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New information was presented in RC 101 table 2 that indicated there was a significant shift in subsistence harvest after the dramatic Board of Fisheries management change in 2004 to Area M that changed the harvest balance in Area M and L. After 2004, enough sockeye were not reaching Area L to keep a shoreside processor into September. Subsistence harvesters had less stocks to prosecute the subsistence harvest after September 15th. Also, when local fishers lost their processor, the commercial vessels (which also acted as subsistence vessels for local residents) were taken out of the water before the plant closed for the season. This lack of vessel access also drastically reduced the subsistence harvest after 2004.

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