

United States – Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty Yukon River Salmon Agreement

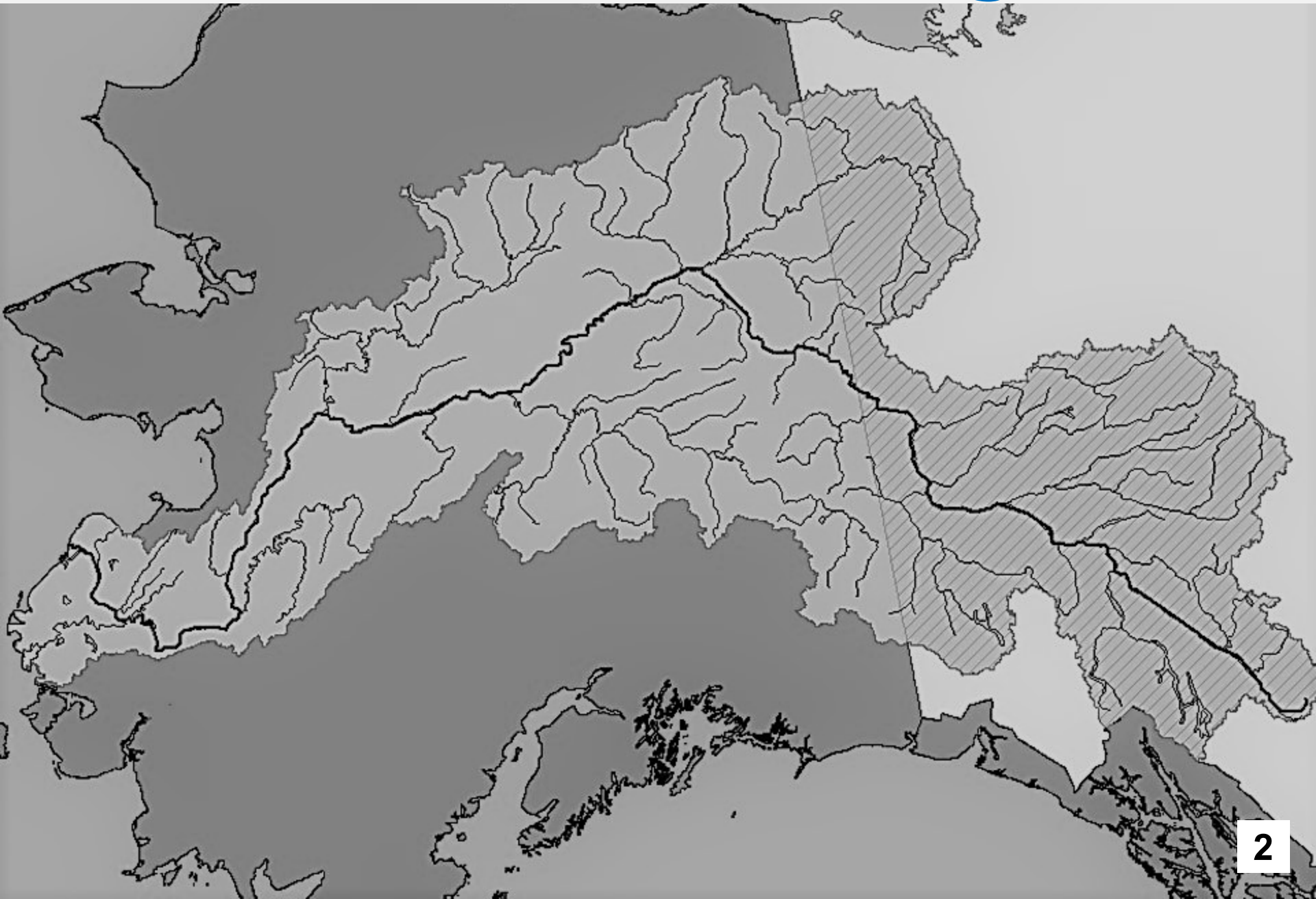


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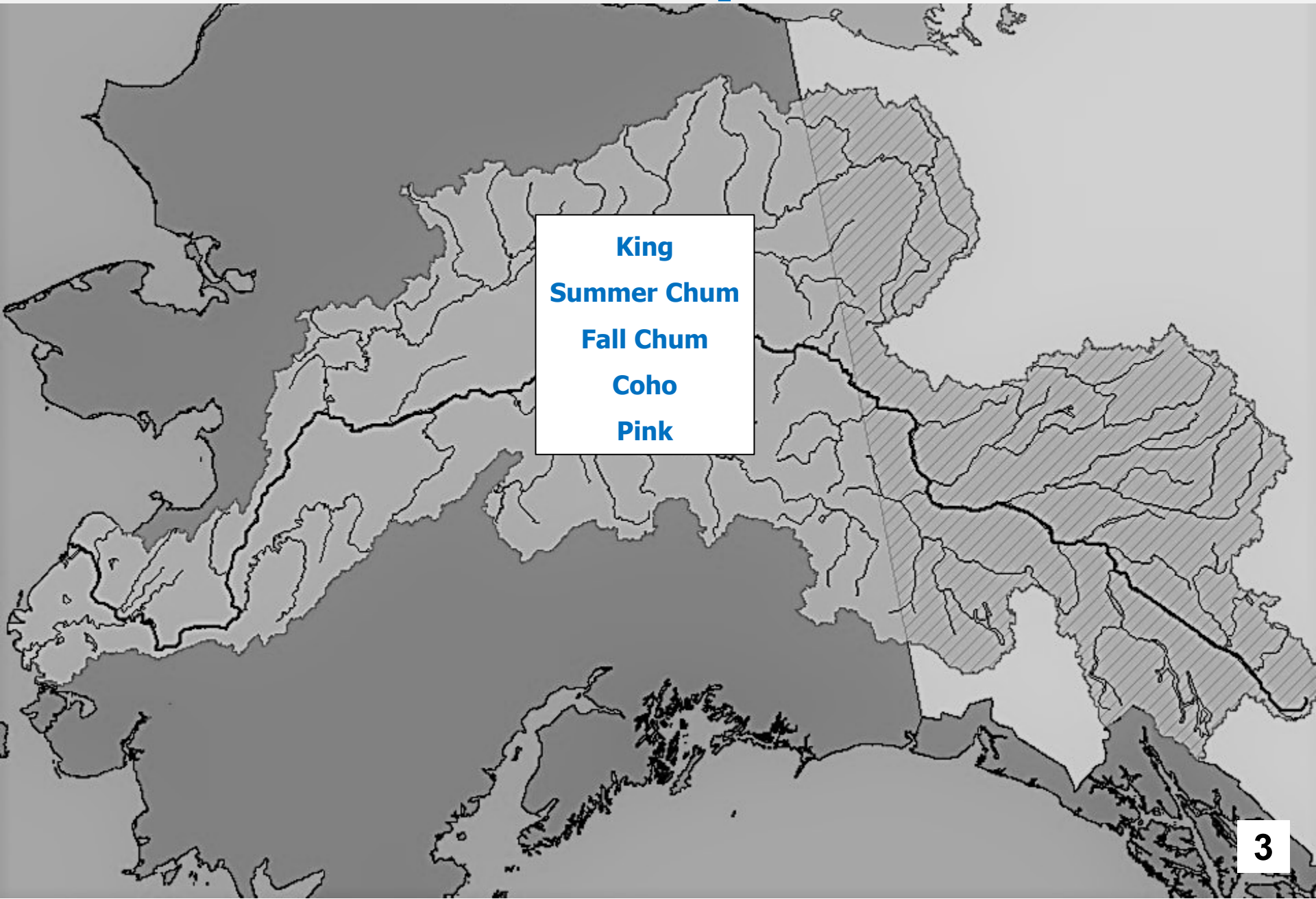
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Yukon River Drainage



Salmon Species



King
Summer Chum
Fall Chum
Coho
Pink

Alaskan Salmon Stocks

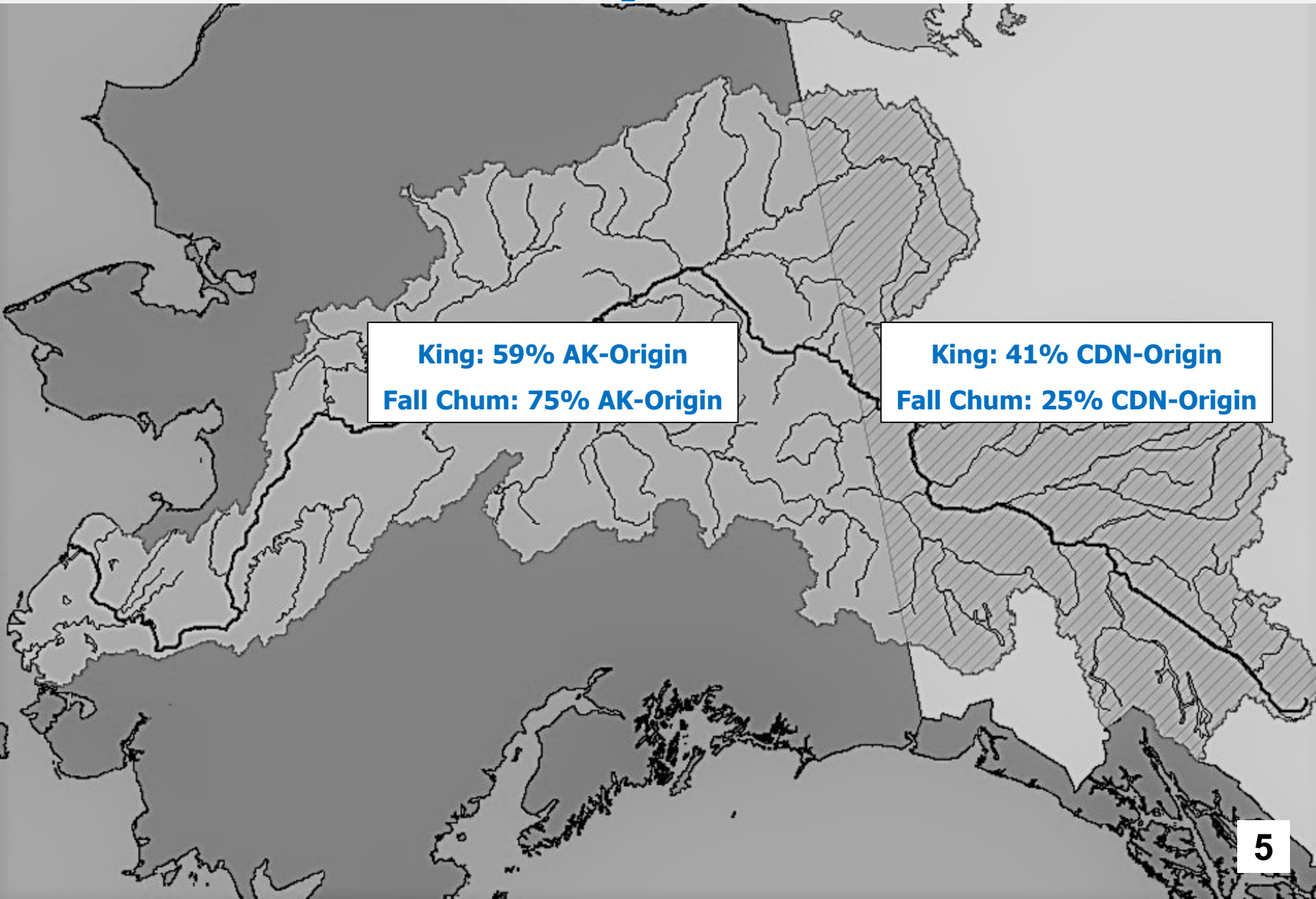
A map of Alaska with various regions outlined. A large area in the eastern part of the state, including the Copper River and Bristol Bay areas, is shaded with diagonal lines. A text box is overlaid on the western part of the map.

Summer Chum: 100% AK-Origin

Pink: 100% AK-Origin

Coho: ~100% AK-origin

Transboundary Salmon Stocks



King: 59% AK-Origin
Fall Chum: 75% AK-Origin

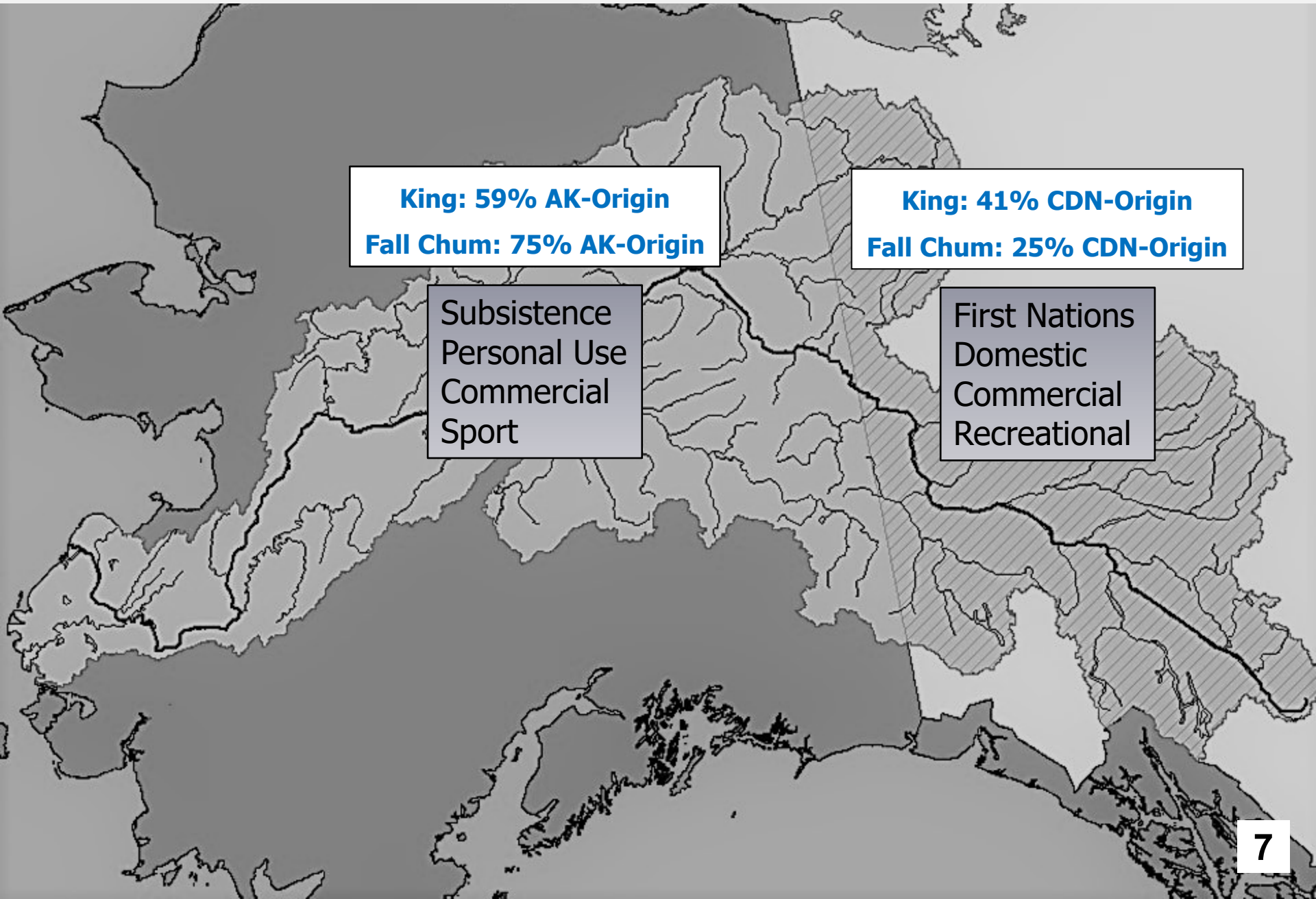
King: 41% CDN-Origin
Fall Chum: 25% CDN-Origin

Yukon River Salmon Fisheries

- Harvested in marine and freshwaters
- Subsistence fisheries in Alaska and First Nations fisheries in Canada
- Personal use fisheries in Alaska and domestic fisheries in Canada
- Commercial and sport-recreational fisheries in both countries



Yukon River Salmon Fisheries



History of the Treaty Agreement

- 1985: Negotiations began
 - U.S. and Canadian delegations began drafting terms of the Agreement
- 1995: Interim Agreement reached
 - catch shares unresolved, negotiations continued
- 2000: U.S. Federal Yukon River Salmon Act implemented
 - Defines the U.S. Section delegation, management entity, and associated funding contributions
- 2002: final Agreement signed by both countries

Overview of Treaty Agreement

- Addresses respective management entities
 - U.S. – ADF&G
 - Canada – DFO
- Bilateral Yukon River Panel
 - Advisory body to Management Entities
- Bilateral Joint Technical Committee
 - Technical advisory body to Panel



Overview of Treaty Agreement

- Sets Escapement Goals for CDN-Origin stocks
- Established U.S. & CDN harvest shares
 - Based on historical use
- Established R&E Fund
 - \$1.2 Million Annually
- Various management guidelines and criteria



Agreement Activities

- Panel & JTC meet at least twice annually
 - Preseason meetings in the Spring for management recommendations & R&E Fund proposal approval
 - Postseason meetings in the Fall to review management and evaluate R&E Fund proposals
 - Periodic committee meetings to address various Panel & JTC tasks and responsibilities



Authority & Responsibility

- Yukon River Salmon Agreement:
 - No regulatory authority, does not override existing authorities
 - Each country expected to achieve bilaterally agreed to objectives
 - In AK, YRSA implemented through ADF&G & Board of Fisheries authority/responsibility
 - Bilateral Consensus under YRSA = expectation to act on existing authority to achieve objectives

More Information

- Panel meeting attendance
 - Observe Panel proceedings
 - Provide Public Testimony
- Yukon River Panel Website
 - <https://www.yukonriverpanel.com/>





Thank You

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