



Members of the Board of Fish to Visit Aleutians East Borough

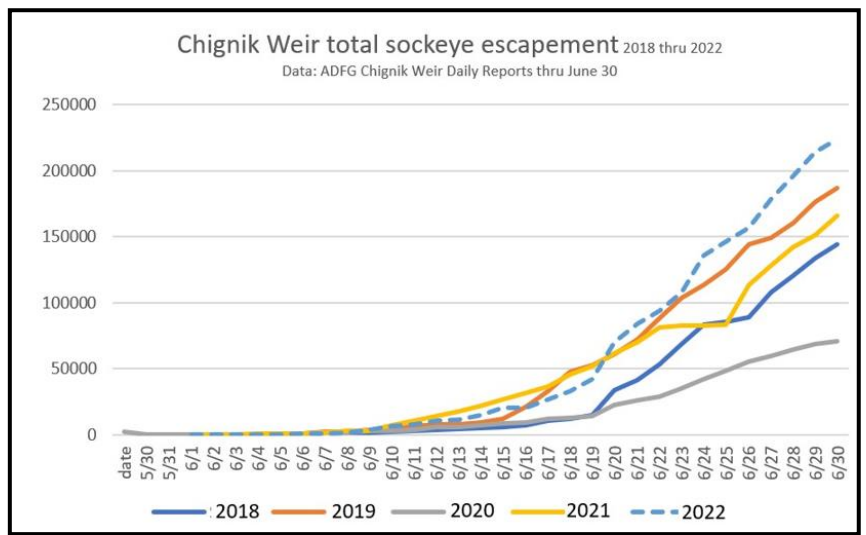
Alaska Board of Fisheries Chair Marit Carlson-Van Dort and member John Wood will be visiting several Aleutians East Borough communities July 7 – 11, 2022. Community meetings are scheduled with the Board members at the Sand Point AEB office Friday, July 8th at 1PM, and at the King Cove AEB office Saturday July 9th at 1 PM. The trip comes in advance of the 2022/2023 Board meeting cycle, that deals with Bristol Bay, AYK, Alaska Peninsula and Chignik finfish.

The Aleutians East Borough is excited to bring Board of Fish members John Wood and Marit Carlson-Van Dort to visit some of our fishing communities this week. Please come help welcome these Board members to the Borough at an informal community meeting:

- In Sand Point - AEB office Friday July 8th 1PM
- In King Cove - AEB office Saturday July 9th 1PM

Chignik Sockeye

At the March Statewide Board of Fish meeting, the Board considered [Proposal 282](#) from an agenda change request by Chignik to reduce salmon harvest in the Shumagin Islands Section and the ‘Dolgoi Area’. The Board worked out a compromise between the Chignik (Area L) fishermen and Area M fishermen based on Record Copy [\(RC\) 104](#) submitted by Board Member McKenzie Mitchell. Proposal 282 was then substituted with [RC 94](#) submitted by Board Member Wood,



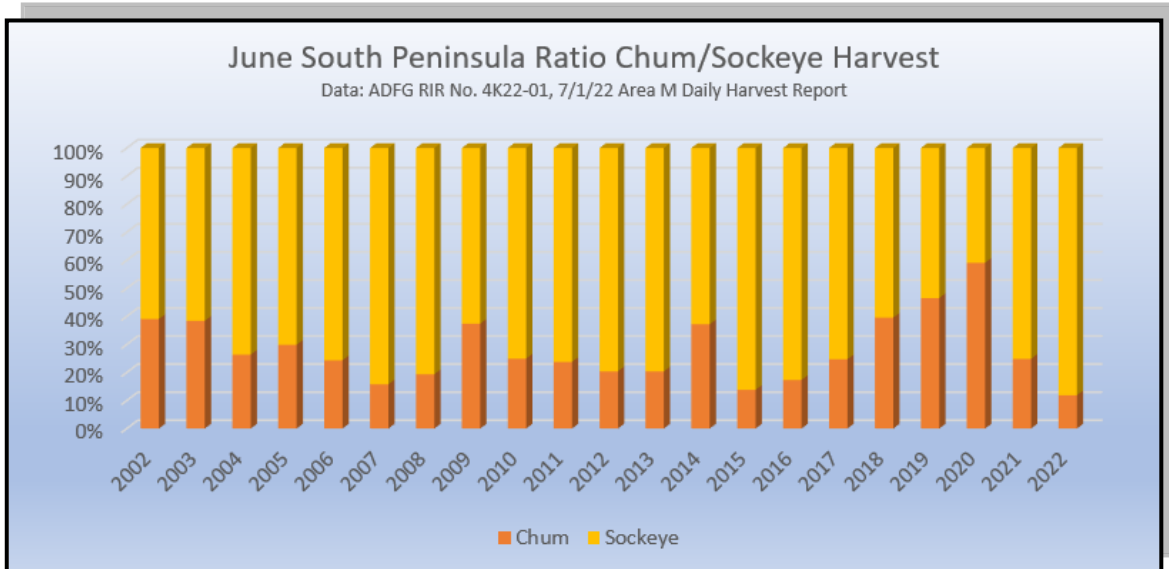
The 2022 Chignik sockeye salmon total escapement count at the Chignik weir for June has exceeded the previous four years escapement for June.

designating the Chignik sockeye early run a Stock of Management Concern and directing ADFG to prepare a draft action plan that will be available for review prior to the Chignik/Alaska Peninsula salmon meeting in February 2023.

In addition to management measures in the Shumagins and Dolgoi, the Southeastern District Mainland section has been closed to fishing in June each year since 2018.

Chum Salmon

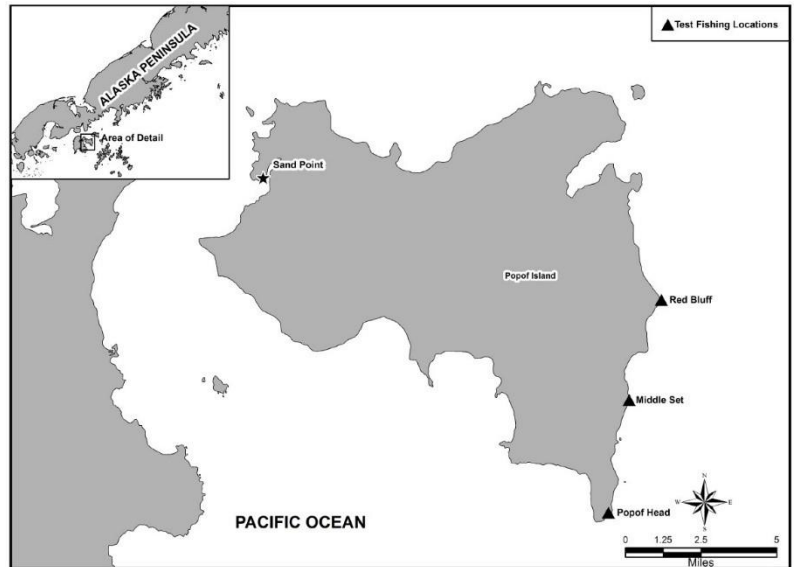
In April 2022, the Board of Fish received emergency petitions from the Orutsarmiut Native Council that aimed to limit chum harvest and reduce all South Peninsula salmon fishing in June. These petitions were denied. In May, a coalition of Native groups including the Bristol Bay Economic Development Corporation, requested the Area M purse seine fleet to stand down for all of the June commercial salmon season. Area M fishermen did not stand down for June but did work together to minimize chum harvest. The ratio (0.134) of South Peninsula June chum harvest to June sockeye harvest in 2022 was the lowest since 1979.



ADFG has initiated a 4-year study to update the genetic stock composition of chum salmon harvested in the South Alaska Peninsula ([Regional Operation Plan No. ROP.CF.4K.2022.02](#)). Beginning this summer, ADFG technicians are staffed at all Area M plants to collect genetic samples and biological measurements of chum salmon. According to the operational plan, no results will be reported until at least three years of sampling have been completed, and therefore, will not be available in time to inform Board action at the February 2023. The best available science is still the Western Alaska Salmon Stock Identification Program (WASSIP) that took samples from the Yukon to Chignik over three years from 2007-2009, a period of high abundance.

Immature Salmon Test Fishery

In 2001, the Board of Fisheries began requiring a purse seine test fishery in the Shumagin Islands before the start of the post-June salmon fishery. If 100 or more immature salmon are found gilled in the purse seine, ADFG will constrain the fishery by closing certain area(s) to purse seine gear. The test fishery is held each day, July 2,3 & 5, with two 20-minute sets each at Popof Head, Middle Set, and Red Bluff located on Popof Island.



The recent results of the Immature Salmon Test Fishery did not show an abundance of immature salmon, and the post-June fishery is not expected to be constrained. [2022 ADFG Test fishery results](#)

Shumagin Islands Immature Test Fishery #01

Number of Sets: 6
Date: July 2, 2022
Fishing Vessel: Decision

Total Salmon Harvest:

Species	Number	Weight	Avg. Wt.
Chinook	428	1,799	4.2
Sockeye	3,142	13,136	4.2
Coho	13	63	4.9
Pink	1,211	3,270	2.7
Chum	4,047	25,005	6.2
Total	8,841	43,273	

Immature Salmon Gilled:

Species	Number	% Immature	Avg. per Set
Chinook	179	54%	28.9
Sockeye	123	37%	20.5
Coho	0	0%	0.0
Chum	28	8%	4.7
Total	330	100%	55.0

Average immature salmon per set: **55.0**

Shumagin Islands Immature Test Fishery #02

Number of Sets: 6
 Date: July 3, 2022
 Fishing Vessel: Temptation

Total Salmon Harvest:

Species	Number	Weight	Avg. Wt.
Chinook	367	1,911	5.2
Sockeye	1,344	5,738	4.3
Coho	8	37	4.6
Pink	613	1,532	2.5
Chum	1,455	10,293	7.1
Total	3,787	19,511	

Immature Salmon Gilled:

Species	Number	% Immature	Avg. per Set
Chinook	176	52%	29.3
Sockeye	121	35%	20.2
Coho	0	0%	0.0
Chum	44	13%	12.9
Total	341	100%	57.0

Average immature salmon per set: **57.0**

Shumagin Islands Immature Test Fishery #03

Number of Sets: 6
 Date: July 5, 2022
 Fishing Vessel: Decision

Total Salmon Harvest:

Species	Number	Weight	Avg. Wt.
Chinook	179	1,030	5.8
Sockeye	959	4,396	4.6
Coho	3	12	4.0
Pink	498	1,394	2.8
Chum	427	3,054	7.2
Total	2,066	9,886	

Immature Salmon Gilled:

Species	Number	% Immature	Avg. per Set
Chinook	55	53%	9.2
Sockeye	32	31%	5.3
Coho	0	0%	0.0
Chum	7	7%	1.2
Total	104	100%	15.7

Average immature salmon per set: **16.0**

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