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2015 harvest of chinook salmon in Area M was an anomaly. Groundfish trawl fisheries in the Western Gulf were also closed in 2015 due to high prohibited species catch of chinook. The most recent, relevant genetic data shows these chinook salmon are mostly of SE Alaska, British Columbia and West Coast US origin

June Harvest of Chinook Salmon in Area M
from Area M Inseason Harvest Estimates -Daily Summaries

June harvest of Chinook	
2008	3348
2009	5926
2010	5059
2011	5031
2012	7988
2013	2747
2014	2863
2015	45,752
2016	5929
2017	5921
2018	5473

GOA Chinook Bycatch by Year

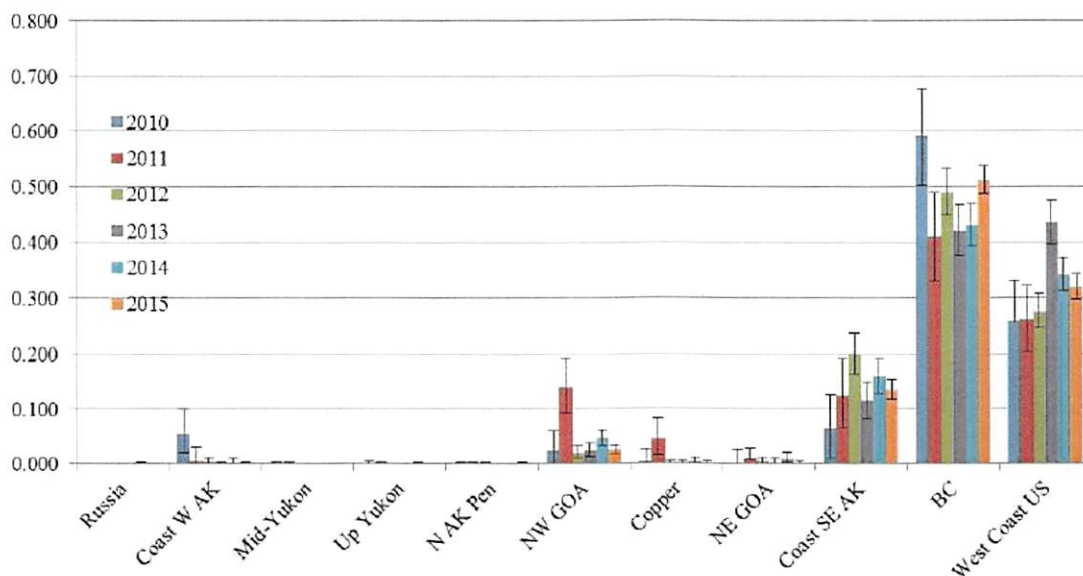


Figure 8. -- Comparison of yearly stock composition estimates (2010-2015) based on available genetic samples from the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Chinook salmon bycatch. The same genetic baseline and general regional groupings were used in all analyses. BAYES 95% credible intervals are plotted for yearly estimates.

From NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-AFSC-343, Genetic Stock Composition Analysis of Chinook Salmon Bycatch Samples from the 2015 Gulf of Alaska Trawl Fisheries