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# **Subsistence Considerations Regarding Kuskokwim River King Salmon in Times of Low Abundance**

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Kuskokwim Subsistence Salmon Panel**

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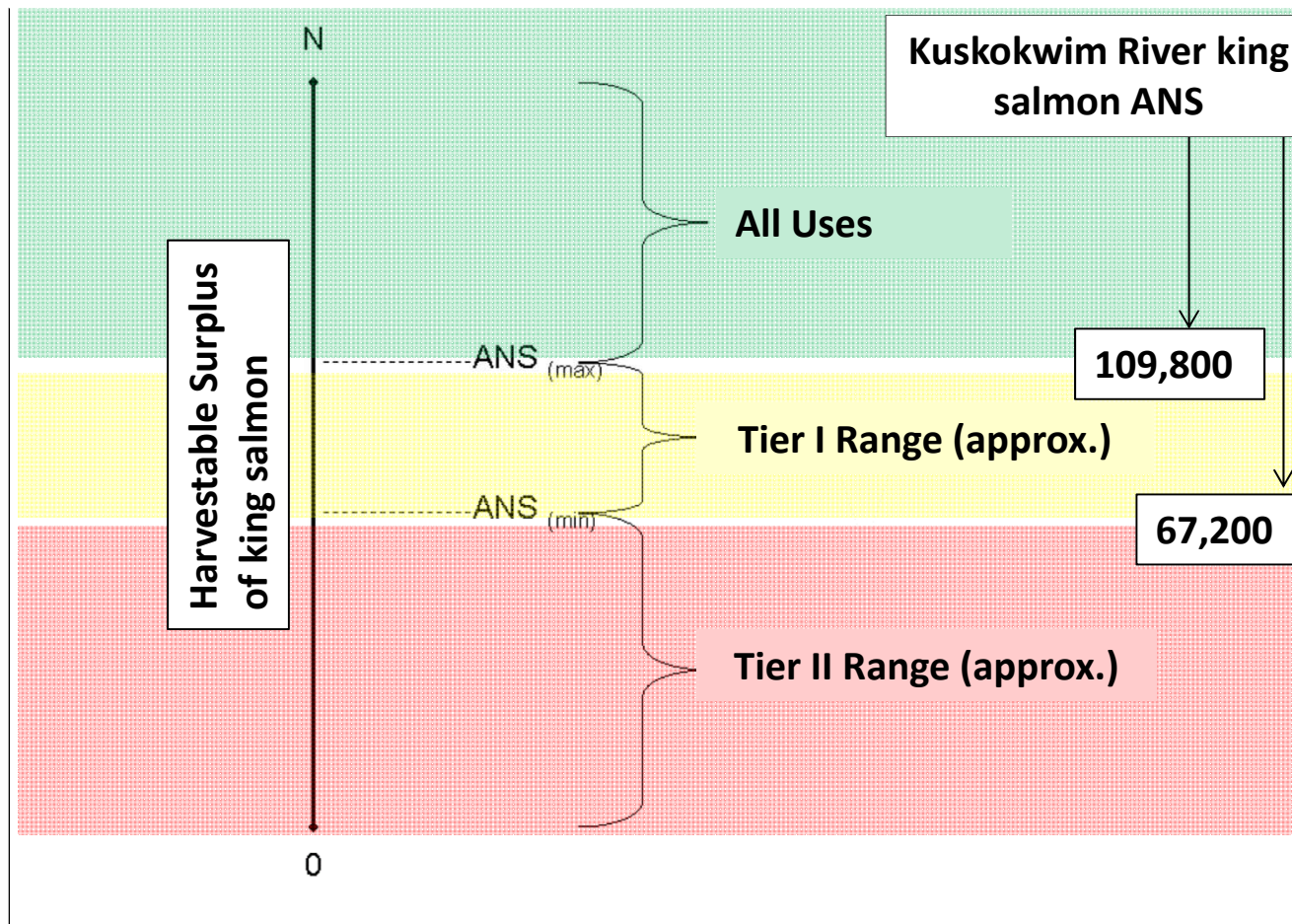
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# State subsistence law

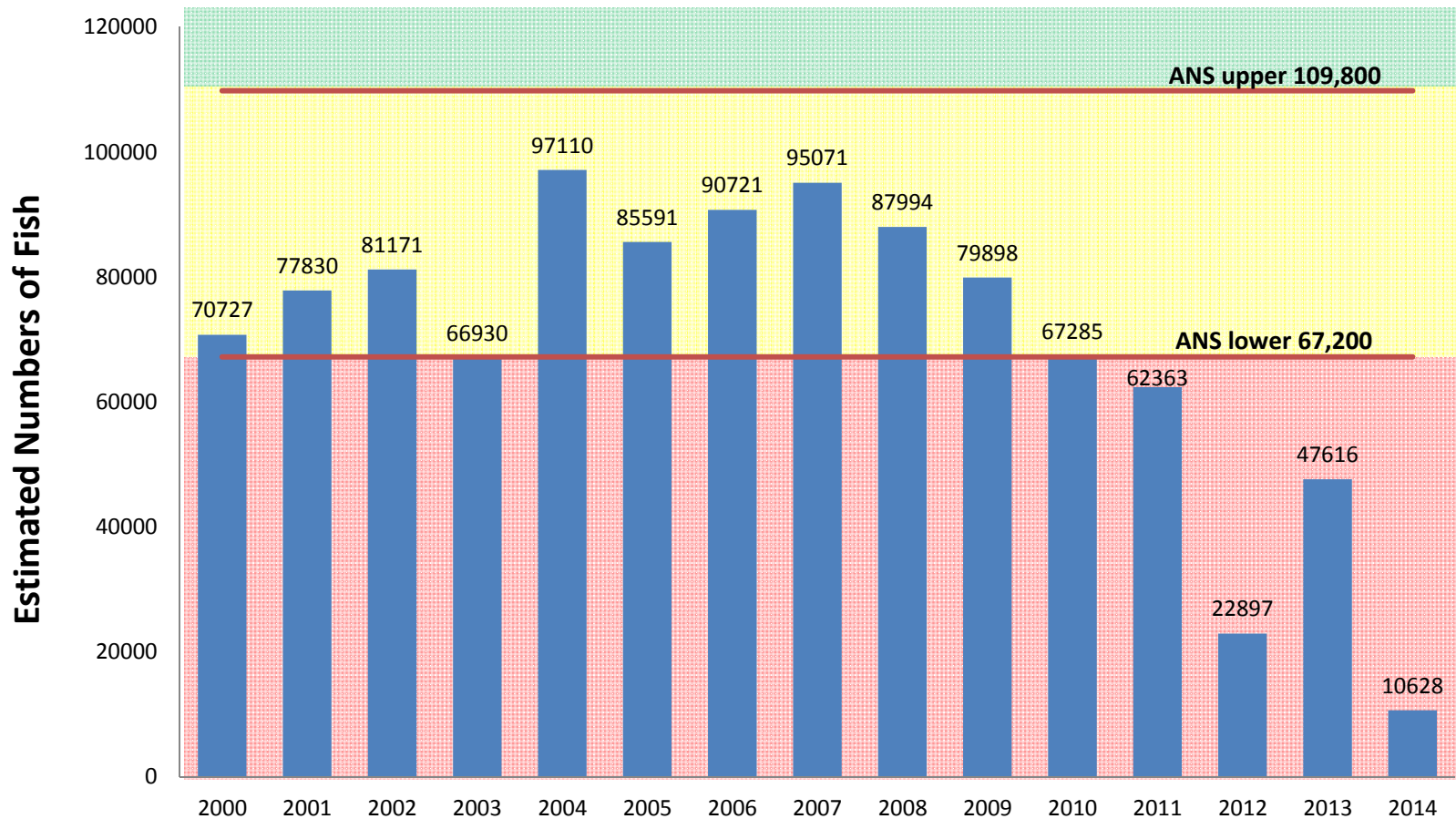
- Provides priority for subsistence uses in times of shortage
- Benchmark = “reasonable opportunity”
  - An opportunity, as determined by the [Alaska Board of Fisheries](#), that allows a subsistence user to participate in a subsistence fishery that provides a normally diligent participant with a reasonable expectation of **success** of taking of fish
- What “priority” and “reasonable opportunity” look like are up to board to define on a case-by-case basis
- All Alaskans are eligible to participate in subsistence fisheries
- Proposals 92–100
- Additional ideas?



# A way to measure reasonable opportunity: *Amounts reasonably necessary for subsistence (ANS)* Proposals 95 and 96



# Kuskokwim River King Salmon Harvest History, 2000-2014



Harvest data provided by Dr. Hamazaki, AYK biometrician, Division of Commercial Fisheries on July 17, 2015.



# Additional Subsistence Considerations:

- No subsistence harvest limits; no proposals
  - Except rod & reel in part of Aniak River
- Currently no permits required, but the board can adopt if needed
  - The Board of Fisheries... may adopt regulations providing for the issuance and expiration of subsistence permits for areas, villages, communities, groups, or individuals as needed for authorizing, regulating, and monitoring the subsistence harvest of fish.... The boards shall adopt these regulations when the subsistence preference requires a reduction in the harvest of a fish stock... by nonsubsistence users.
  - Proposal 97 household permits
  - Community permits.



# Additional Considerations

- Community fish wheels: Copper River Glennallen Subdistrict community fish wheel permits
- Community moose and caribou hunts, Copper River Basin
- Other ideas for discussion:
  - Dip nets as subsistence gear
  - Other ideas?





**Questions?**