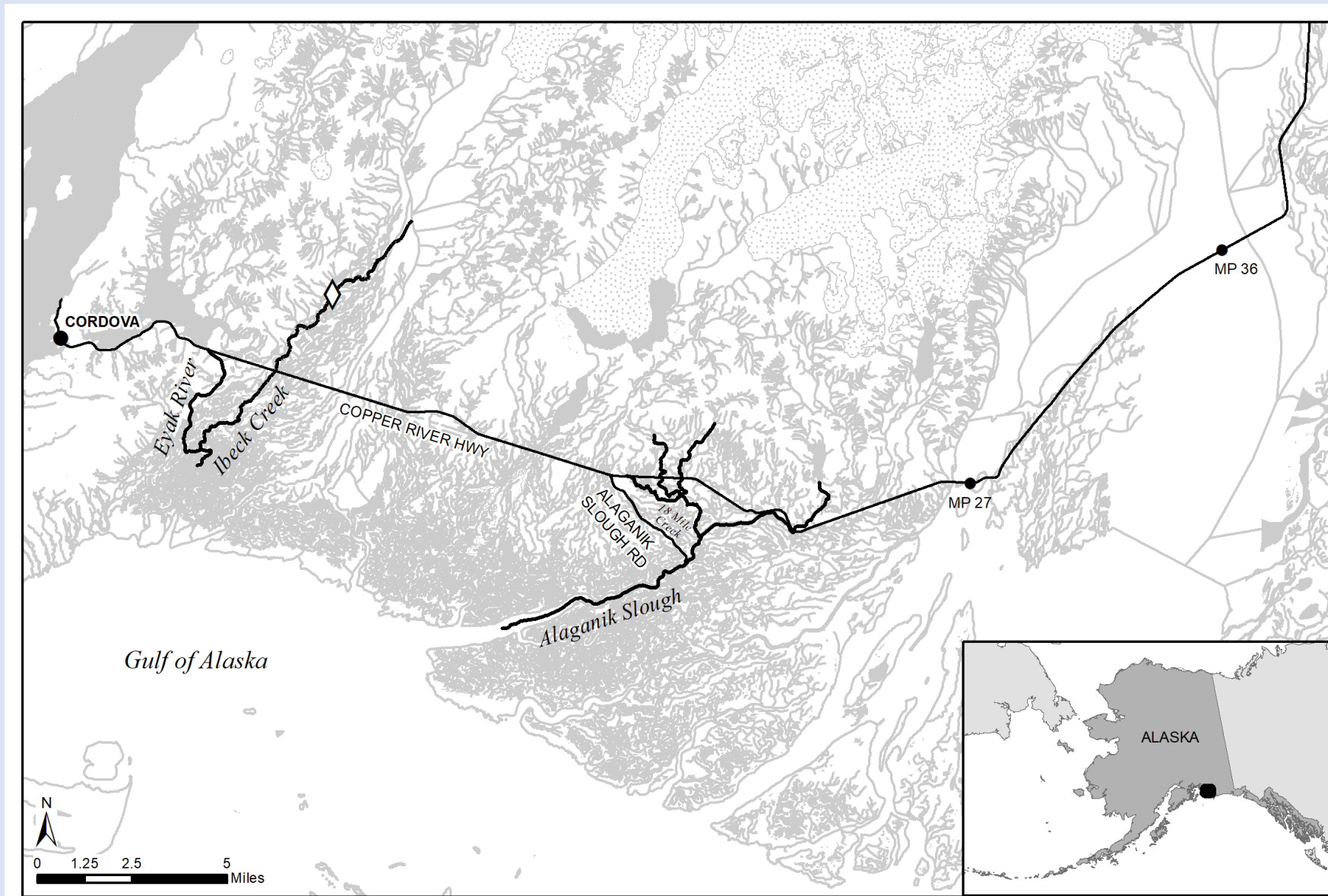
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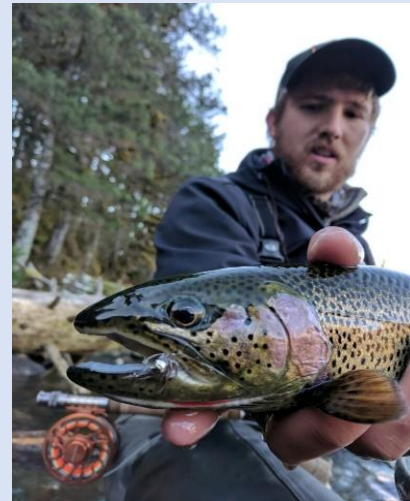


Copper River Highway Streams



PWSMA Sport Fisheries Overview

- Saltwater
 - Halibut, lingcod, rockfish, all salmon species, and shellfish
- Freshwater
 - Lakes – stocked in the Valdez area
 - Streams within PWS
 - Copper River delta – target species include coho and sockeye salmon



Sport Fish Data & Monitoring

- Sport Fishery Data

- Effort, catch & harvest data – SWHS, charter logbook
- Sport fisheries angler interview & harvest sampling

- Escapement

- Coho salmon aerial surveys by the Division of Commercial Fisheries
- No current ground-based salmon monitoring projects in the Copper River Delta.

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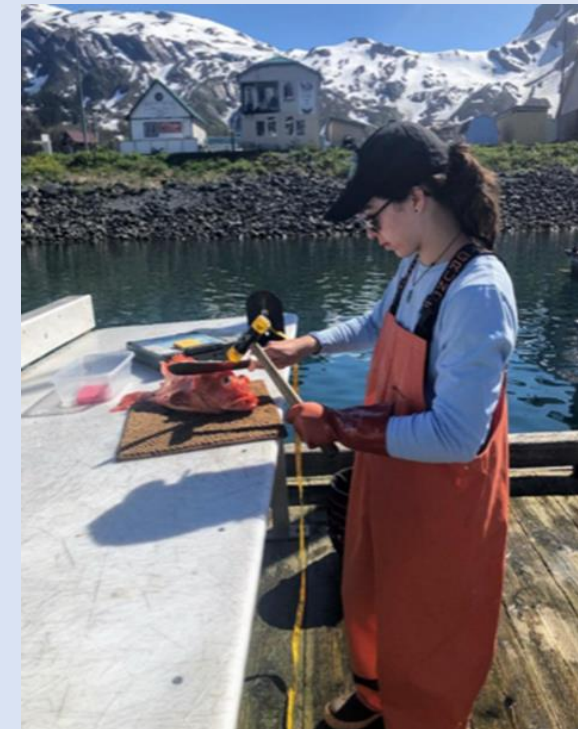
2021 Alaska Sport Fishing Survey

Please help us maintain sport fishing opportunities in Alaska by recording your household's 2021 freshwater and saltwater sport fishing activity on the following pages. Please refer to the instructions for completing the survey on page 2 and return the survey in the enclosed envelope.
Thank you!

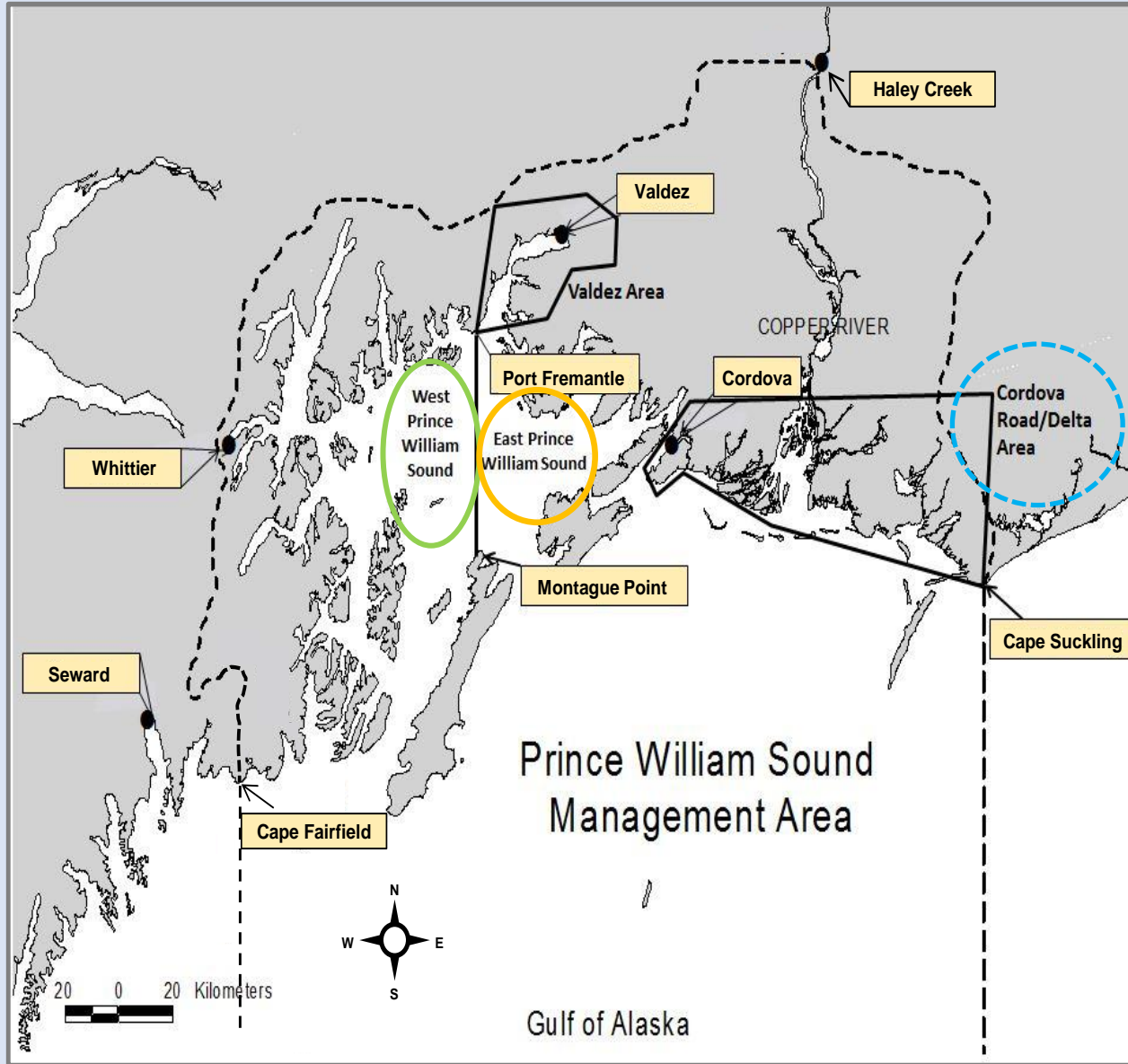


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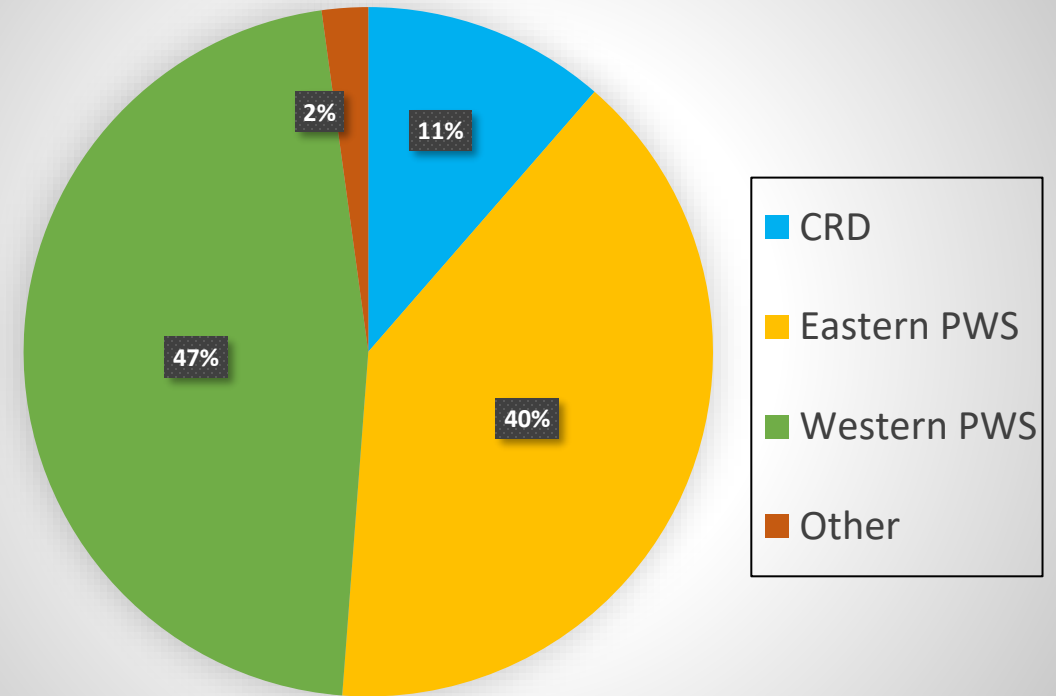
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PWSMA Sportfishing Effort (SWHS)



Angler Days of Effort in PWSMA (2010 – 2019)



Average Total: 159,000 angler days of effort

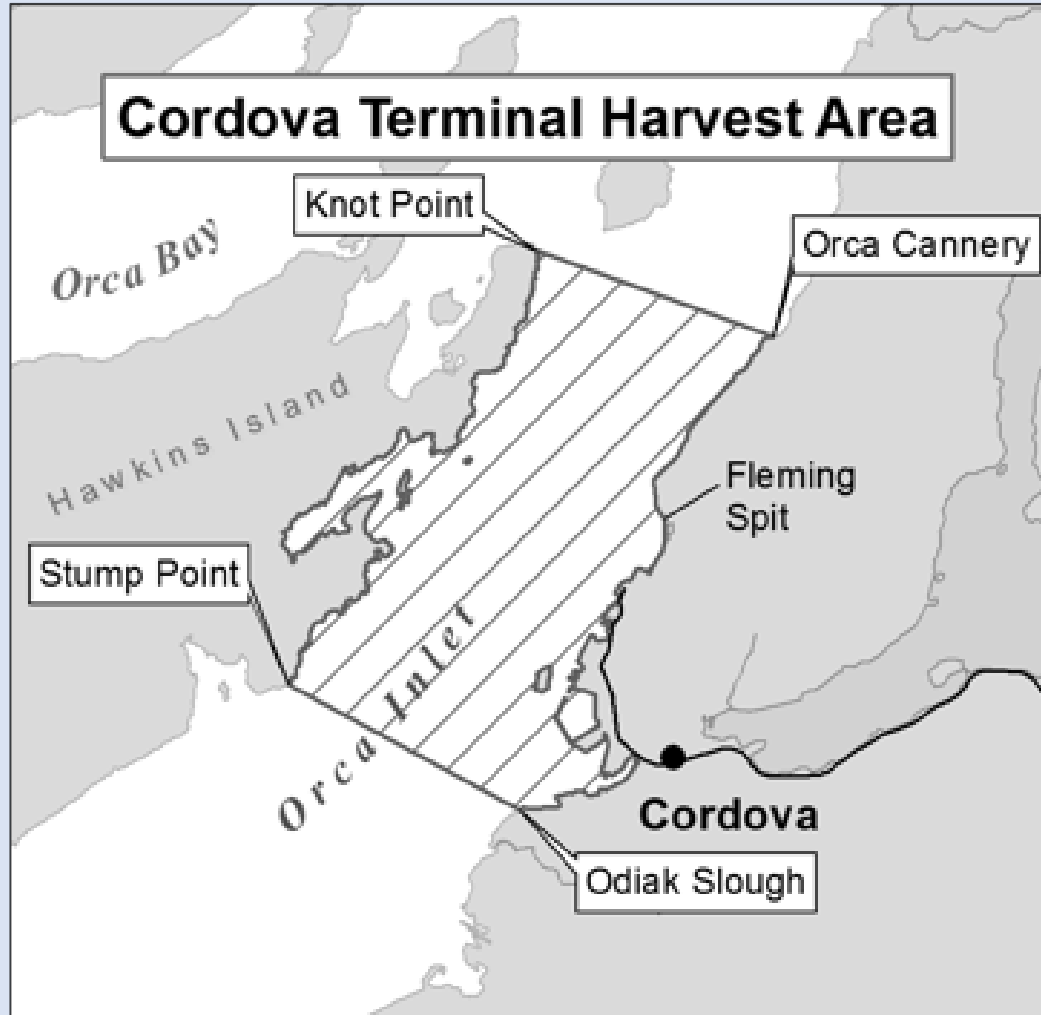
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Copper River Highway Sport Fishing Regulations

- 1) Only unbaited, artificial lures allowed from April 15 – June 14.
- 2) Bag/possession limit is 3 coho salmon (any size).
- 3) A person may not remove a coho salmon from the water before releasing it.
- 4) A coho salmon removed from the water must be retained and becomes part of your daily bag/possession limit.
- 5) Once your daily bag limit of coho salmon has been reached, you may not fish with bait for the remainder of the day.
- 5) Eyak River – Special Regulation: fly-fishing only from June 1 – September 30.
- 6) Ibeck Creek – Closed to sport fishing 3 miles upstream of the Copper River Highway Bridge.



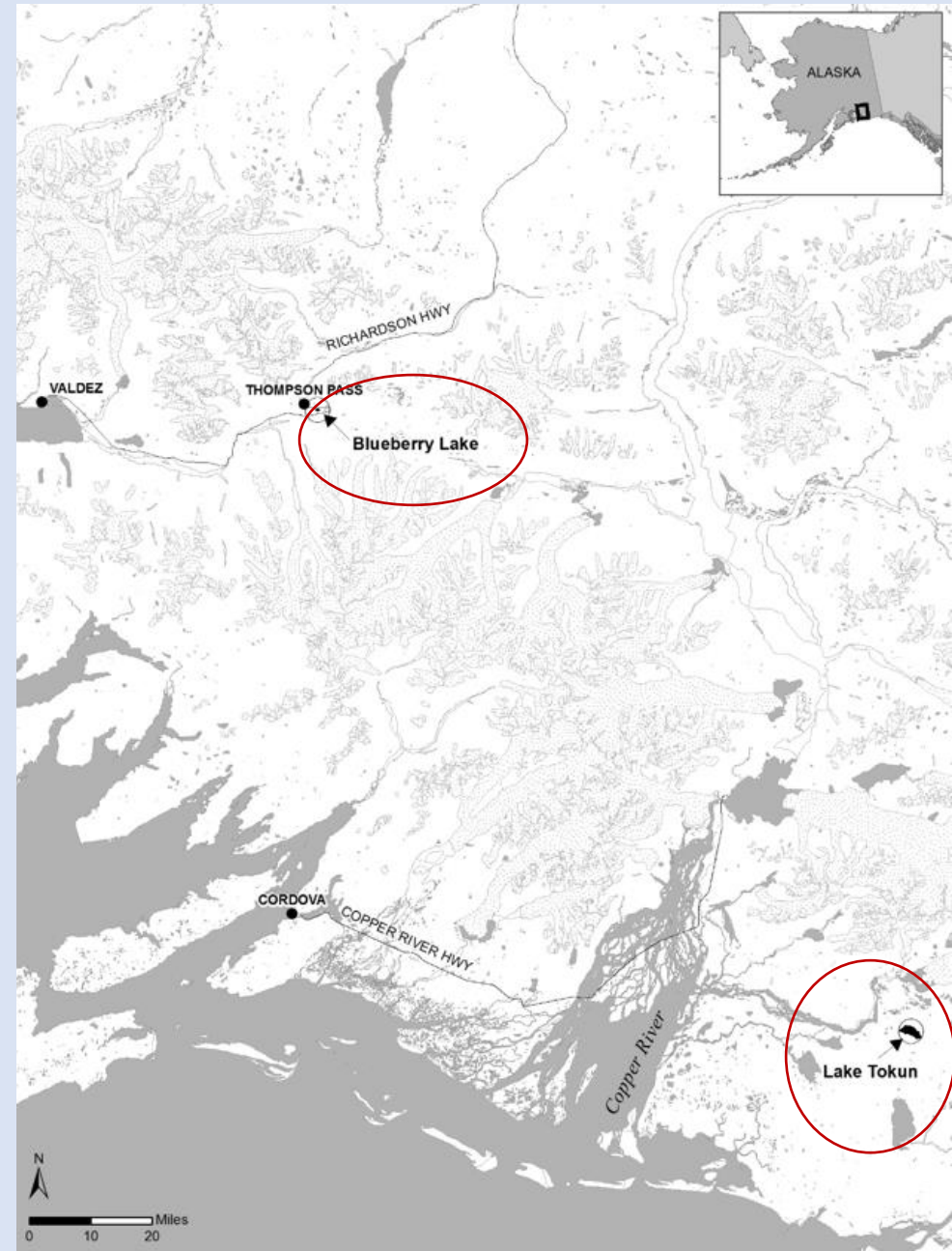
Additional Sport Fishing Opportunities



Lake Trout

Proposal 37:

Establish sport bag and possession limit for lake trout in the Prince William Sound area.



Copper River Delta – Coho Salmon



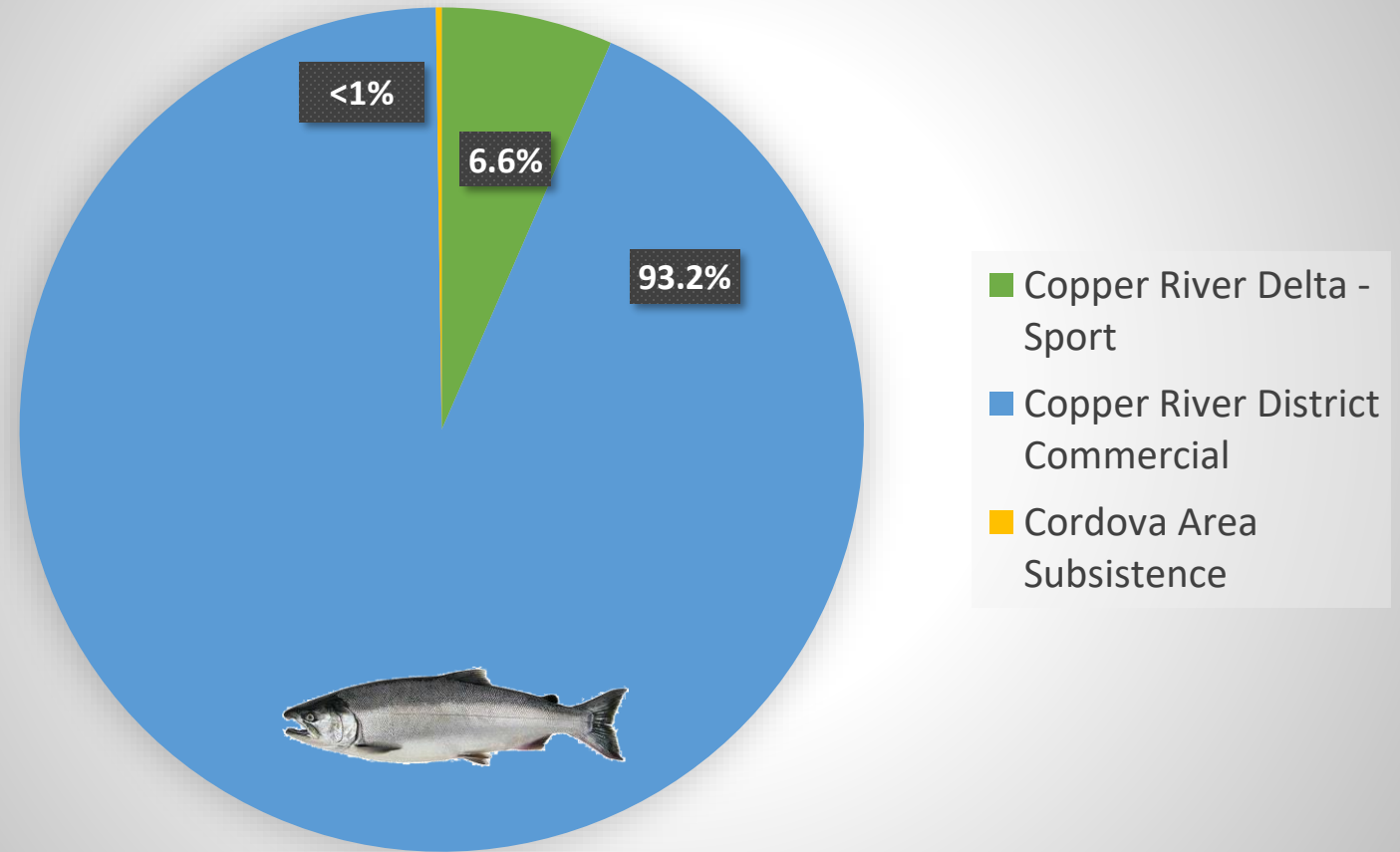
Proposal 38:

Establish additional restrictions in the Copper River Delta coho salmon sport fishery based on the number of days the commercial fishery is closed.

Year	Coho Salmon Estimated Total Harvest	Copper River Delta Estimated Escapement (SEG 32,000-67,000)
2010	228,405	41,077
2011	143,756	38,145
2012	147,344	37,010
2013	264,007	34,680
2014	334,477	43,010
2015	164,959	41,665
2016	383,222	76,200
2017	319,236	43,760
2018	318,077	53,800
2019	93,598	36,620

Emergency Order #	Issued	Change
2-SS-6-53-19	9/16/2019	No bait allowed in Copper River Highway streams
2-SS-6-54-19	9/23/2019	Coho salmon bag limit reduced from 3/3 to 1/2

Coho Salmon Harvest (Average 2010-2019)



*Full details found in RC2 for Proposal 38.

Copper River Delta – Ibeck Creek



Proposal 39:

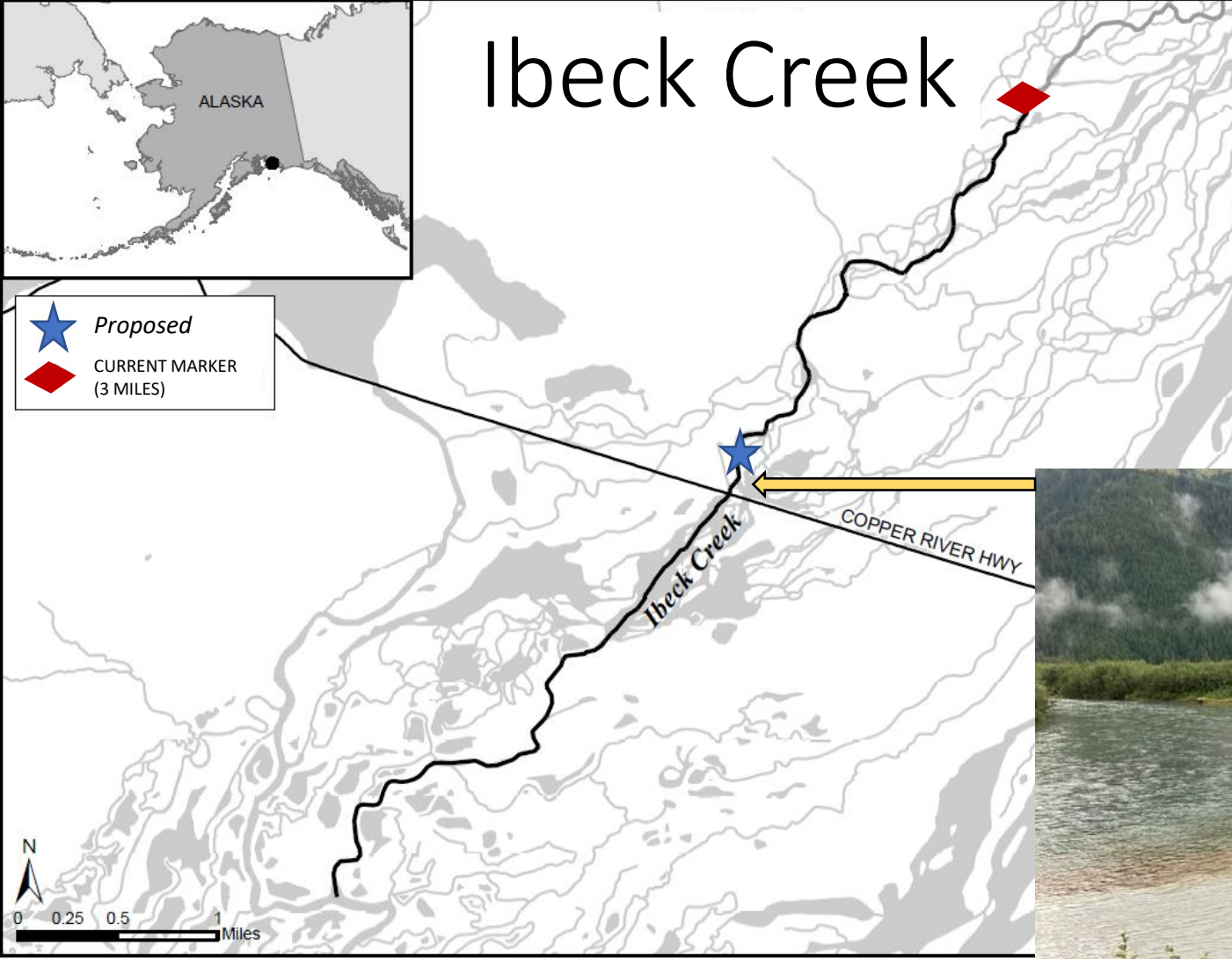
Extend the area closed to sport fishing in Ibeck Creek.





Ibeck Creek

-  Proposed
-  CURRENT MARKER (3 MILES)



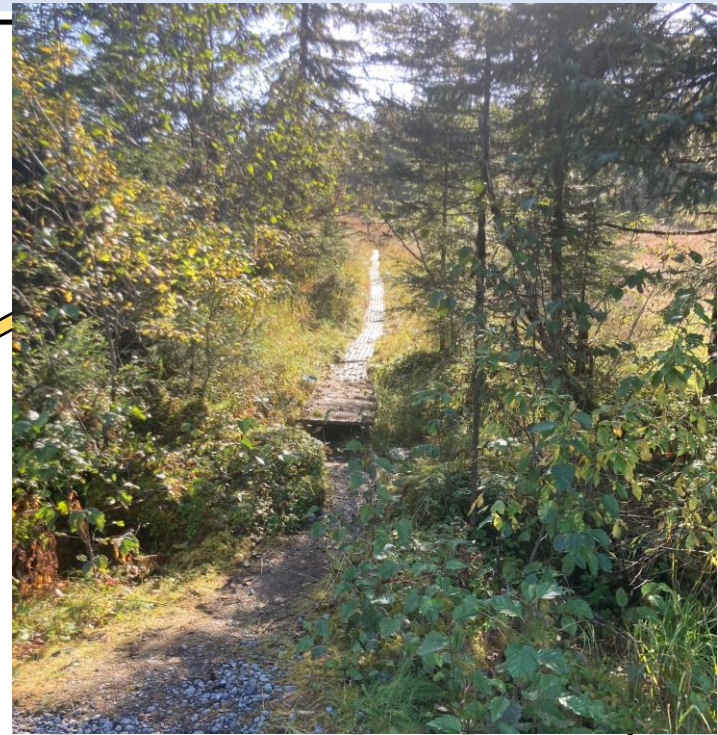
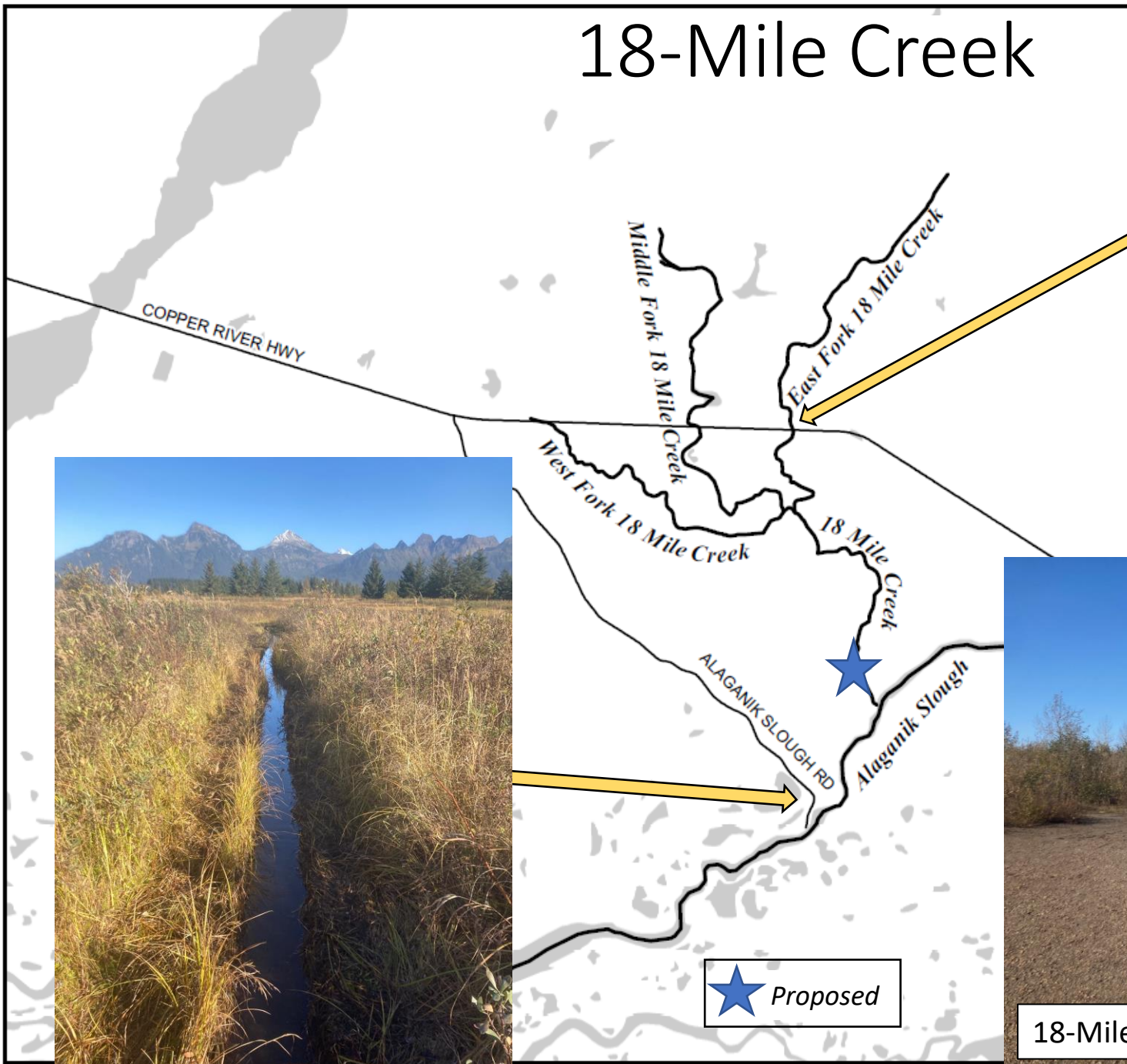
Copper River Delta – 18-Mile Creek



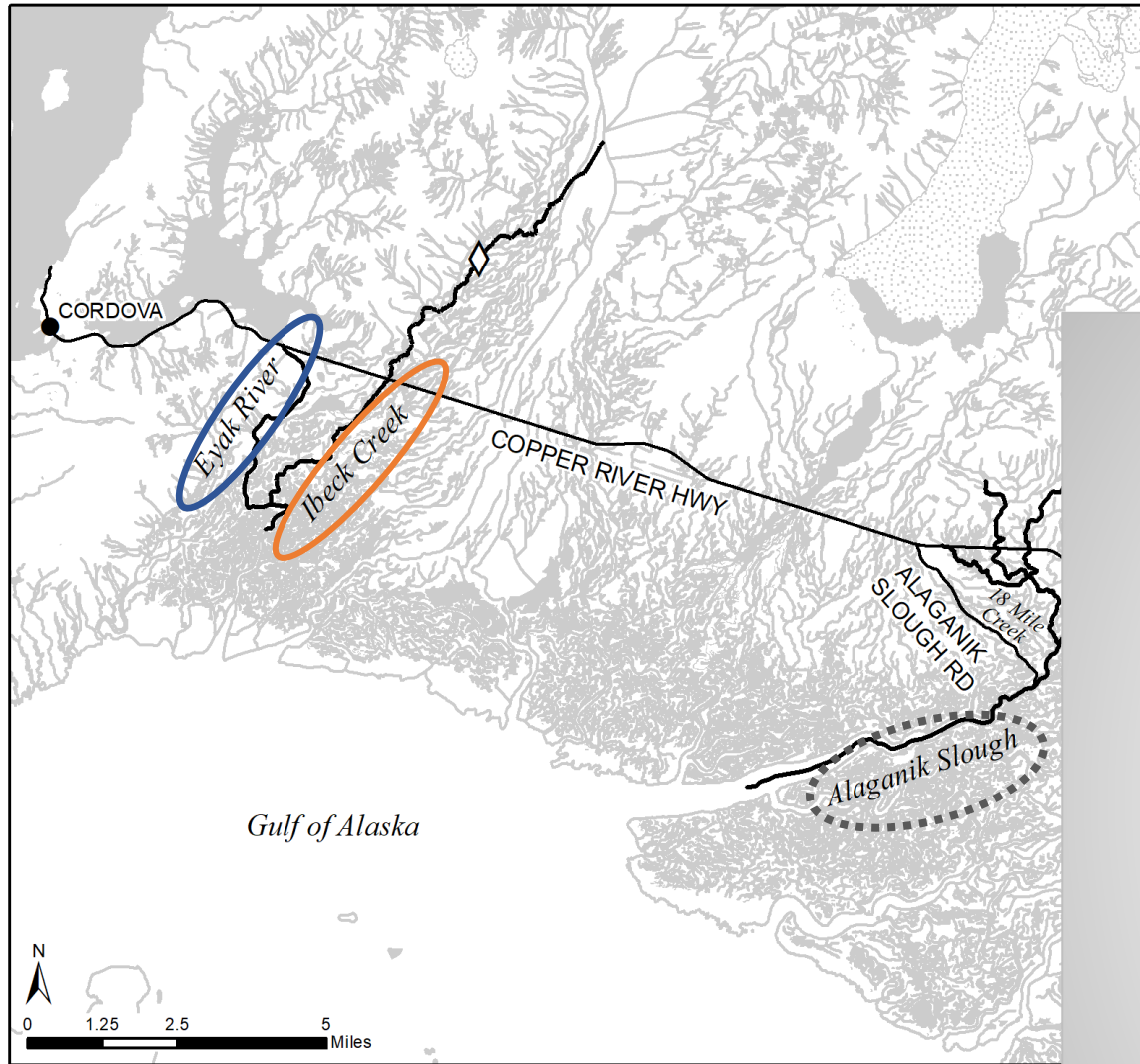
Proposal 40:

Close 18-Mile or Silver Creek to coho salmon fishing August 1 to November 1, ¼ mile upstream of the confluence with Alaganik Slough.

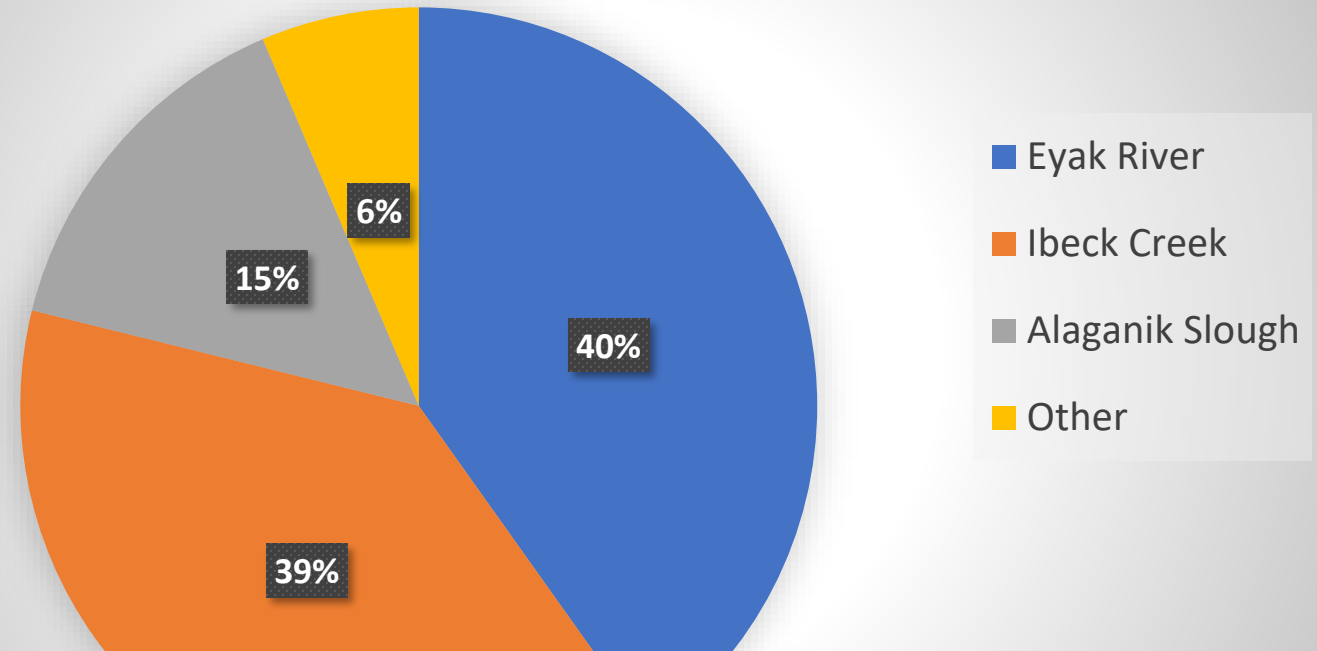
18-Mile Creek



18-Mile Creek confluence with Alaganik Slough



Coho Salmon Sport Fishery Harvest

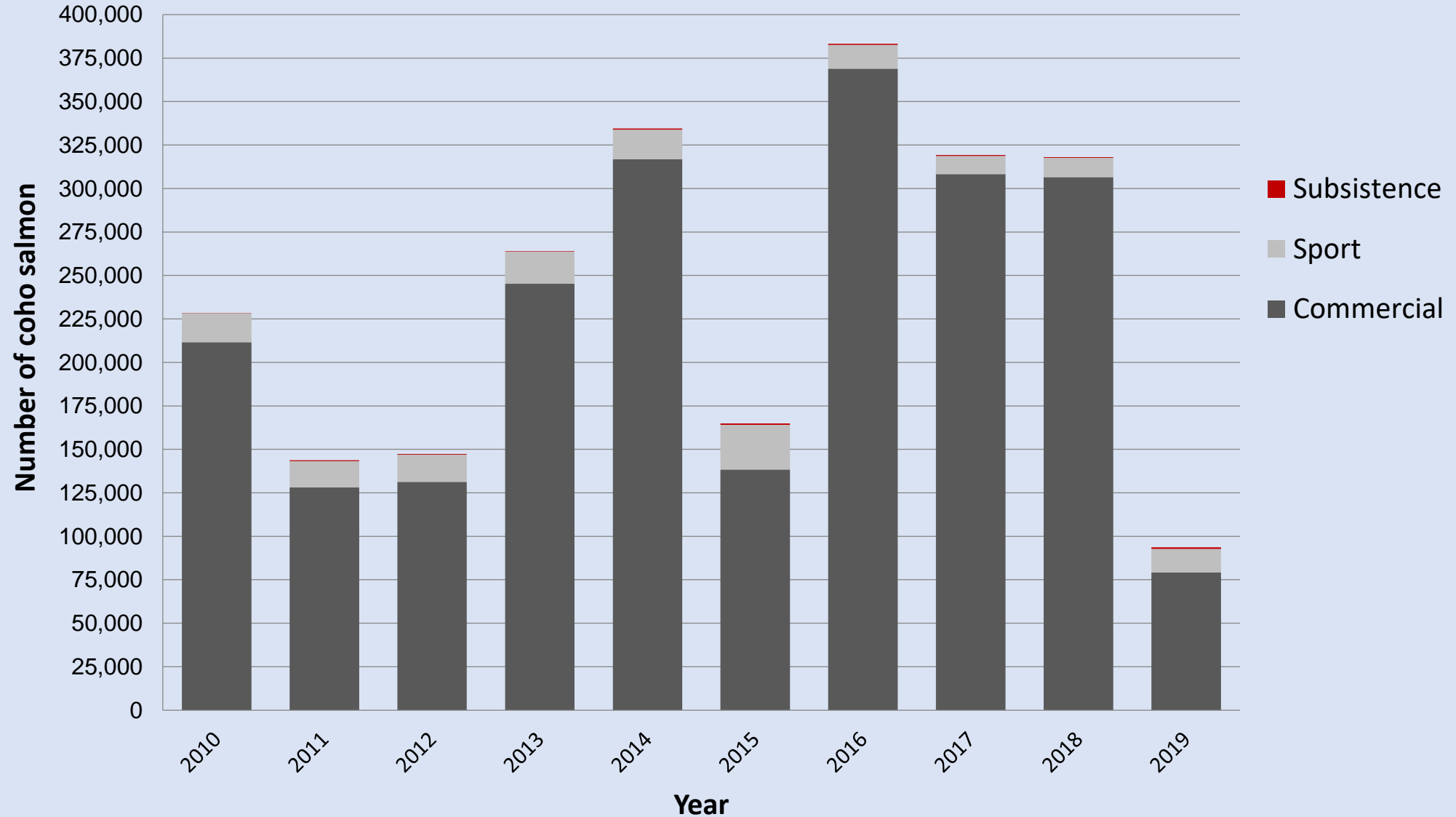


Eyak River	Ibeck Creek	Alaganik Slough	Other
6,318	6,087	2,320	1,007

Coho Salmon Harvest (2010 - 2019)

Copper River District Commercial
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Copper River Delta Sport and Subsistence



Questions?

