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Sockeye Salmon Harvest:

- The most recent 5-year average is the highest on record.
- The last two year's harvest were highest on record.

Chum Salmon Harvest:

- The most recent 5-year average is the highest on record.
- Harvest in 2021 was the highest on record.

Chinook Salmon Harvest:

- The most recent 2 5-year averages are the highest on record.
- Harvest in 2015 was the highest on record by far.
- YDFDA is very concerned about the dramatic increase in the Chinook Salmon harvest and recommend a genetics study on this harvest. These harvested Chinook salmon may originate from stocks of concern.

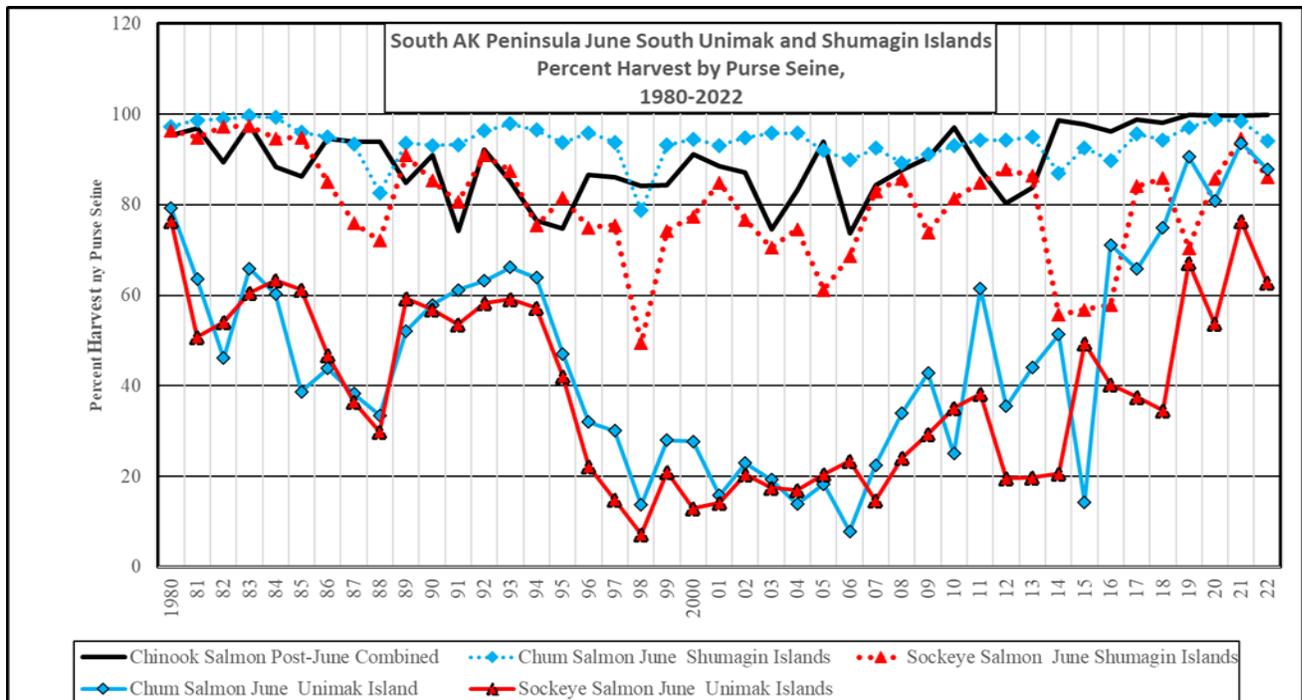


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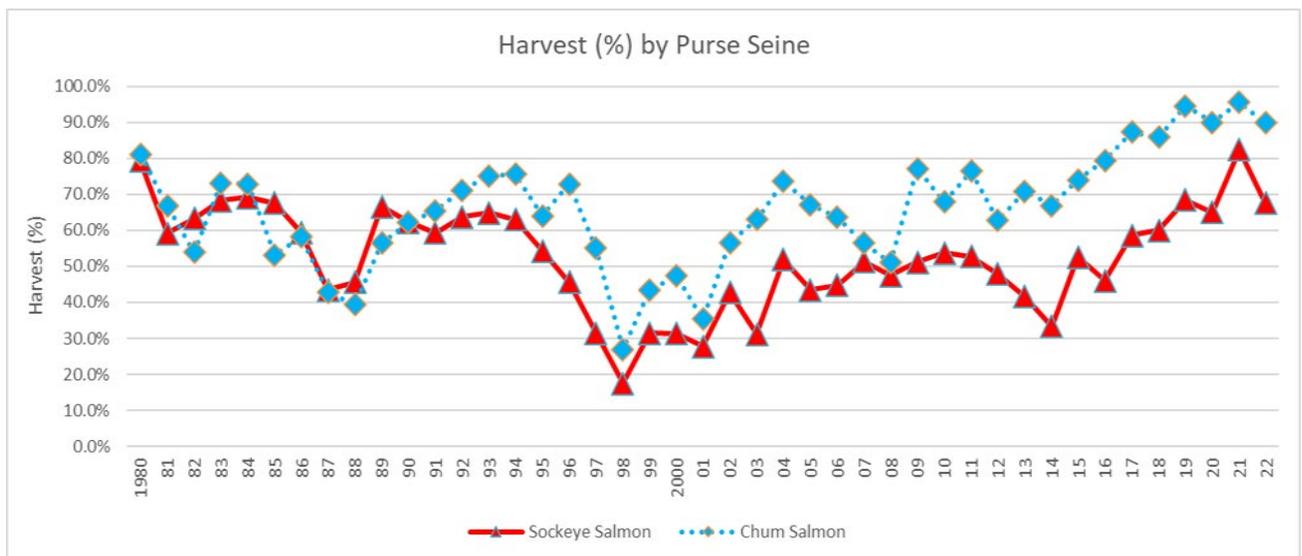


Figure 3.

Harvest by Purse Seine

- Purse seine gear has consistently dominated the post-June Chinook salmon harvest.
- Purse seine is currently dominating the harvest of all salmon species.
- Because drift gillnet gear is not allowed in the Shumagin Islands, the harvest by purse seine of all species has been very high.
- Figure 3. The total June Chum salmon catch attributed to purse seine gear has been 90% or more for the most recent 4 years, 2019-2022.

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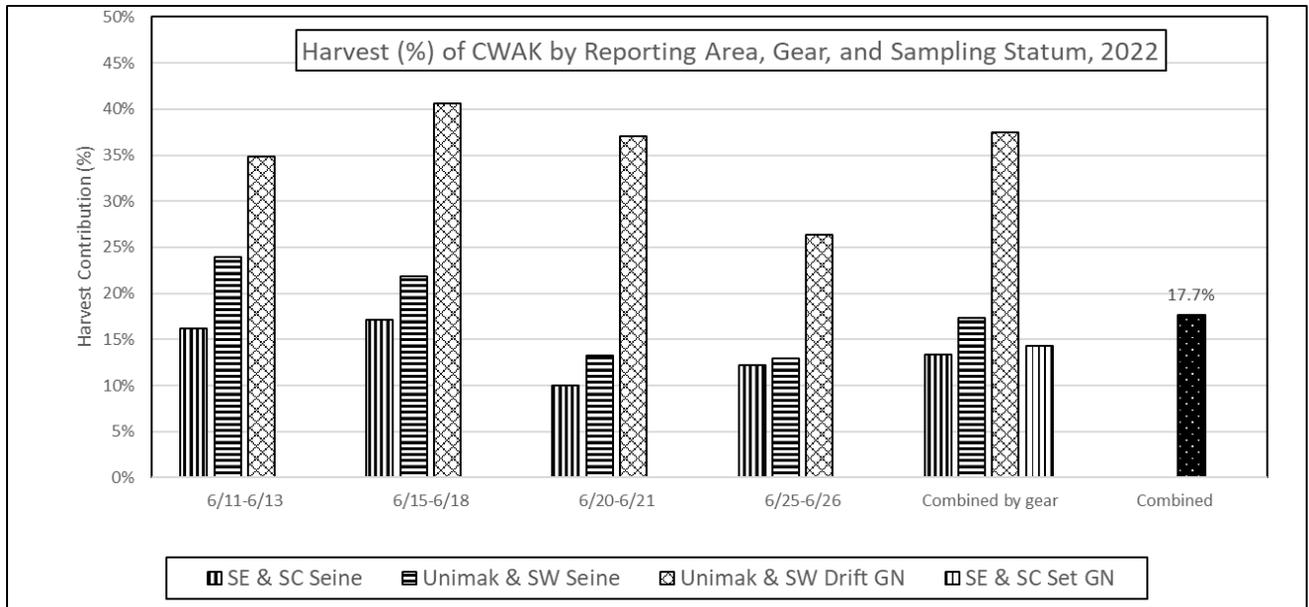


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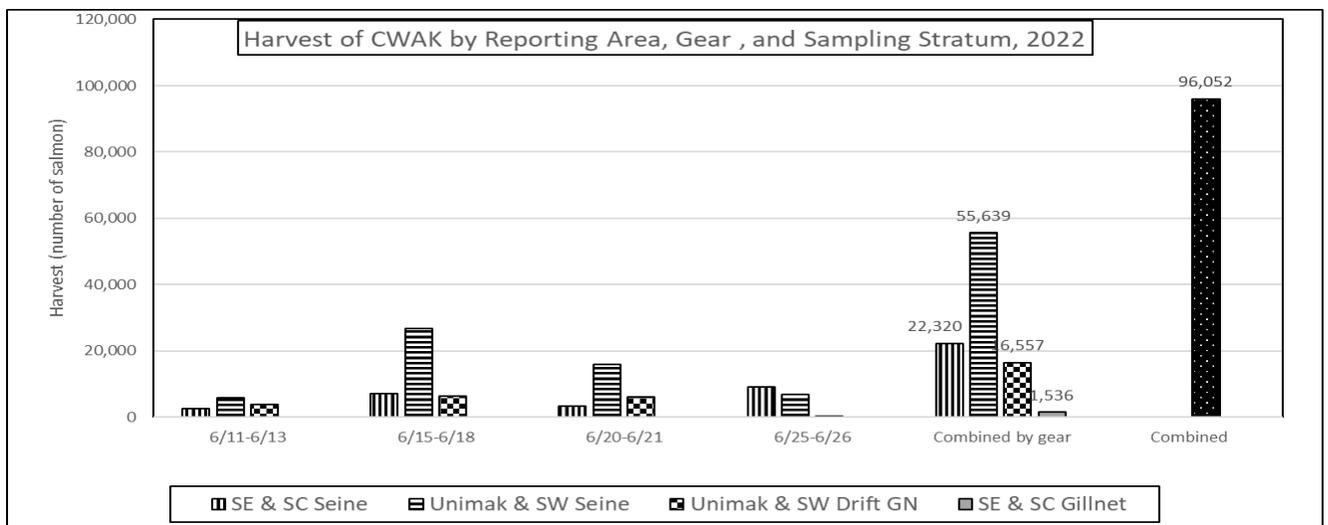


Figure 5

Purse seine gear accounted for 81.2% of the CWAK stock-specific harvest.

Drift gillnet gear accounted for 17.2% of the CWAK stock-specific harvest.

Set gillnet gear accounted for 1.6% of the CWAK stock-specific harvest.

The overall harvest rate of 5.5% on the CWAK chum salmon stock was above the 3-year WASSIP average harvest rate of 4.2%. and the second highest harvest rate of the four years of genetic studies.

But what may be more important is the proportion of the overall CWAK Chum salmon harvested in the South AK Peninsula, which may be very close to 100%

- Regardless of efforts by the seine fleet to avoid chum salmon, large sockeye salmon harvests will no doubt result in high chum salmon harvests. The harvest of Chum salmon is driven by catches in purse seine gear. As the percentage of the harvest taken by purse seine gear increases, so does the harvest of chum salmon.**

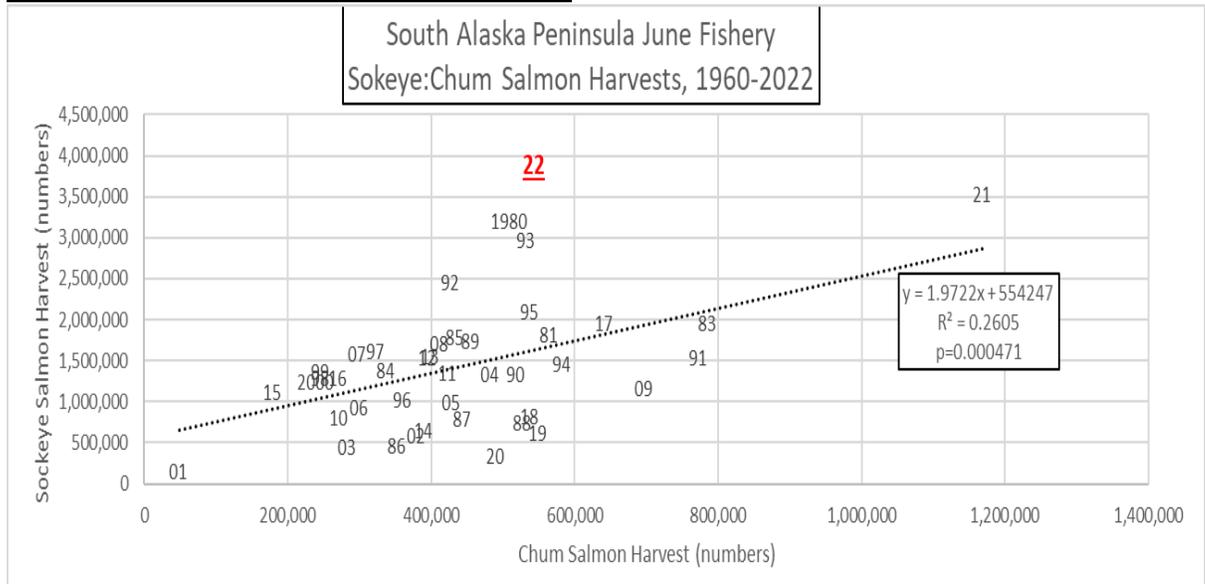
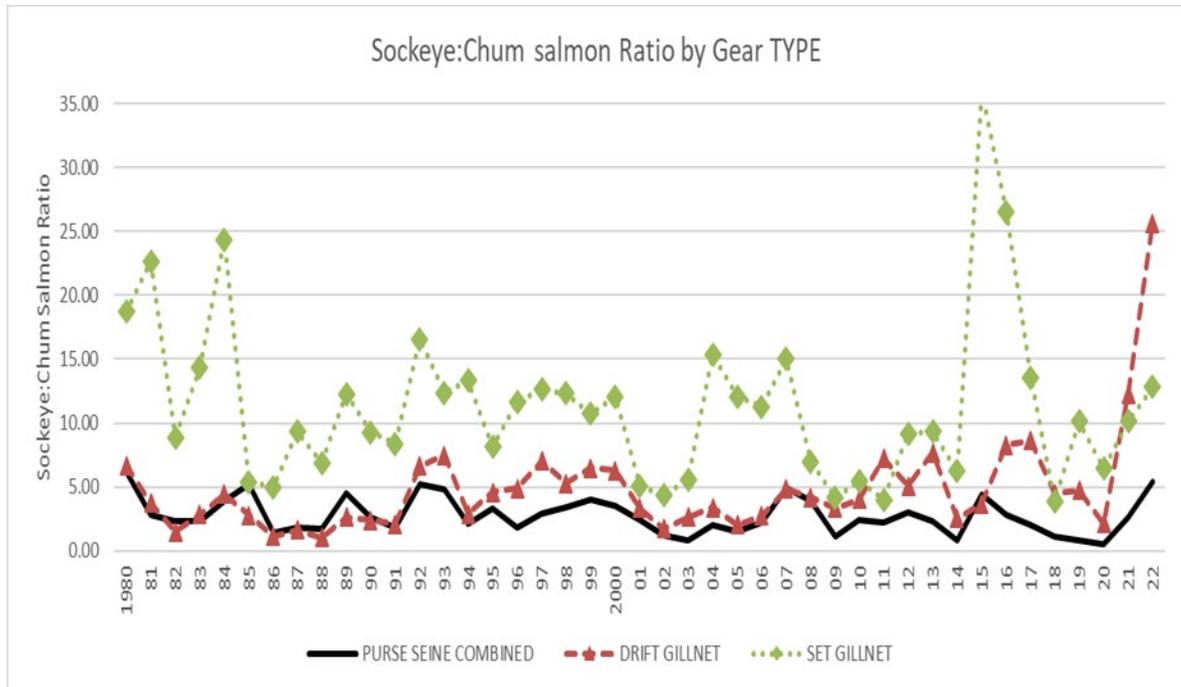


Figure 6

- Note that although the fleet made a concerted effort to avoid chum salmon in 2022, the chum salmon harvest was relatively high, with the harvest rate on CWAK chum salmon of 5.5%, which was above the WASSIP average of 4.2%, and the second highest harvest rate during the four years of GSI studies.



- Figure 7
- Sockeye:Chum salmon ratio has been generally the lowest for the purse seine gear type.
- The most recent 5-year, 2018-2022, average ratio for purse seine gear combined is 2.08, with the Shumagin ratio being 1.75 and the Unimak ratio being 2.31 for the same time period.
- The Unimak drift gill net ratio was 9.85 for the same period.
- The combined area set gillnet ratio was 8.68, with the Shumagin ratio being 7.24 and the Unimak being 28.22 for the same period.

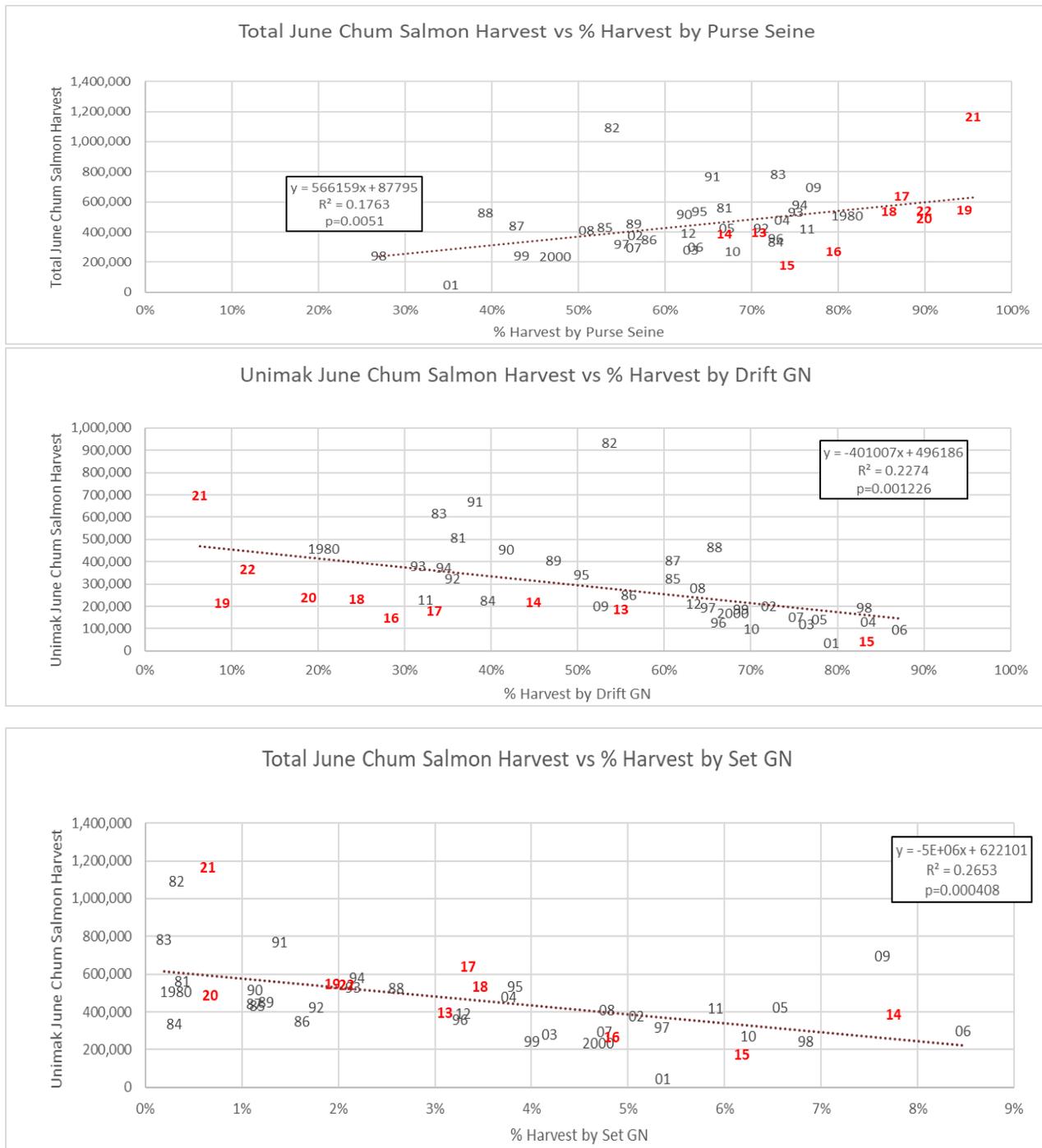


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- The harvest of Chum salmon is driven by catches in purse seine gear. As the percentage of the harvest taken by purse seine gear increases, so does the harvest of chum salmon.
- Conversely, as the percent harvest attributed to both the drift and set gillnet gear increases, the total chum salmon harvest decreases.
- GSI information is lacking for gear types in WASSIP.

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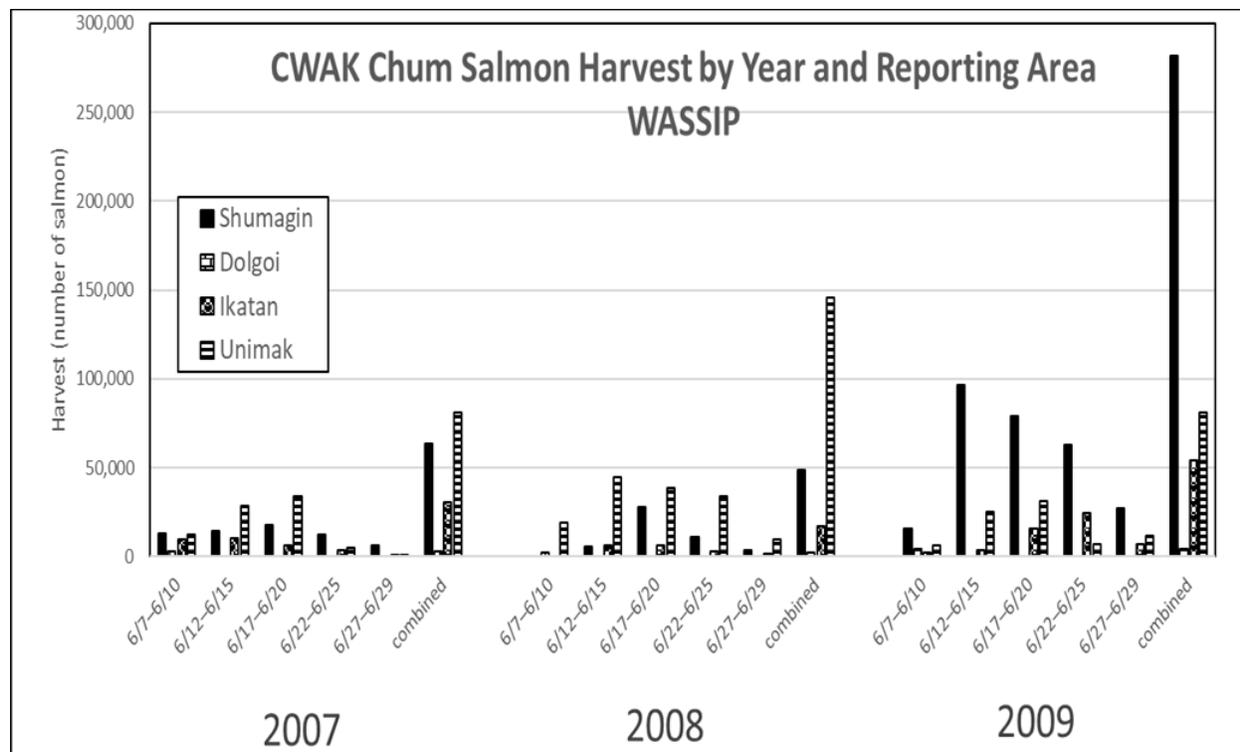


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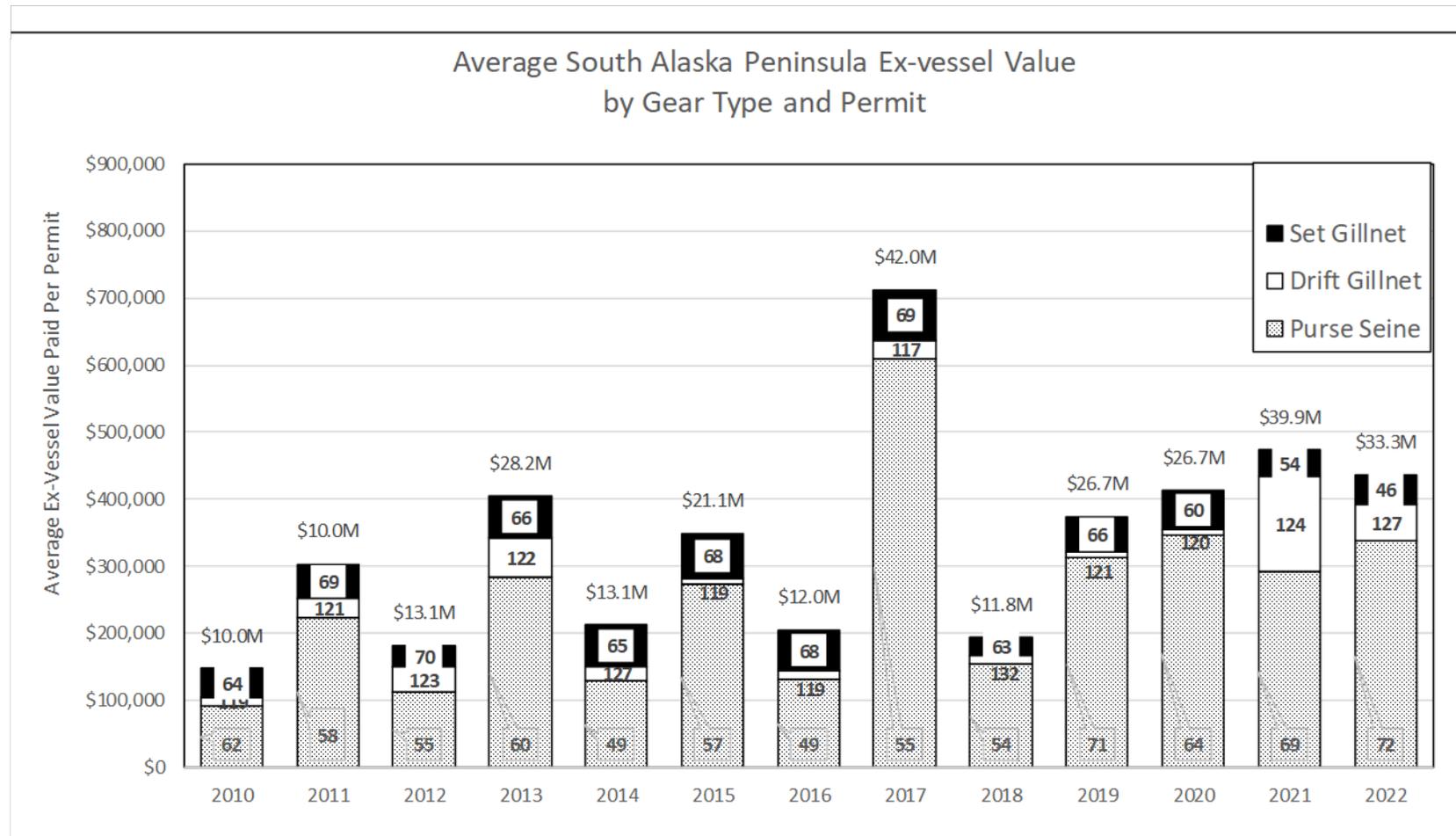
Unfortunately, the WASSIP did not differentiate by gear type.

In the WASSIP years (2007-2009), the Shumagin harvest was dominated by purse seine gear, 92.5, 89.3 and 91.1, respectively.

However, the purse seine gear contributed approximately 22.5, 34.0% and 42.8%, respectively to the Unimak chum salmon harvest in that district.

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Average Ex-vessel value paid to the average South Alaska Peninsula fishermen by gear type for years 2010-2022. Numbers associated with the bars indicate the number of actively fished permits for that gear type. Total exvessel value for each year is indicated above each bar.

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Table 1

South Alaska Peninsula Commercial Salmon Ex-vessel Value and Permits Actively Fished																	
Appendix A17					Appendix A9												
Ex-Vessel					Number of Actively-Fished Permits				Average Ex-vessel Value				Average Ex-vessel Value (%)				
Year	Purse Seine	Drift Gillnet	Set Gillnet	Total	Purse Seine	Drift Gillnet	Set Gillnet	total	Purse Seine	Drift Gillnet	Set Gillnet	total	Purse Seine	Drift Gillnet	Set Gillnet	total	
2010	\$5,702,047	\$1,598,547	\$2,694,190	\$9,994,784	62	119	64	245	91,969	13,433	42,097	40,795	57.1%	16.0%	27.0%	100%	
2011	\$13,003,303	\$3,449,952	\$3,527,863	\$19,981,118	58	121	69	248	224,195	28,512	51,128	80,569	65.1%	17.3%	17.7%	100%	
2012	\$6,158,572	\$4,742,105	\$2,192,611	\$13,093,288	55	123	70	248	111,974	38,554	31,323	52,796	47.0%	36.2%	16.7%	100%	
2013	\$17,071,703	\$7,036,362	\$4,100,311	\$28,208,376	60	122	66	248	284,528	57,675	62,126	113,743	60.5%	24.9%	14.5%	100%	
2014	\$6,363,602	\$2,731,379	\$3,966,536	\$13,061,517	49	127	65	241	129,869	21,507	61,024	54,197	48.7%	20.9%	30.4%	100%	
2015	\$15,654,563	\$813,100	\$4,609,371	\$21,077,034	57	119	68	244	274,641	6,833	67,785	86,381	74.3%	3.9%	21.9%	100%	
2016	\$6,499,634	\$1,437,050	\$4,112,233	\$12,048,917	49	119	68	236	132,646	12,076	60,474	51,055	53.9%	11.9%	34.1%	100%	
2017	\$33,490,700	\$3,271,988	\$5,221,775	\$41,984,463	55	117	69	241	608,922	27,966	75,678	174,209	79.8%	7.8%	12.4%	100%	
2018	\$8,349,012	\$1,671,428	\$1,752,344	\$11,772,784	54	132	63	249	154,611	12,662	27,815	47,280	70.9%	14.2%	14.9%	100%	
2019	\$22,217,679	\$959,302	\$3,524,209	\$26,701,190	71	121	66	258	312,925	7,928	53,397	103,493	83.2%	3.6%	13.2%	100%	
2020	\$22,186,409	\$955,508	\$3,521,885	\$26,663,802	64	120	60	244	346,663	7,963	58,698	109,278	83.2%	3.6%	13.2%	100%	
2021	\$20,116,435	\$17,726,301	\$2,089,618	\$39,932,354	69	124	54	247	291,543	142,954	38,697	161,669	50.4%	44.4%	5.2%	100%	
2022	\$24,317,121	\$7,008,081	\$1,981,465	\$33,306,667	72	127	46	245	337,738	55,182	43,075	135,946	73.0%	21.0%	5.9%	100%	
5-yr avg	19,437,331	5,664,124	2,573,904	27,675,359	66	125	58	249	288,696	45,338	44,336	111,533	72.1%	17.4%	10.5%	100%	
10-yr avg	17,626,686	4,361,050	3,487,975	25,475,710	60	123	63	245	287,409	35,275	54,877	103,725	67.8%	15.6%	16.6%	100%	

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Note that the difference between the Ex-Vessel value and the CFEC estimate of average real earnings of permits with landings is quite different. In 2021 the ex-vessel value paid to each purse seine permit was \$337,738 while the CFEC reported the real earnings at \$702,125.