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Impact of RC 82

- A 12% Chignik allocation to South Central District and Volcano Bay Section would result in a large reduction in opportunity to harvest of local pink and chum salmon stocks in this area, which is the heart of the Area M local stock fishery
- This allocation would likely close fisheries in South Central District and Volcano Bay Section early in most years, preventing access to local stocks until 7/25. Waiting this long to harvest local pink and chum stocks would result in very low quality fish, which are unmarketable.
- The assumption that 80% off fish in South Central District and Volcano Bay Section is not supported by any data.
  - In Dolgoi Area, June, no sampled strata show a Chignik stock proportion this high, and all are well below 50% in 2007 and 2008
  - In Dolgoi area, post-June, no sampled strata show a Chignik stock proportion this high, and most are below 50% in 2007 and 2008