

Chignik and South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod Proposals

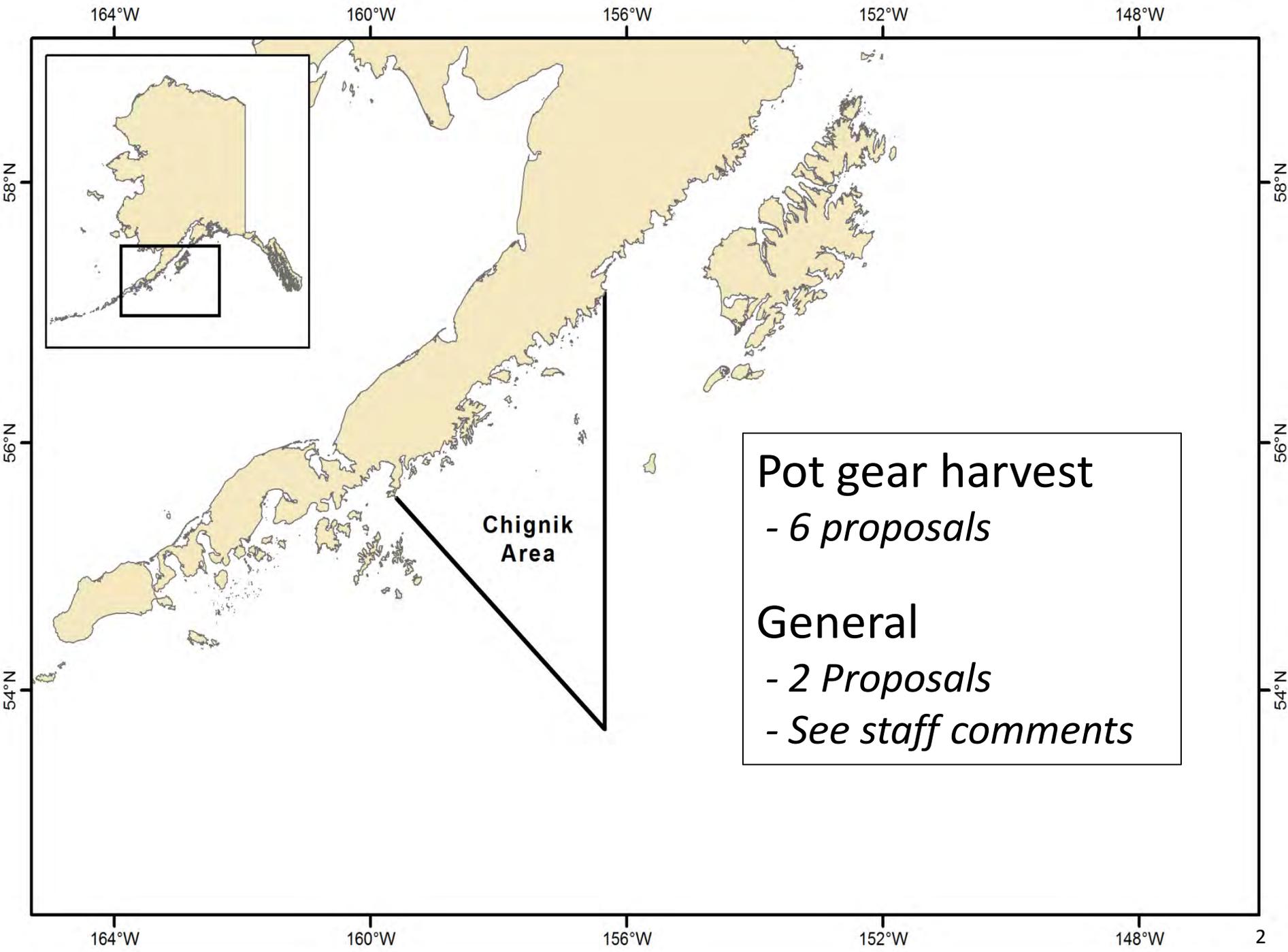


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Oral Report RC 3, Tab 3

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58°N

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56°N

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**Chignik
Area**

Pot gear harvest

- *6 proposals*

General

- *2 Proposals*

- *See staff comments*

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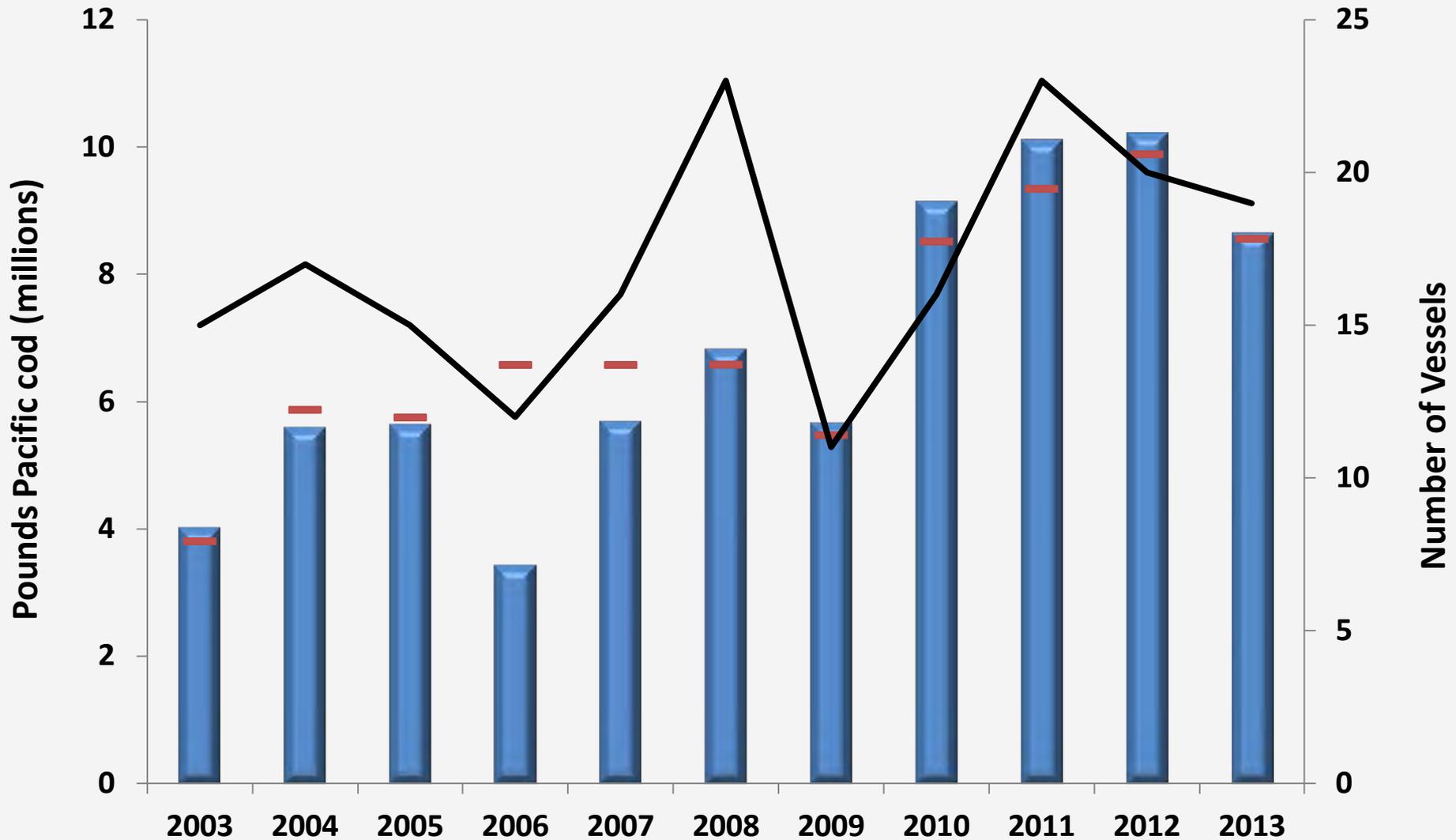
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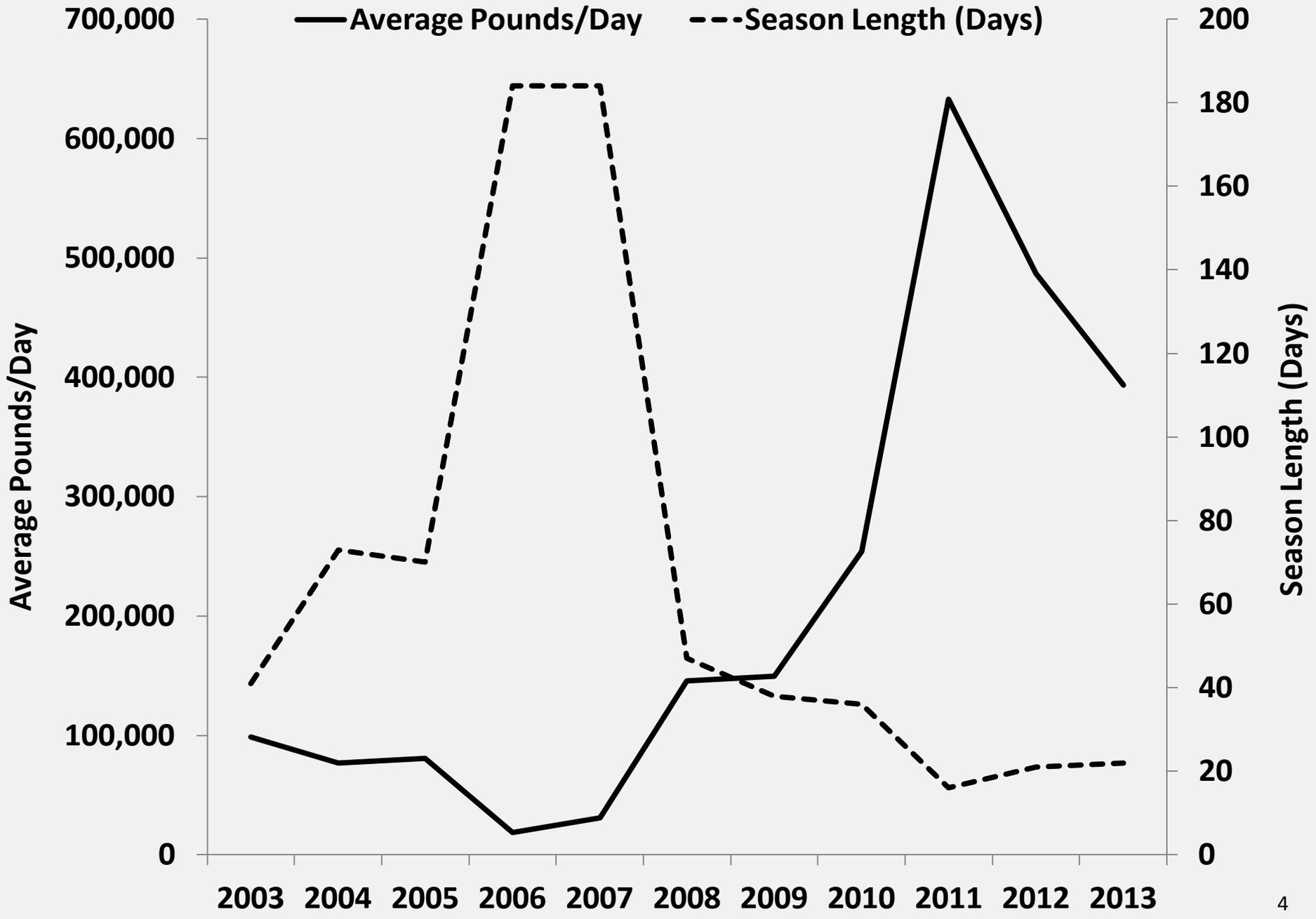
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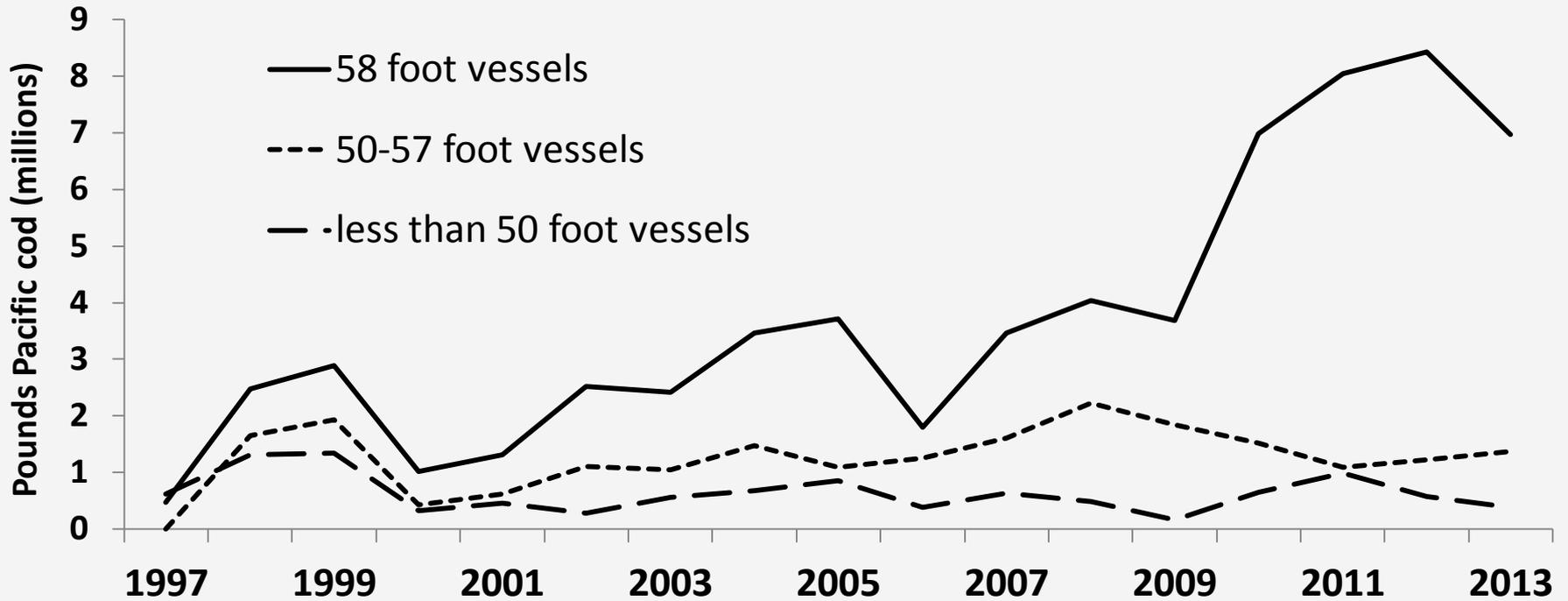
Chignik Pacific cod pot harvest

Pot Harvest Pot GHL Number of vessels





Chignik pot harvest by vessel size, 1997-2013



Average Chignik pot harvest and count of vessels by size

Year Range	58 foot vessels		50-57 foot vessels		Less than 50 foot vessels	
	Pounds	Count	Pounds	Count	Pounds	Count
1997-2009	2,873,554	7	1,249,714	5	622,685	5
2010-2013	7,812,229	12	1,301,909	4	646,951	4

PROPOSALS ADDRESSING POT HARVEST

- **Proposal 8** - Limit vessels less than 50 ft to 50% of pot allocation

- **Proposal 9** - Establish daily trip limit

- **Proposal 10** - Decrease pot limit from 60 pots to 30 pots

- **Proposal 11** - Establish daily fishing period

- **Proposal 12** - Establish maximum pot size

- **Proposal 15** - Allow pot vessels less than 48 ft to fish jig GHL

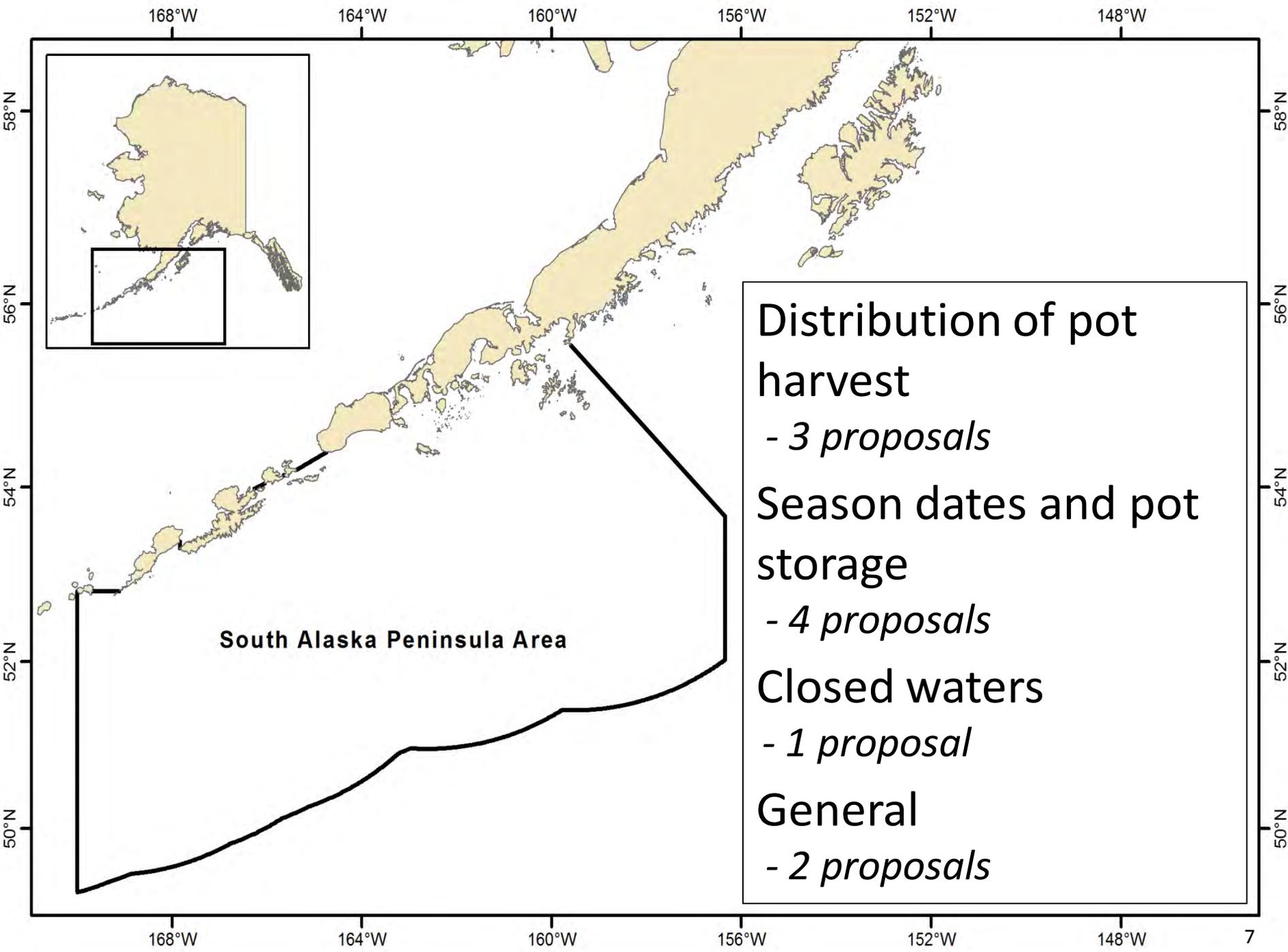
Slow the pace of the fishery

Increase season length

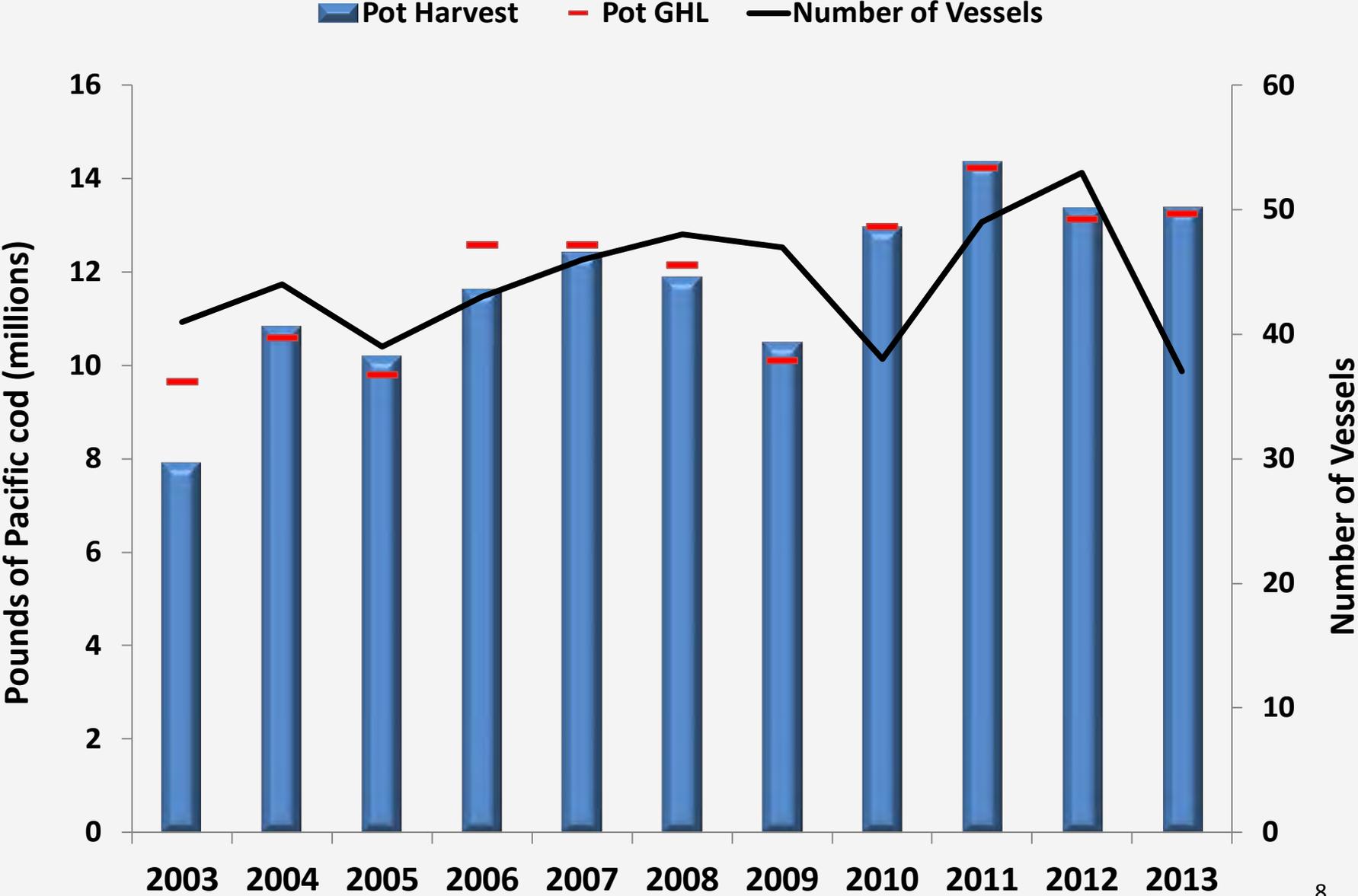
Limit harvest by larger pot vessels

**Increase opportunity
for small vessels**

Pace of pot fishery and season length unaffected



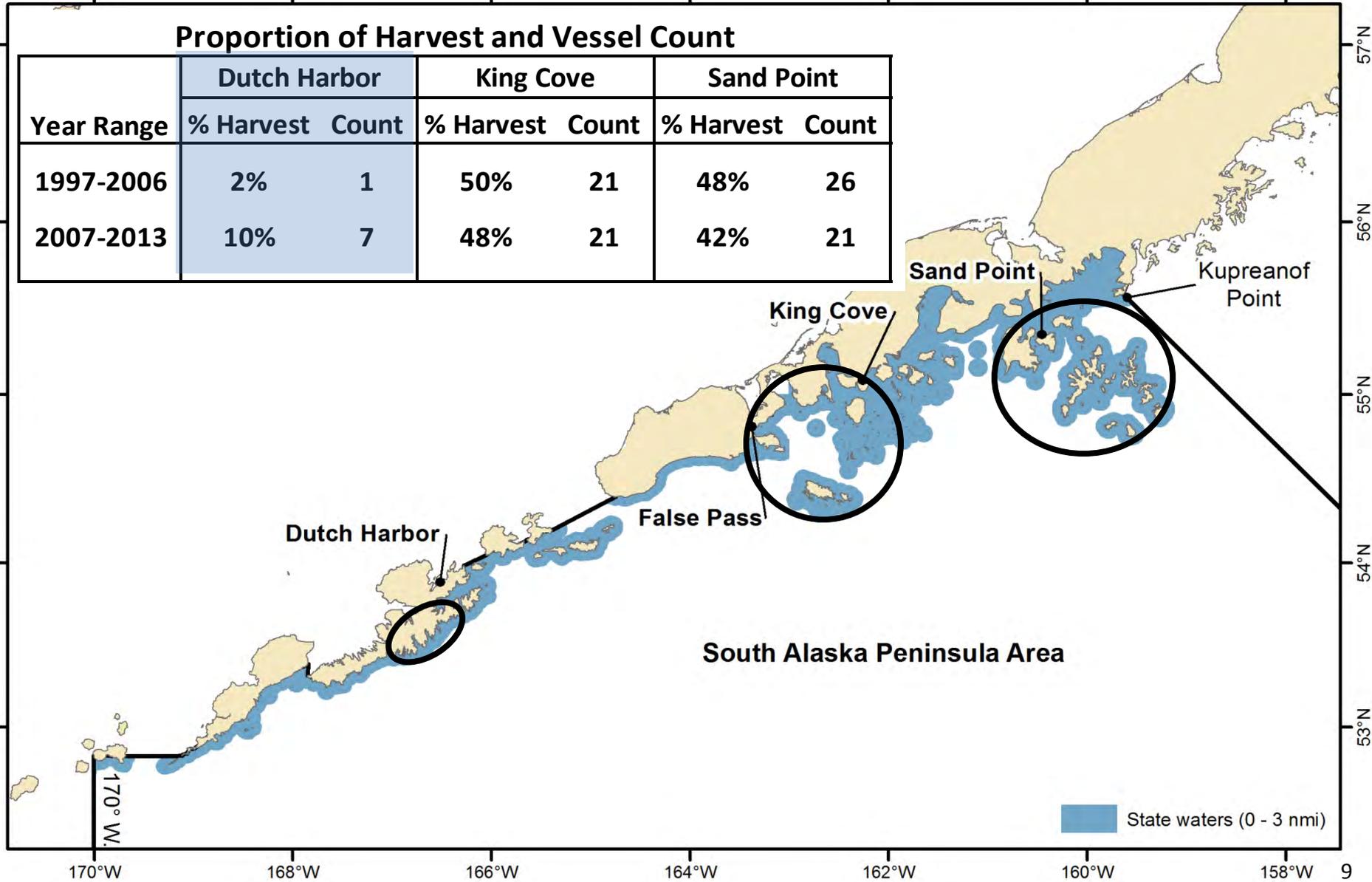
South Alaska Peninsula Pacific cod pot harvest



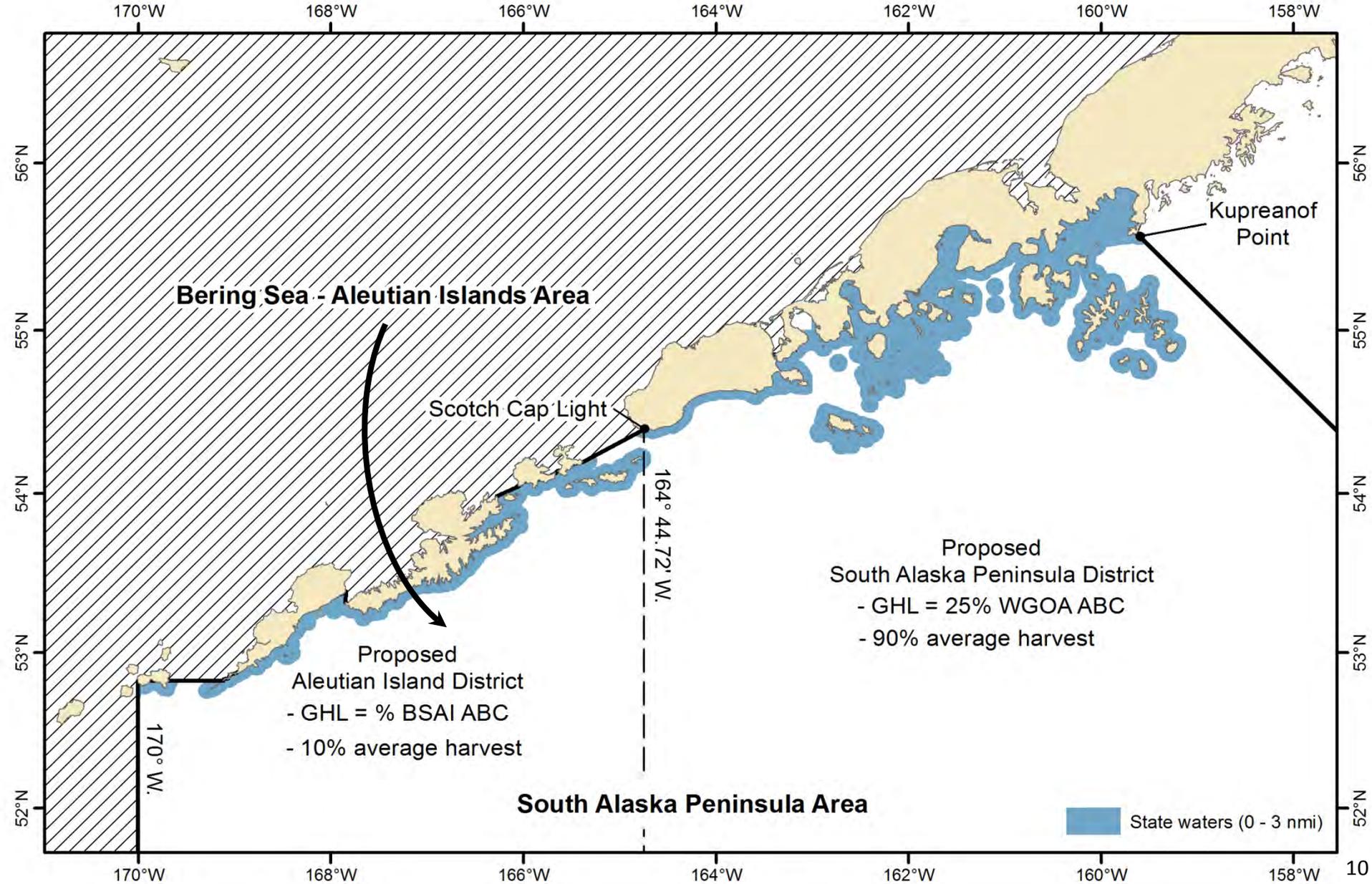
LOCATION OF HARVEST

Proportion of Harvest and Vessel Count

Year Range	Dutch Harbor		King Cove		Sand Point	
	% Harvest	Count	% Harvest	Count	% Harvest	Count
1997-2006	2%	1	50%	21	48%	26
2007-2013	10%	7	48%	21	42%	21



PROPOSALS 16 AND 17 – CREATE DISTRICTS



STATE-WATERS SEASON OPENING DATE

Proposals 23 and 24

Background

- 1998-2011: 7 days after federal/parallel WGOA closure
- 2012-current: 7 days after federal/parallel WGOA pot sector closure, or March 7, whichever is later
- 2012 and 2013 WGOA pot sector closure January 28
- 5 weeks between parallel and state-waters seasons

If Adopted

- Proposal 23 ***opens season earlier***; 7 days after federal/parallel pot sector closure
- Proposal 24 ***opens season later***; March 12, or 7 days after federal/parallel WGOA pot sector closure, whichever is later

POT STORAGE REQUIREMENTS

Proposals 26 and 27

Pot Storage Requirements

Any depth 7 days following closure of Pacific cod season
After 7 days, stored in 25 fathoms or less

1998-2011

Days between seasons = 7 days



Storage requirement and
season opening aligned

Opening
Date
Changed
in 2011

2012-current

Days between seasons = >7 days



Pot storage and season opening
not aligned

If Adopted

Align pot storage requirements with season opening date

Pots stored on fishing grounds 7 days prior to season opening

PARALLEL SEASON – CLOSED WATERS

Proposal 28 – Close state waters near Caton/Sanak Island to trawl gear

Background

- Most state waters closed
- Important to small ($\leq 58'$) nonpelagic trawl vessels
- Target cod
- Bycatch of Tanner crab

If Adopted:

- Prohibit use of nonpelagic trawl gear around Caton/Sanak islands
- Trawl vessels would have to target cod in federal waters

