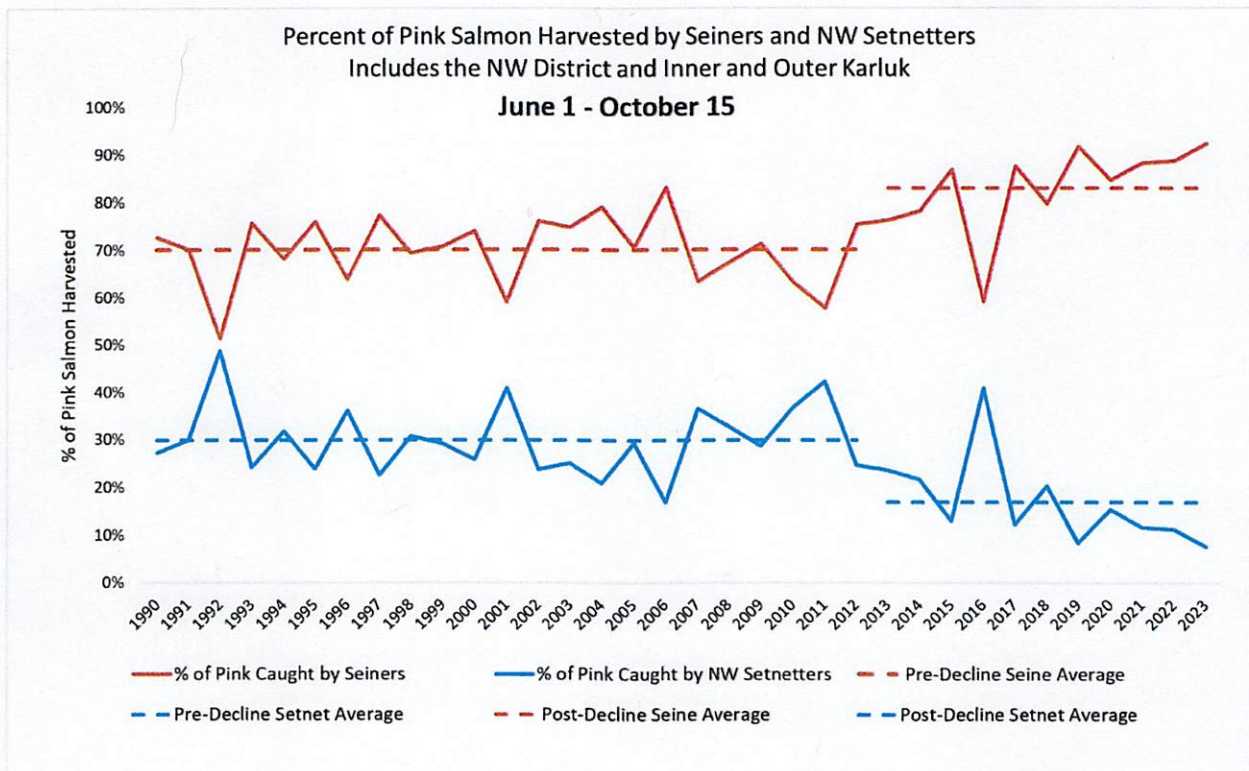
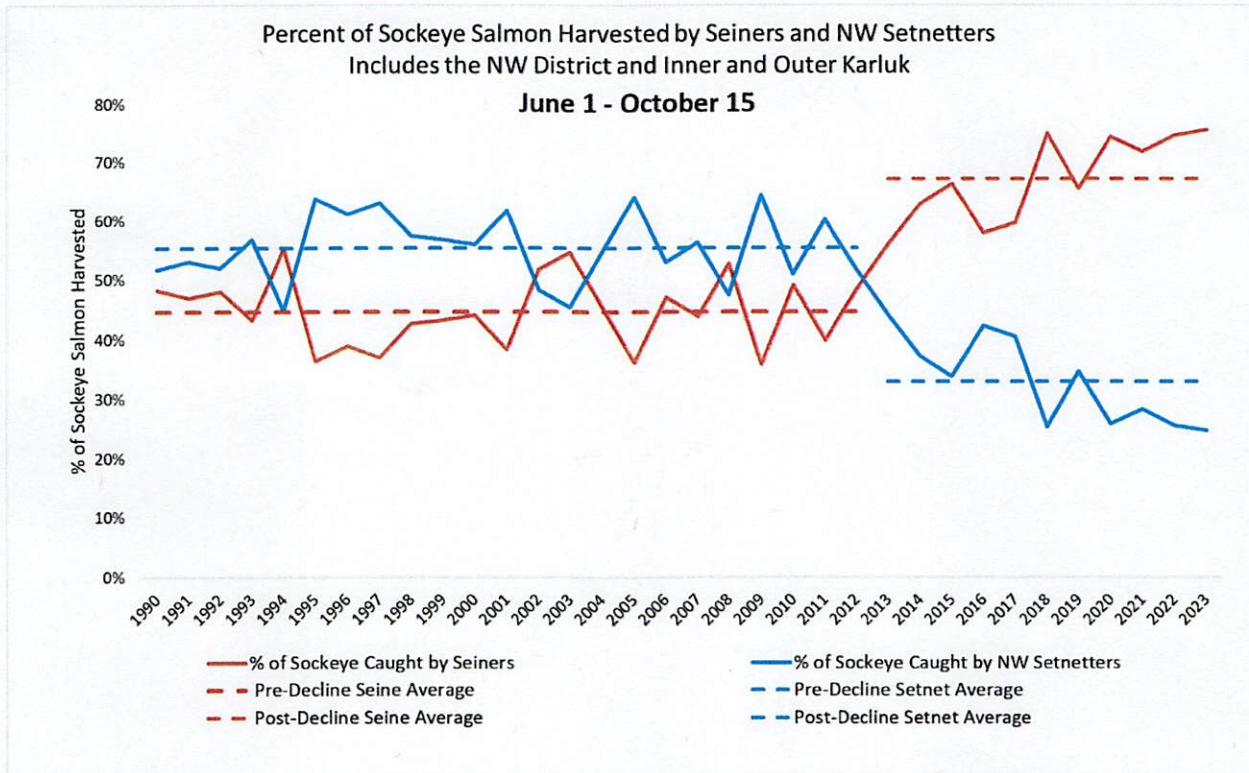
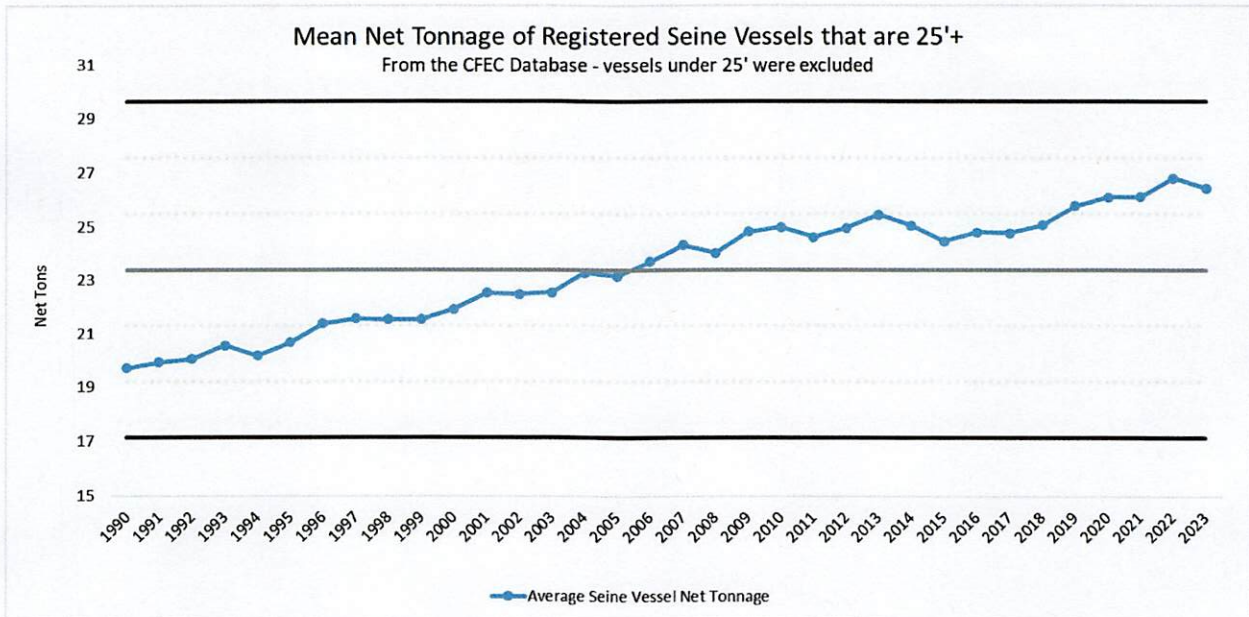
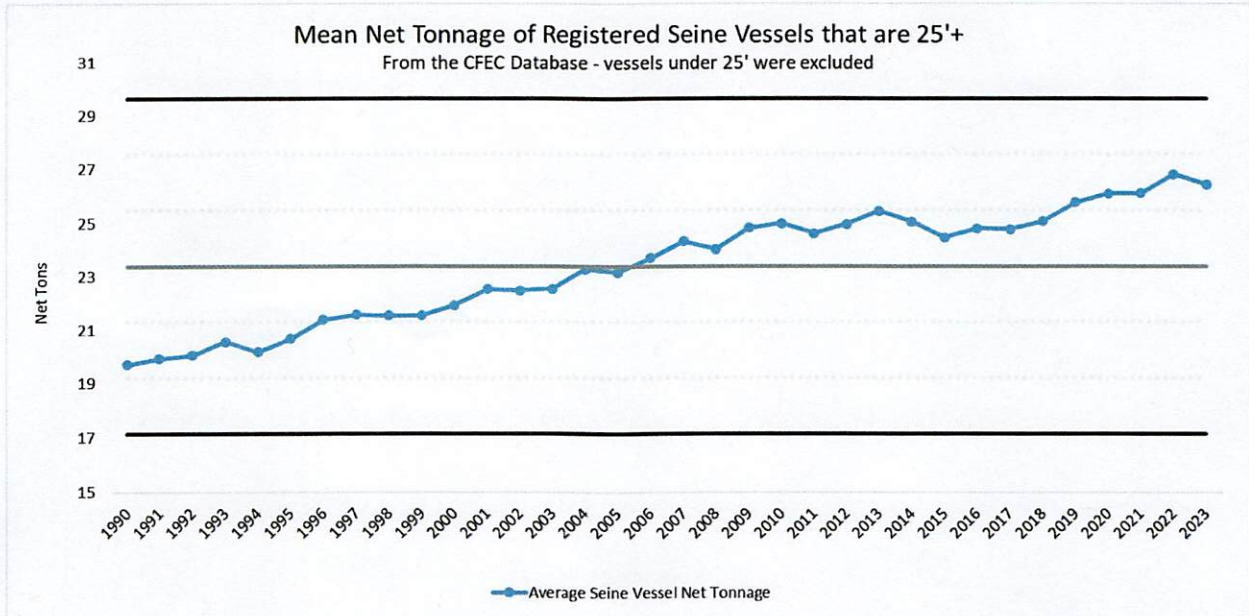


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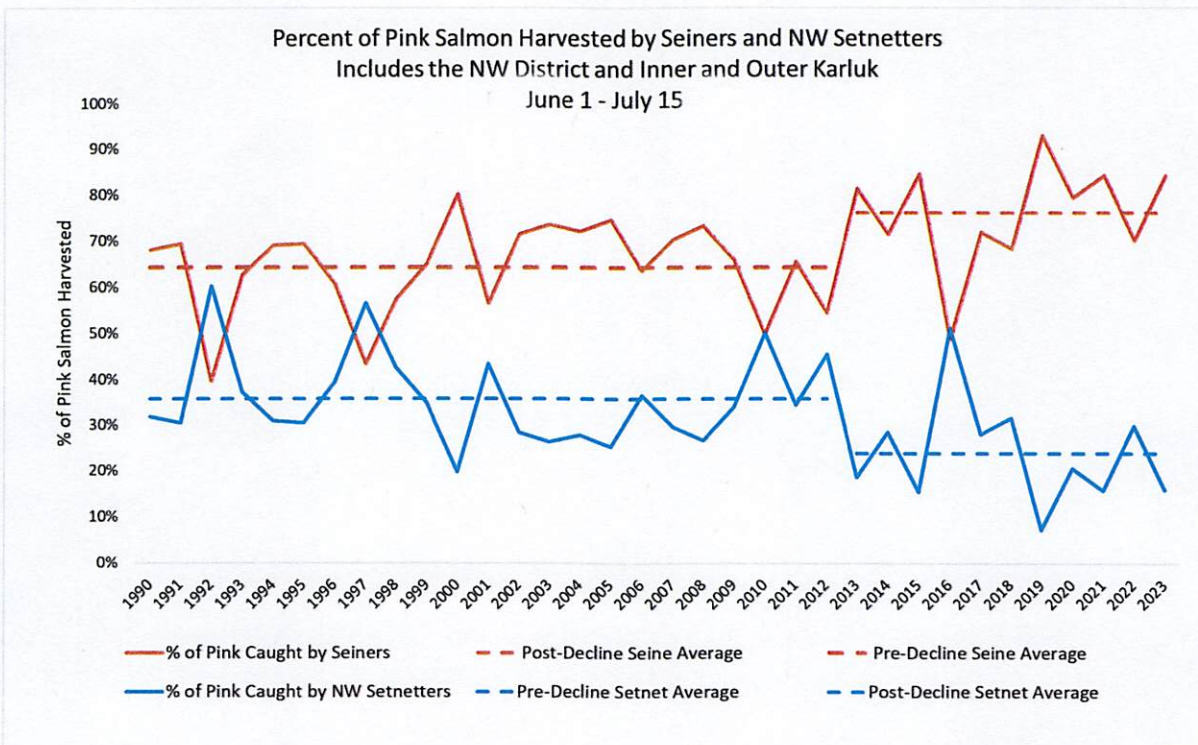
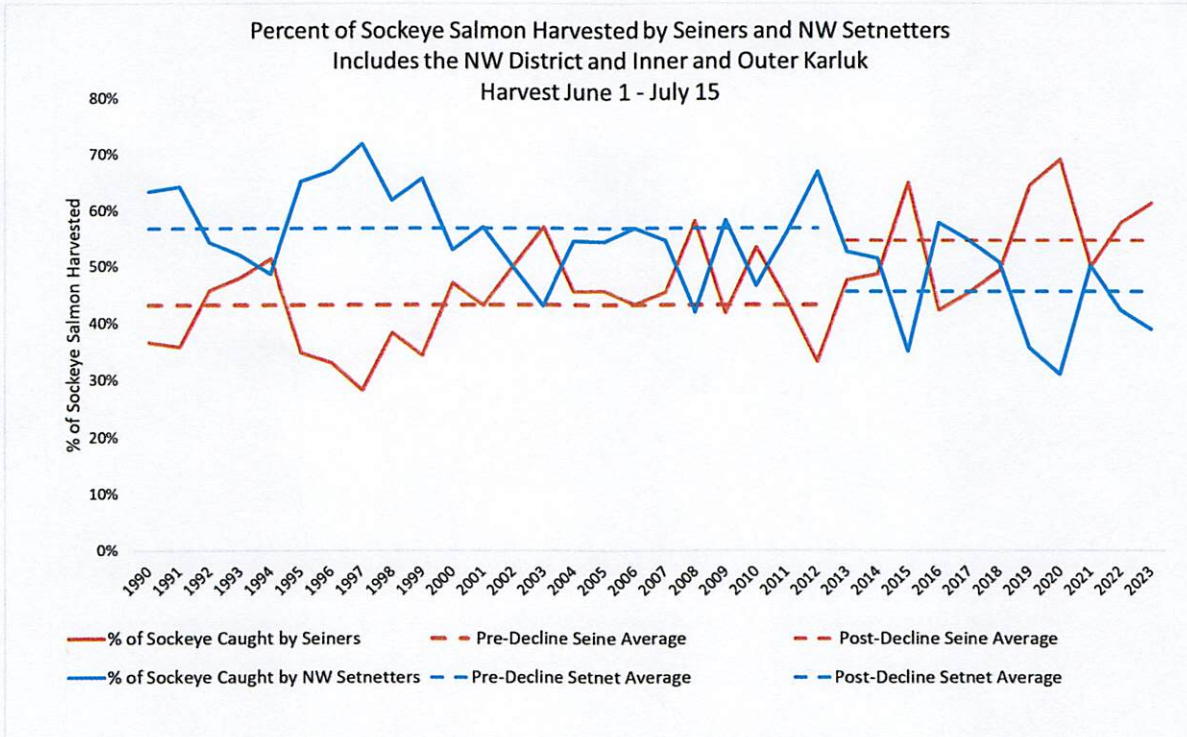
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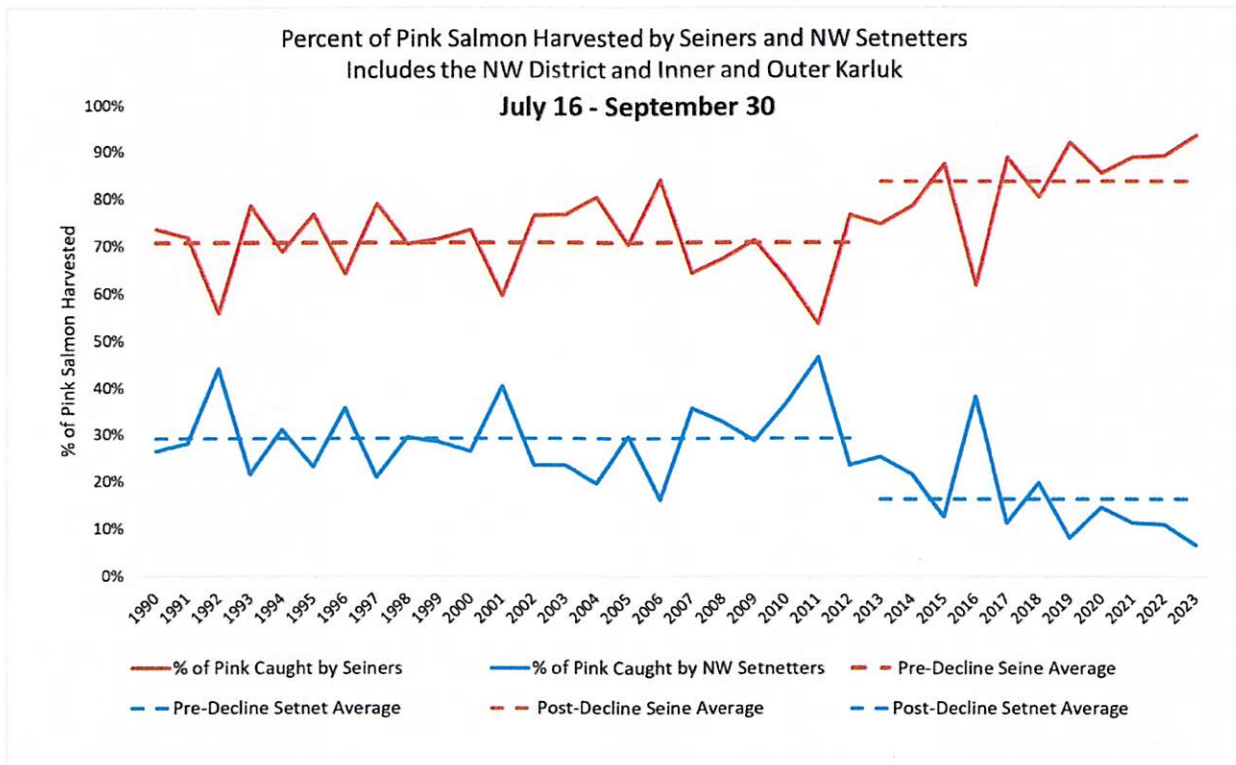
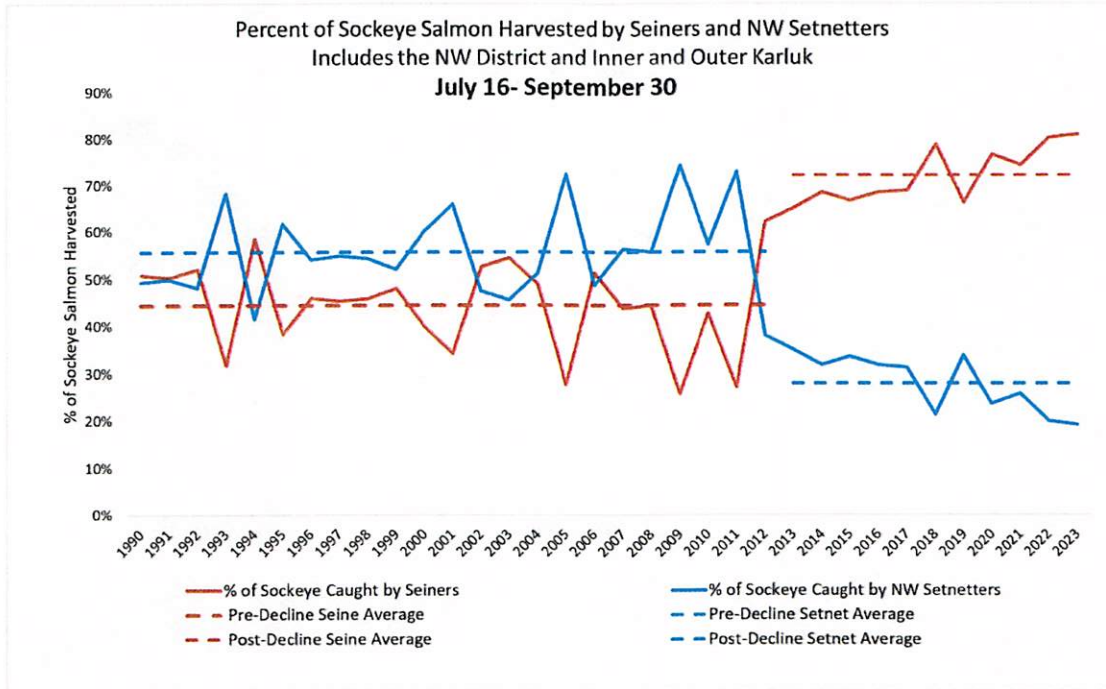
KODIAK SEINE VESSELS HAVE BEEN GETTING BIGGER. as shown by the CFEC vessel registration data below. Bigger boats can fish in rougher weather, and allow for more powerful hydraulics, allowing boats to haul their sets faster. Better communications also allows the seine fleet to relocate to fishing hot spots faster. In a fully allocated fishery all of this helps to increase the seine catch percentage and decrease the setnet catch percentage.



The percentage of sockeye and pinks caught by west side setnetters since 2012 has declined only moderately IN THE EARLY SEASON, during June, while catch percentages of sockeye and pinks caught by west side seiners has moderately increased. I believe this is because, with the decline of the early Karluk sockeye run, fewer seiners fish in June. Without fewer seiners fishing in front of them, setnetters catch a higher percentage of fish in this early part of the season.



The percentage of sockeye and pinks caught by west side setnetters since 2012 has declined drastically **IN THE LATE SEASON** while catch percentages of sockeye and pinks caught by west side seiners has increased. With the decline of the early Karluk sockeye run, many seiners don't start fishing until after July 6.



More LATE SEASON SOCKEYE are being caught in the seine only terminal areas of Inner and Outer Karluk. A more conservative management style and lower escapement goals are allowing managers to allow more late season fish through the mixed gear Central Section to the seine only Karluk terminal areas.

