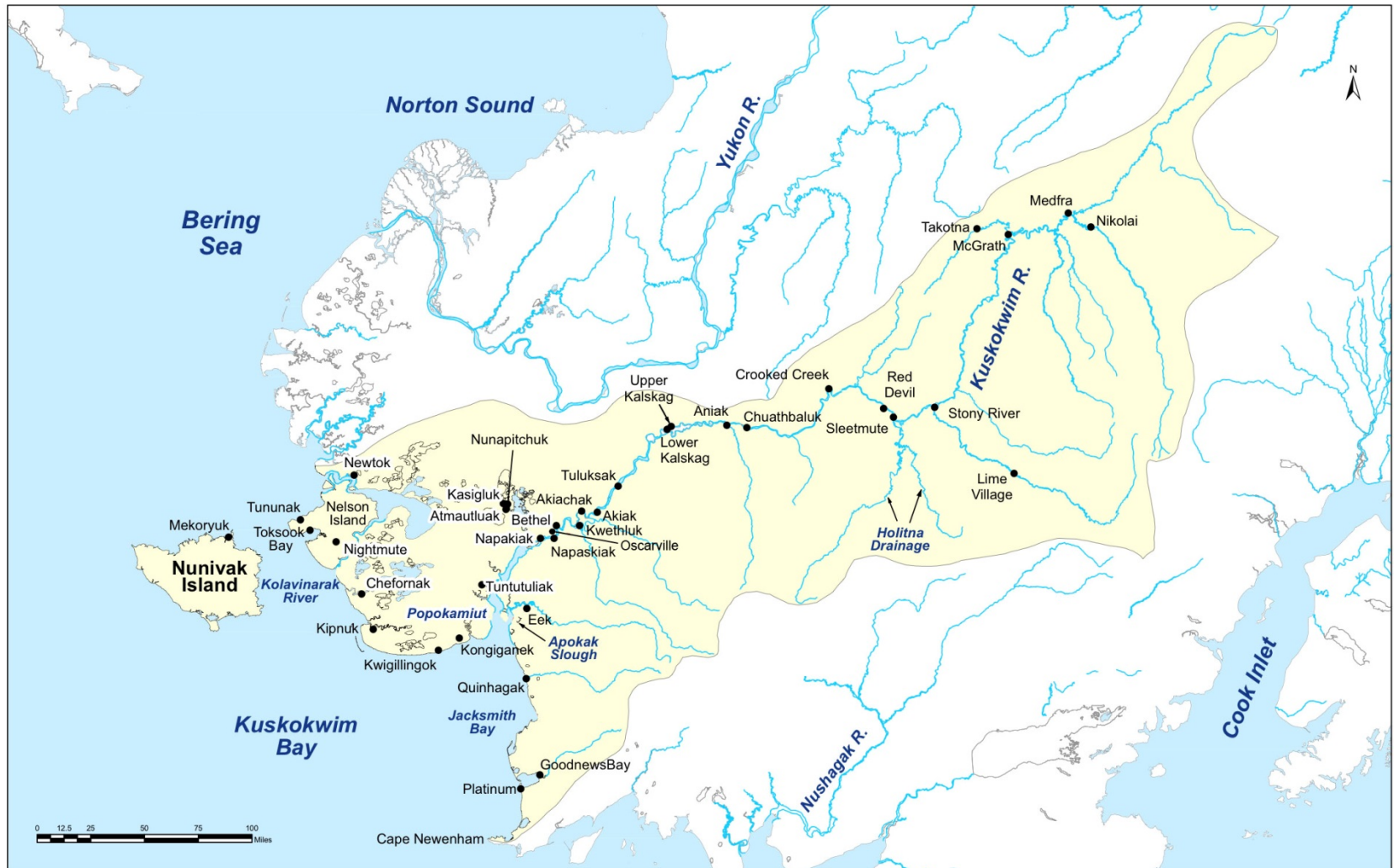


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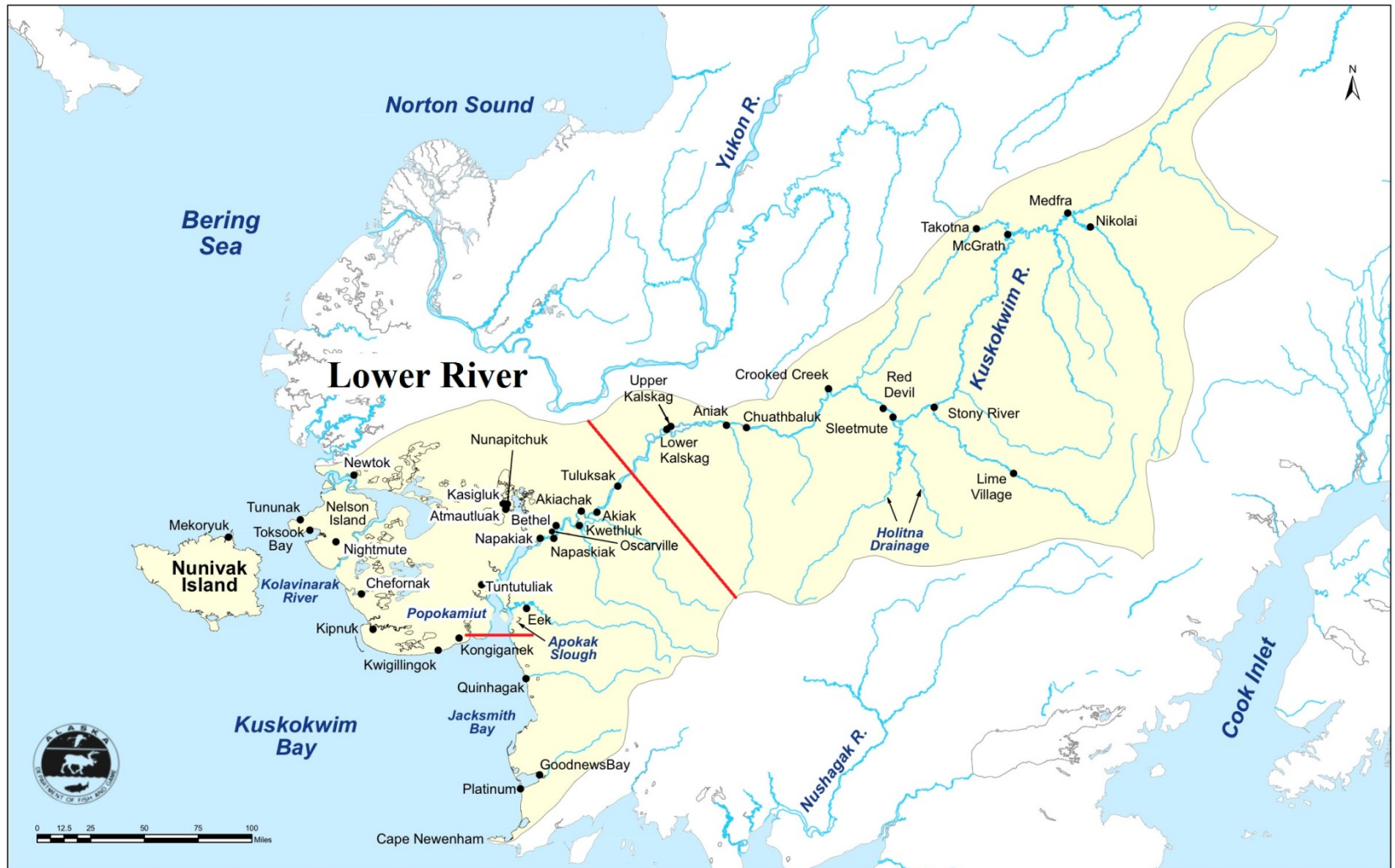
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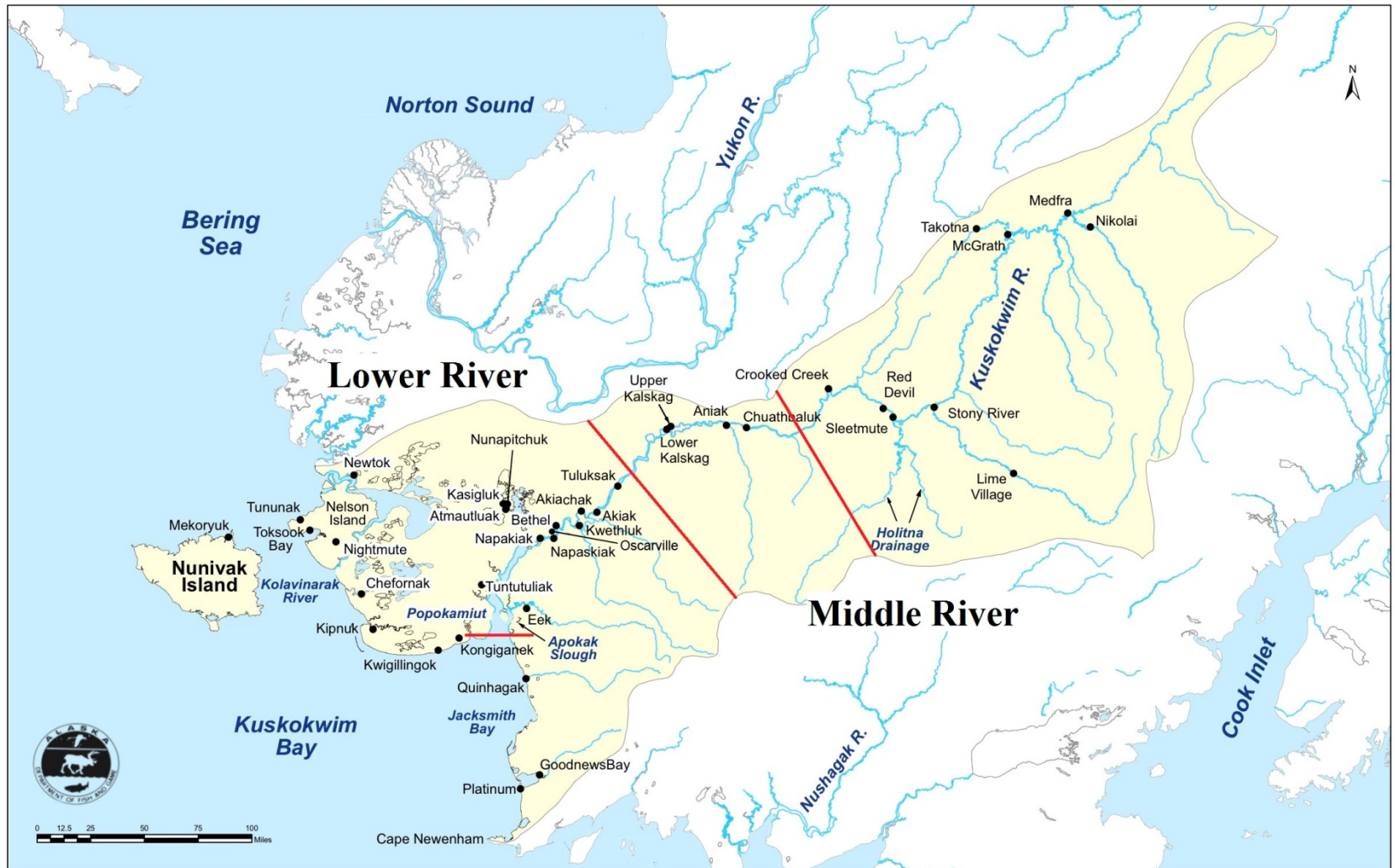
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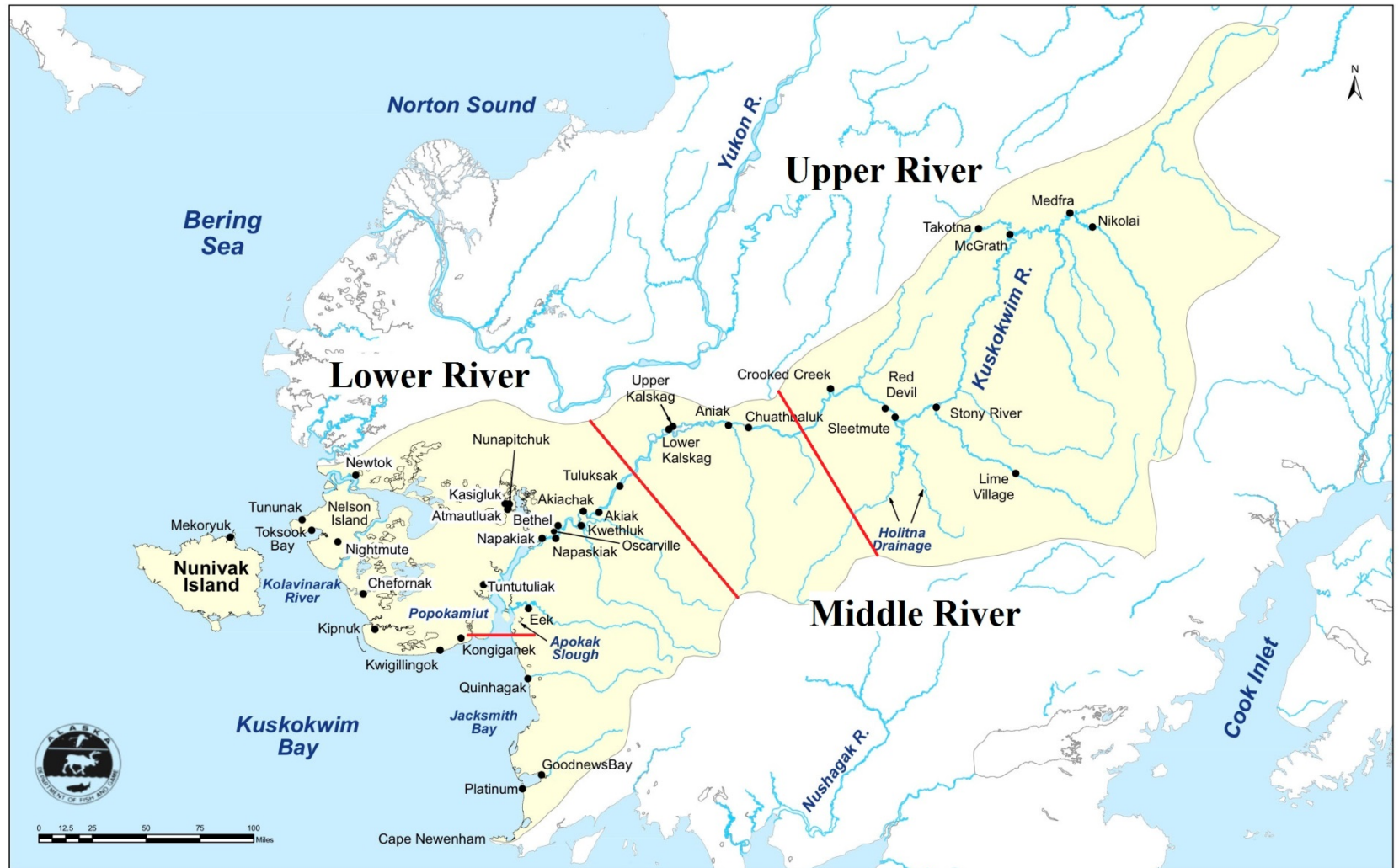
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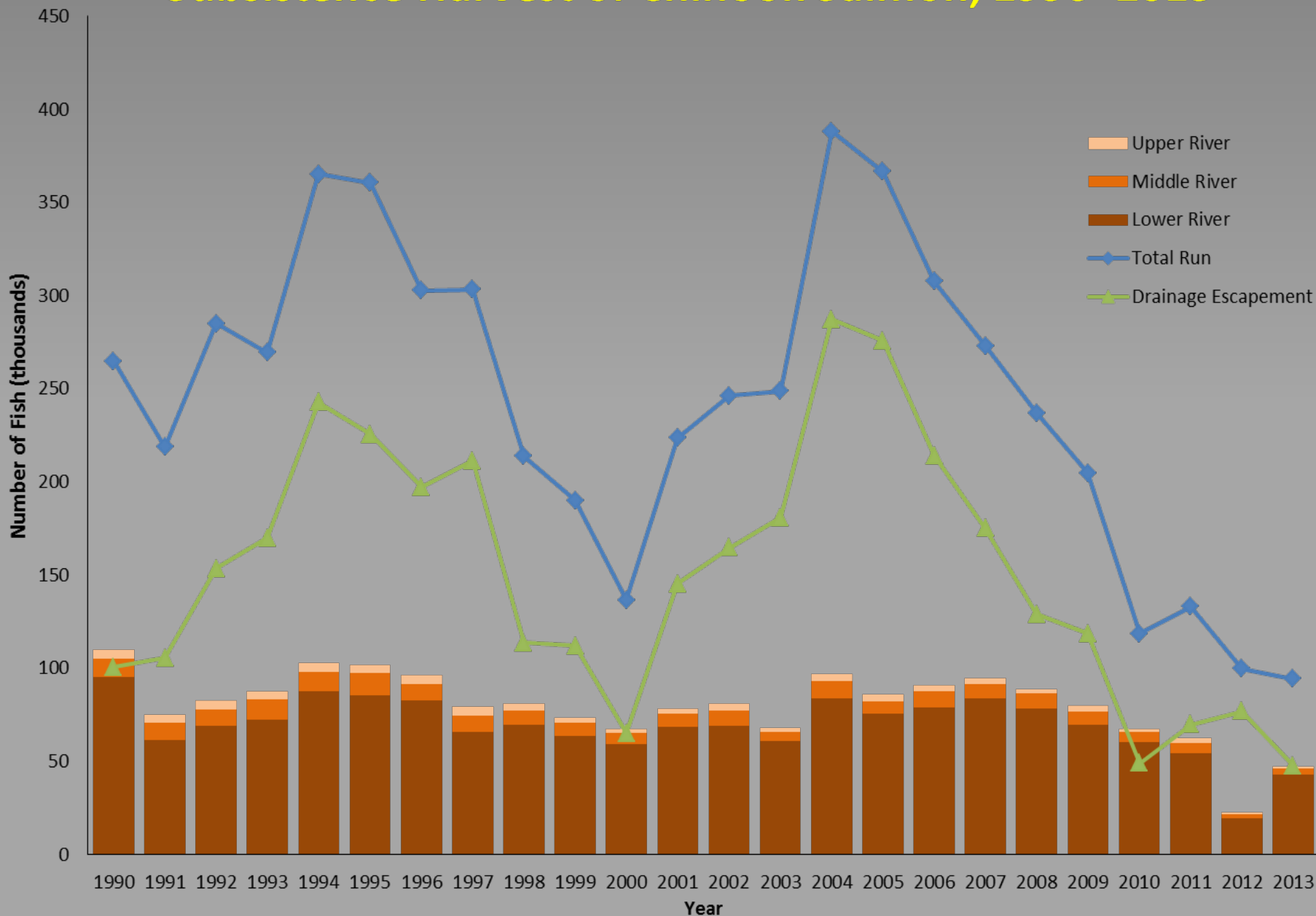
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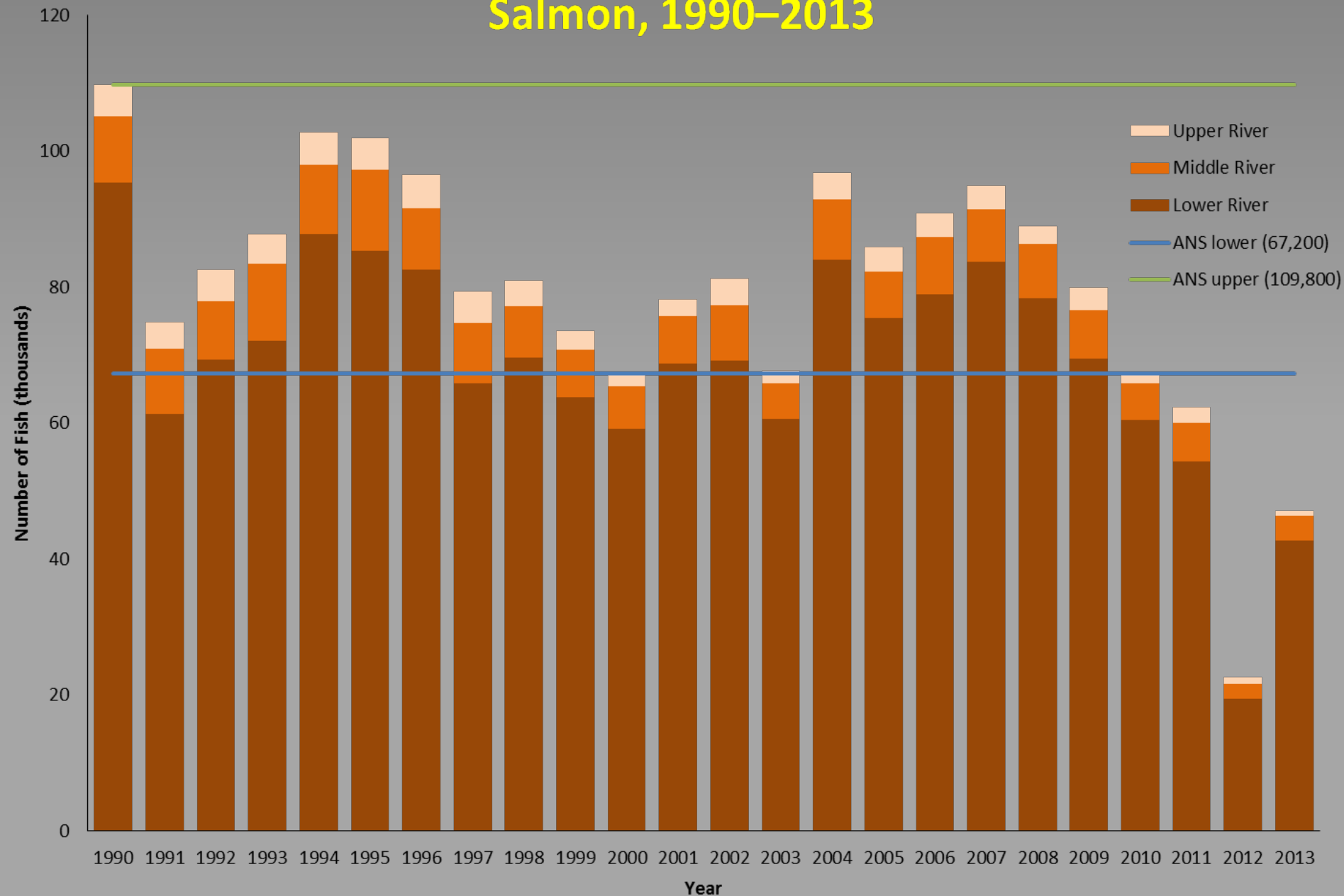
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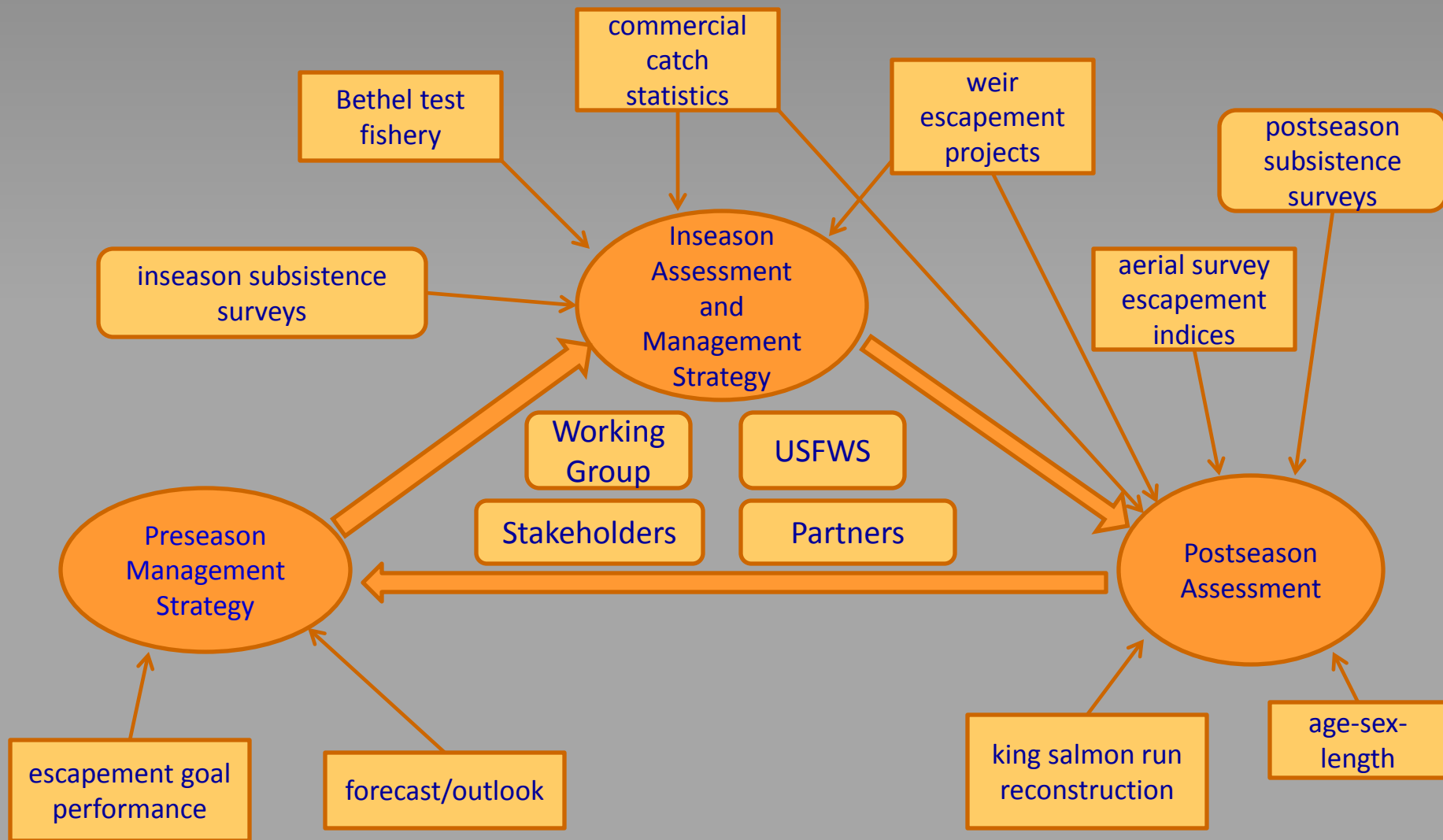
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Chinook Speeds and Timing

- Chinook salmon speed is variable
 - Five days from Bethel Test Fishery (BTF) to Kalskag tagging site
 - Travel speed increases as they move up river
 - Lower River tagging project
- Run timing is assessed at BTF
 - Chinook begin entering the river in late May and early June
 - Second week of June abundance increases
 - Mid July is when the run tails off

Management



Management Tools

- Time and Area
- 5 AAC 01.270 *Lawful gear and gear specifications and operation*
 - Gear Restriction
 - Six inch mesh restriction
 - Live box requirement for fish wheels
- 5 AAC 07.365 *Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Plan*
 - “Elder Fishery”
 - 60 years of age or older
 - Gear Restriction
 - Four inch mesh gillnets
 - 25 fathom
 - Dip nets
 - Manage sections of the river differently based on run timing, abundance, and harvest trends (5 AAC 07.365(d)(3))