

# Kuskokwim River Salmon Management Working Group

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## Meeting Agenda

Date: 06/02/2021

Time: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Place: Teleconference

Time Called to Order:

Chair: Barbara Carlson

### ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM:

Upriver Elder:  
Downriver Elder:  
Commercial Fisher:  
Lower River Subsistence:  
Middle River Subsistence:  
Upper River Subsistence:  
Headwaters Subsistence:

### QUORUM MET? Yes / No

Member at Large 1:  
Member at Large 2:  
Sport Fisher:  
Western Interior RAC:  
Y-K Delta RAC:  
KRITFC:  
ADF&G:

### INTRODUCTIONS:

### INVOCATION:

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Optional. ADF&G does not prepare official meeting minutes.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *the agenda may be amended at this time.*

### USFWS/KRITFC UPDATE:

### ADF&G MANAGEMENT ACTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION:

**PEOPLE TO BE HEARD:** *Non-Working Group Members*

### CONTINUING BUSINESS:

- Subsistence Reports: Lowest River, ONC Inseason Subsistence Report, Lower River, Middle River, Upper River, Headwaters
- Overview of Kuskokwim River salmon run assessment:
  - a. Test Fisheries (Bethel and Aniak):
  - b. Sonar/Weirs/Aerial Surveys/Other:
  - c. Subsistence Division Project Update:
  - d. NVN Report:
- Working Group KRITFC Representative Report:
- Commercial Catch Report: N/A
- Processor Report: N/A
- Sport Fish Report:
- Trawl Bycatch Report
- Intercept Fishery Report: *optional*
- Weather Forecast:
- Discussion of ADF&G Management considerations and discussion of possible alternatives (recommendations from the Working Group):
- Motion for Discussion and Action:

### OLD BUSINESS:

- Review of Harvest Trends

### NEW BUSINESS:

- In-person meetings

### COMMENTS FROM WORKING GROUP MEMBERS:

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Informational Packet

### Information Packets *ARE*:

- Intended to help inform Working Group discussions.
- To be viewed and used in context with Working Group meetings only.

### Packets *ARE NOT*:

- To be viewed as standalone documents.
- A final say on fisheries management decisions.

### **Please use this information responsibly:**

Packet information is an incomplete snapshot of an ongoing discussion and changing conditions. Packet information should not be reproduced for any purpose other than to describe Working Group meeting discussions.

**Misuse** of Packet information can contribute to misunderstandings that can **cause harm to salmon users** and potentially **damage salmon resources**.

**Ask Questions:** ADF&G staff will be happy to answer biology and management questions. Please call **1-855-933-2433** to reach ADF&G Kuskokwim Area staff.

**Attend Meetings:** Each Working Group meeting is announced at least 48 hours prior to time and date of meeting. In addition, each meeting is recorded. Recordings can be found here:  
**[http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarea\\_kuskokwim.kswg](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarea_kuskokwim.kswg)**

Viewing the information packet while listening to meetings/recordings will provide a better understanding of the information presented in this packet.

**Thank you,  
Nick Smith and Ben Gray  
Working Group Coordinators**

## **Orutsararmiut Native Council (ONC) Inseason Harvest Monitoring Weekly Report**

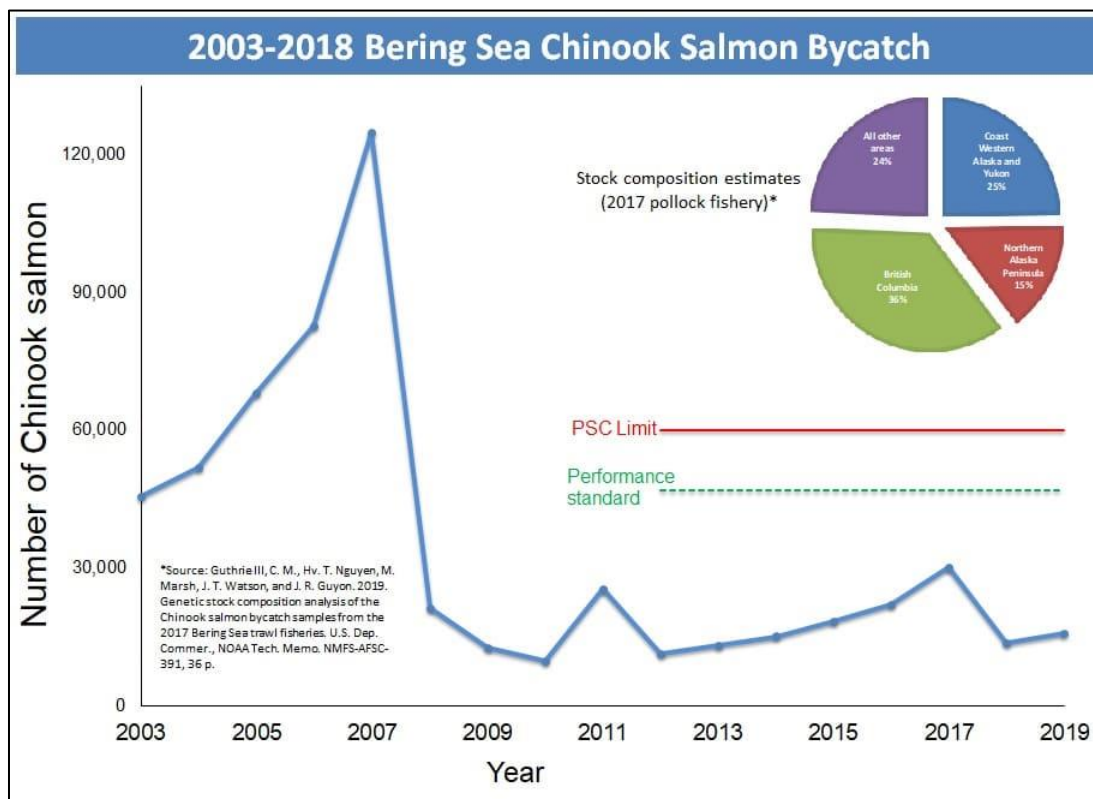
**June 2, 2021**

ONC Fisheries Department technicians and biologists will be surveying this evening of June 2 for the first set net opener at the Bethel Boat Harbor and Bethel Area Fish Camps. We will provide a report next week. Please contact ONC Fisheries with any questions 545-6001. Quyana!

# Bering Sea Bycatch Update

Bycatch updated through May 20, 2021

- King salmon catch to date: 9,473
- Non-king salmon catch to date: 353
- Bycatch numbers are reported by the National Marine Fisheries Service, available at: <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/fisheries-catch-landings?tid=286>
- Bycatch updates are reported by the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council, available at: <https://www.npfmc.org/bsai-salmon-bycatch/>





# QUSQUQVIIM NEQAI IKAYURNARQATEN!

Nallunrilkengavet, aaryuutvet, umyuarqeqlerpet-llu, takarnarqutain-llu  
Qusquqviim neqain ikayuryugngai neqsulriit, nunalguceten,  
yaquliyagiurcet, irviristet-llu taringevkarluki qaillun qaungqellerkai  
Qusquqviim neqai, neqet-llu tekitarkamteni.

## ELLMIKUN UNA QUYURUTNGUNRITUQ!

### KINA:

Qusquviim neqainek paqnayulria, neqsurtet, tegganret,  
elisngalriit, yuut, nunamiut, irviristet-llu.

### CAA:

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nallunrilkengameggnek, Qusquqviim neqainek, allat  
takarnarqutaitnek, umyuarnerutaitnek-llu.  
Arenqiallugutnuarkanek assirciqelriit-llu auluklerkaanun  
Qusquviim.

### HOW:

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aturluki kassuggulluki neqet tungitngun nallunritarkat.



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ILAUGACUKUVET: **JANESSA ESQUIBLE QAYAGGAURU 545-2776** NERYUNIURLUTEN-LLU  
QAILL ILAUGATELLERKARPENEK QUYURTAALRIANUN UPINGARIKATA UKUT CALSTET,  
ELISNGALRIIT, NEQ'LIURCET-LLU



# KUSKOKWIM RIVER SALMON NEED **YOUR** HELP!

Your knowledge, concerns, perspectives, and values of Kuskokwim River salmon can help fishers, other community members, fisheries managers, and scientists better understand potential ways to protect Kuskokwim salmon and salmon fishing in the future.

## THIS IS NOT JUST ANOTHER FISH MEETING!

### **WHO:**

Anyone concerned about Kuskokwim River salmon, including fishers, knowledge holders, Tribal members, community members, and researchers.

### **WHAT:**

A series of community meetings (like Talking Circles) where we all share our knowledge of Kuskokwim River salmon, develop an appreciation for each other's values and concerns for fisheries, and explore the potential risks and benefits of possible management strategies in the Kuskokwim River.

### **HOW:**

Combining biological information with traditional and Indigenous knowledge from these meetings to more deeply understand salmon in the Kuskokwim River.

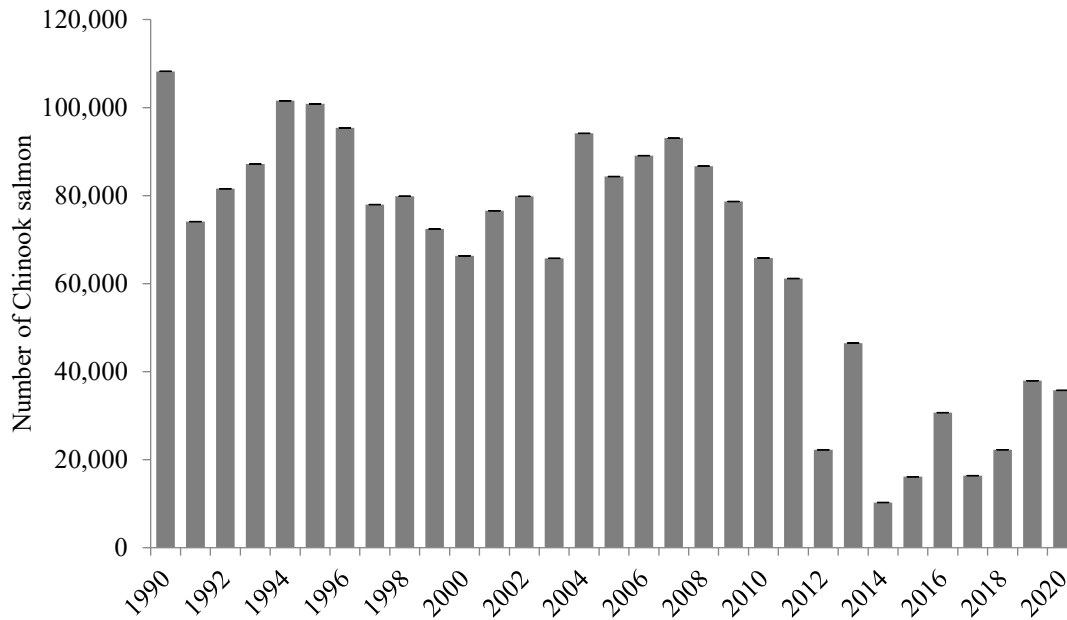


**INTERESTED? CONTACT JANESEA ESQUIBLE AT 545-2776 AND STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION** ABOUT HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEETINGS, TO BE ORGANIZED BY OUR WORKING GROUP OF WATERSHED REPRESENTATIVES, SCIENTISTS, AND MANAGERS.

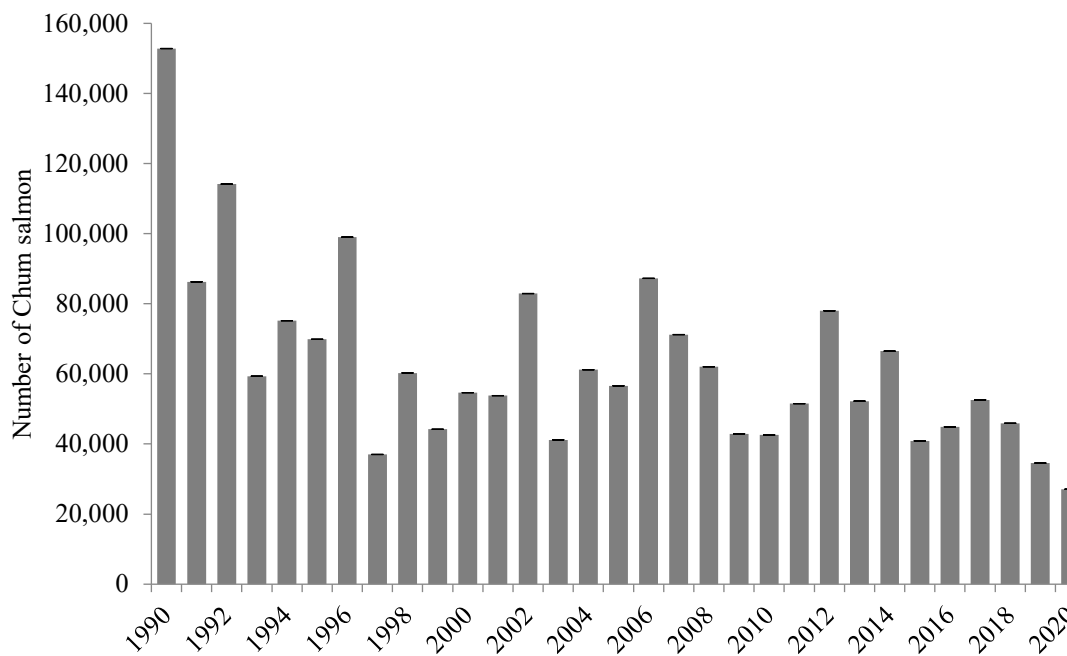


## 1990 – 2020 Kuskokwim River Subsistence Harvest:

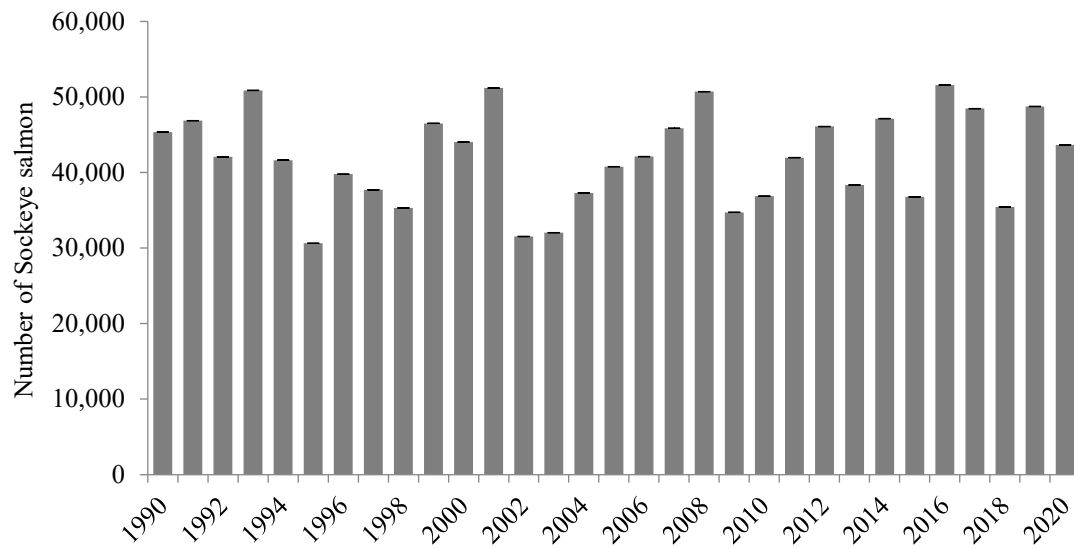
Total Harvest of Kuskokwim river salmon



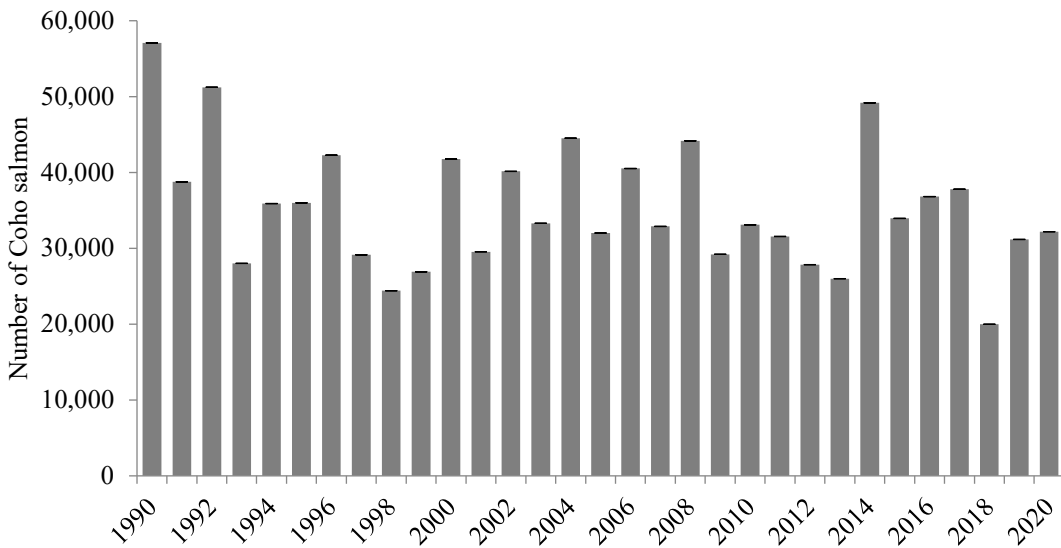
Harvest of Chinook salmon in the Kuskokwim River



Harvest of Chum salmon in the Kuskokwim River

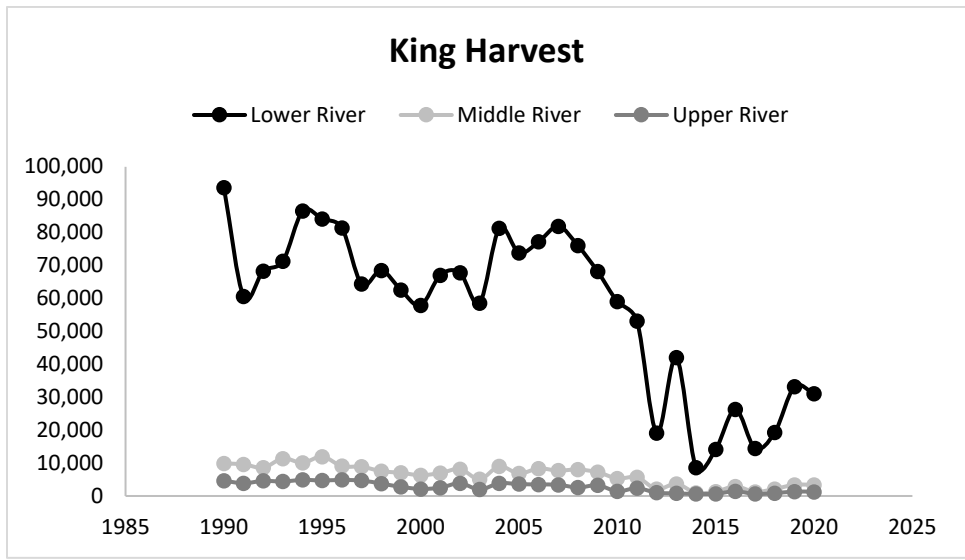


**Harvest of Sockeye salmon in the Kuskokwim River**

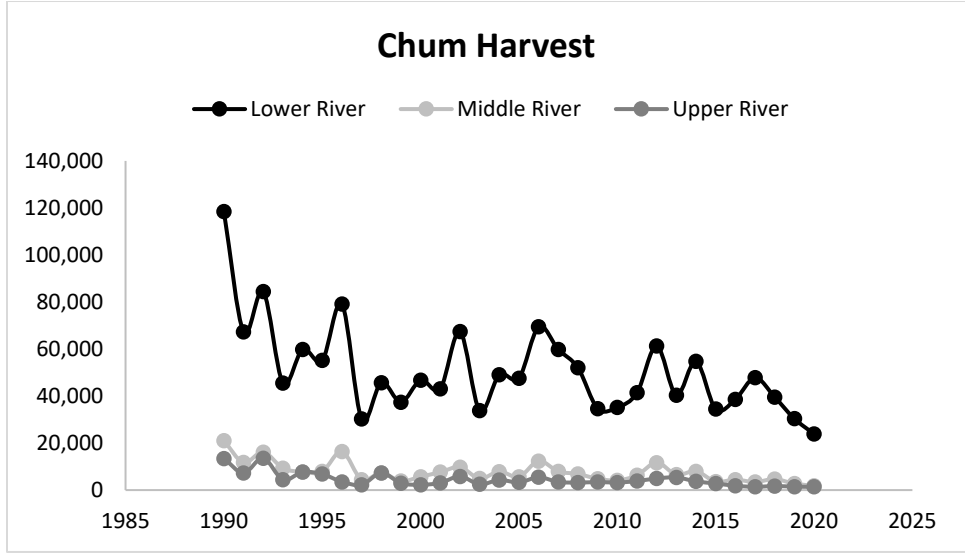


**Harvest of Coho salmon in the Kuskokwim River**

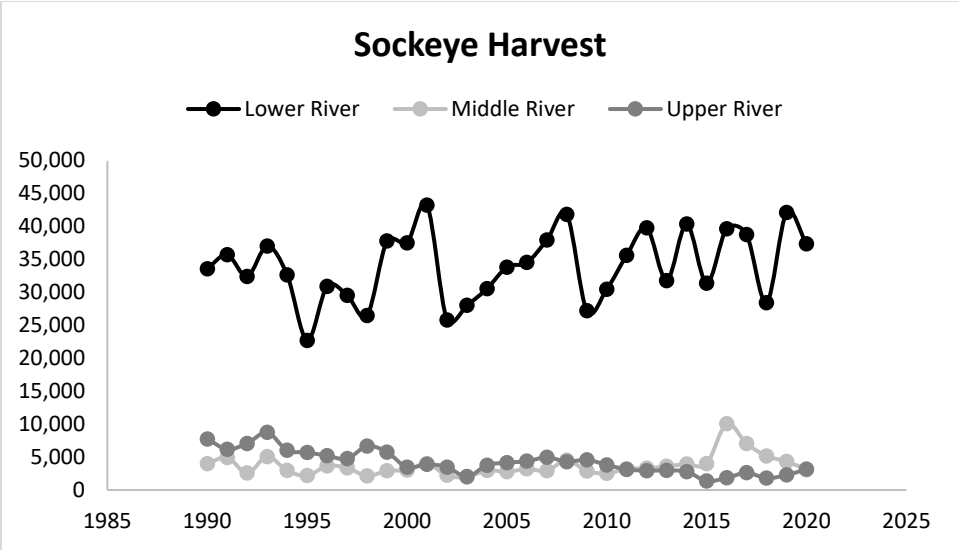
**Location Key:** Lower River (Tuntutuliak-Tuluksak); Middle River (Kalskag-Chuathbaluk); Upper River (Crooked Creek – Headwaters)



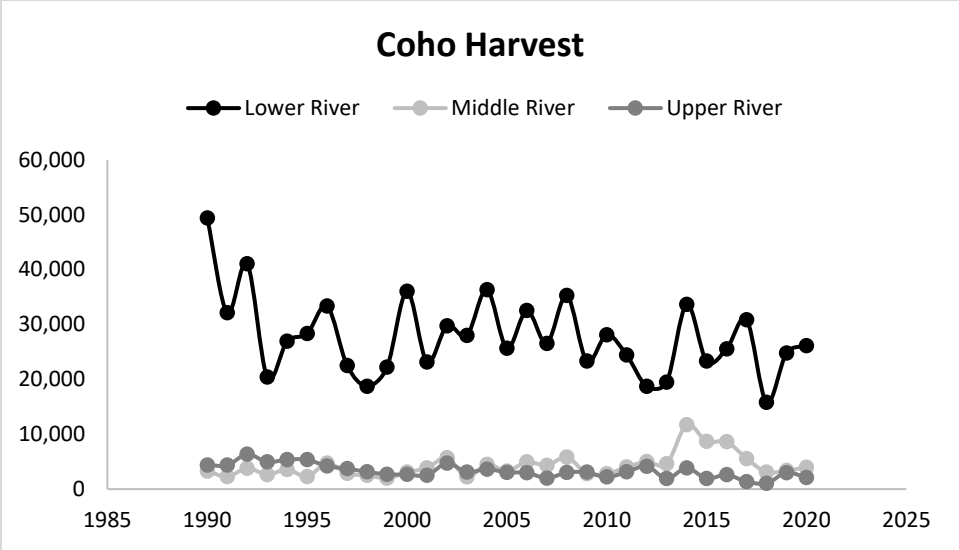
Historical subsistence harvest estimates of Chinook salmon in the Kuskokwim River by sub-area.



Historical subsistence harvest estimates of Chum salmon in the Kuskokwim River by sub-area.



Historical subsistence harvest estimates of Sockeye salmon in the Kuskokwim River by sub-area.



Historical subsistence harvest estimates of Coho salmon in the Kuskokwim River by sub-area.

