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USAG'S MAIN PURPOSE IS TO PROTECT, SERVE AND ENHANCE SOUTHEAST ALASKA'S COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

One of the problems with the five-year rolling average is it does not show recent trends, page 1 and 2 are annual percentages provided by NSRAA at the fall JRPT meeting of 21'. Keep in mind the 21' data is very preliminary and any post season price adjustments are not included as well as final COAR report amendments.

On page 2 we note that a high percentage year will be falling off the five-year average next year. Consequently, on the same page you can see the downward trend in gillnet value.

On page 2 we note that seine has been in or above their range for 3 of the last 5 years and 21' data is very preliminary although if unusual troll harvest had been more normal the large troll harvest would have been shifted to seine after cost recovery was conducted.

On page 3 we note that the imbalance is not a shift between seine and gillnet but troll and gillnet, seine is within their range thus no trigger in the enhanced allocation plan above current 1/1 rotations for Anita Bay and Deep Inlet.

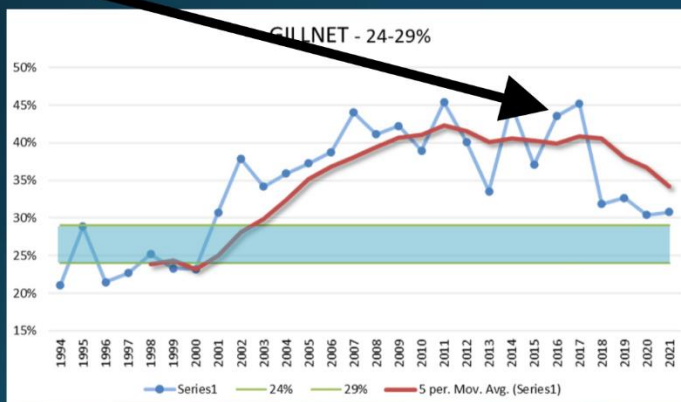
The gillnet fleet receives most of its enhanced value from DIPAC which has seen a downward trend in survivals recently as shown on pages 4 and 5.

As no action on proposals for rotational changes would sunset to 2/1, likely creating an imbalance and SEAS proposals for 1/2 rotations would likely create an opposite imbalance we would agree to a 1/1 rotation as per the last 3 years. Note that the 1/1 amendment by The Sitka AC passed 13 to 1, and it is noted in their minutes the Vice President of SEAS supported a 1/1. Deep Inlet is about 3 miles from Sitka. SEAFSA supports 1/1 (RC 131) as well as Moses Johnson of Sitka, past recipient of the service of excellence award and

very respected by industry (RC 152). Also PVOA (PC 291) oppose the 1/2 rotational schedules and feel if passed would drive the gear groups out of their range.

2021 Allocation Estimates - GILLNET

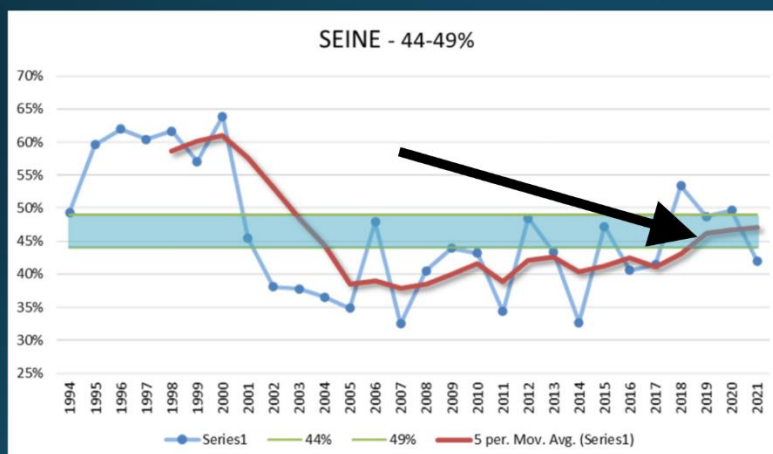
Years of high percentage falling off the 5 year rolling average, exaggerating downward trend



• Gillnet - **ABOVE**

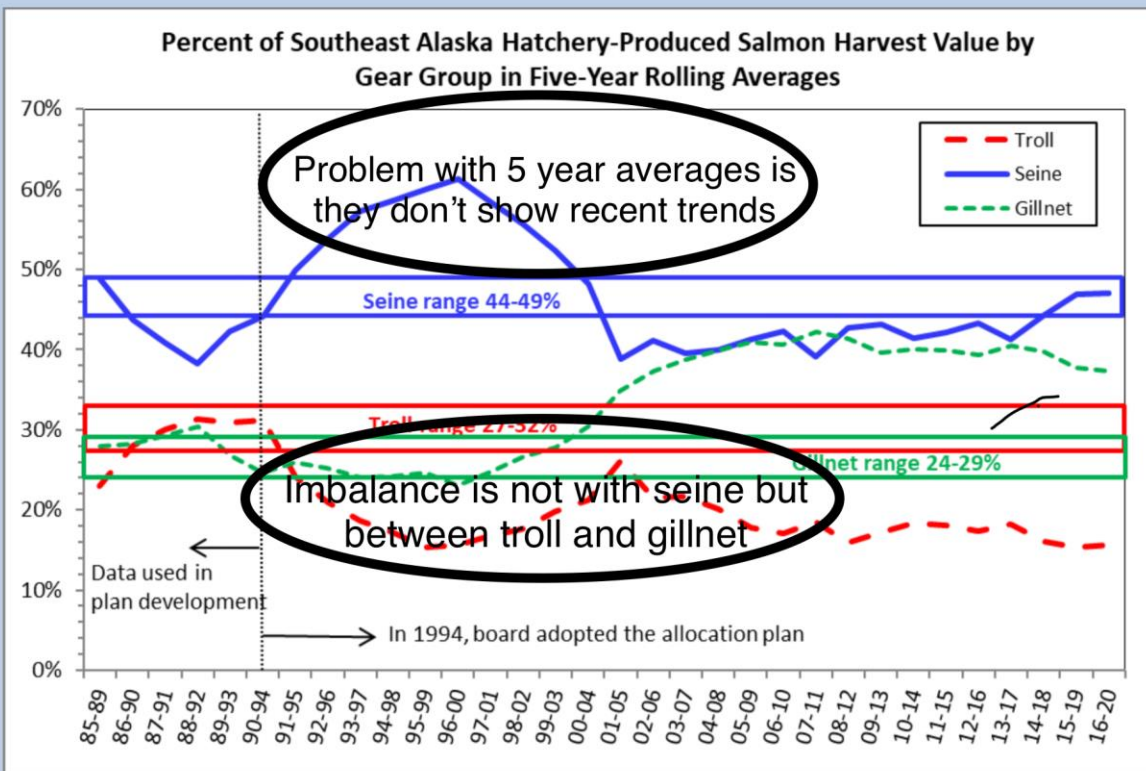
- Goal: 24-29%
- 5-year avg: 35.2%
- 2021: 31%

2021 Allocation Estimates - SEINE

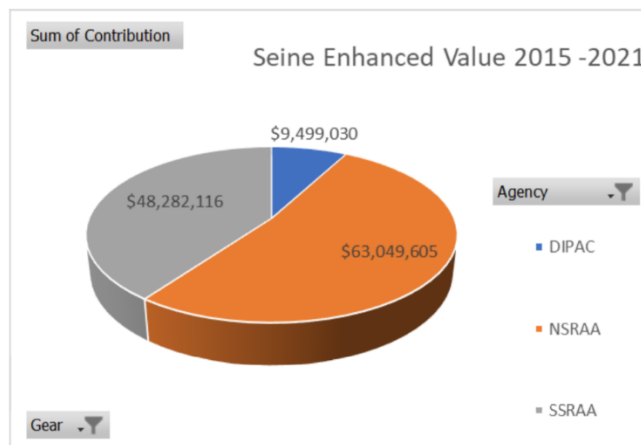
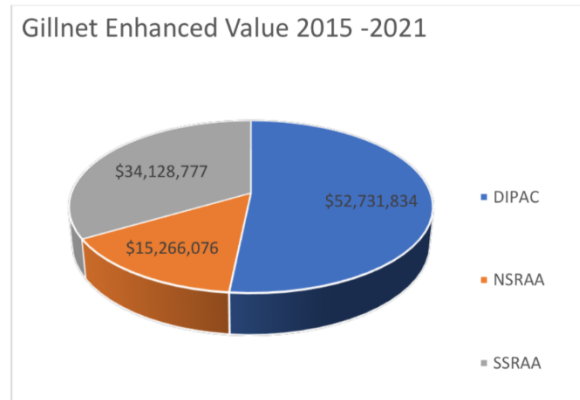


• Seine - **WITHIN**

- Goal: 44-49%
- 5-year avg: 47.2%
- 2021: 42%



All species enhanced value to SE Alaska by Association (AKI & SSSC not included due to small contributions)





2021 Chum Return: Actual vs. Projected Harvest

Recent downward trend in survivals vs past high survivals

