



Division of Sport Fish Bristol Bay Management Area Dillingham

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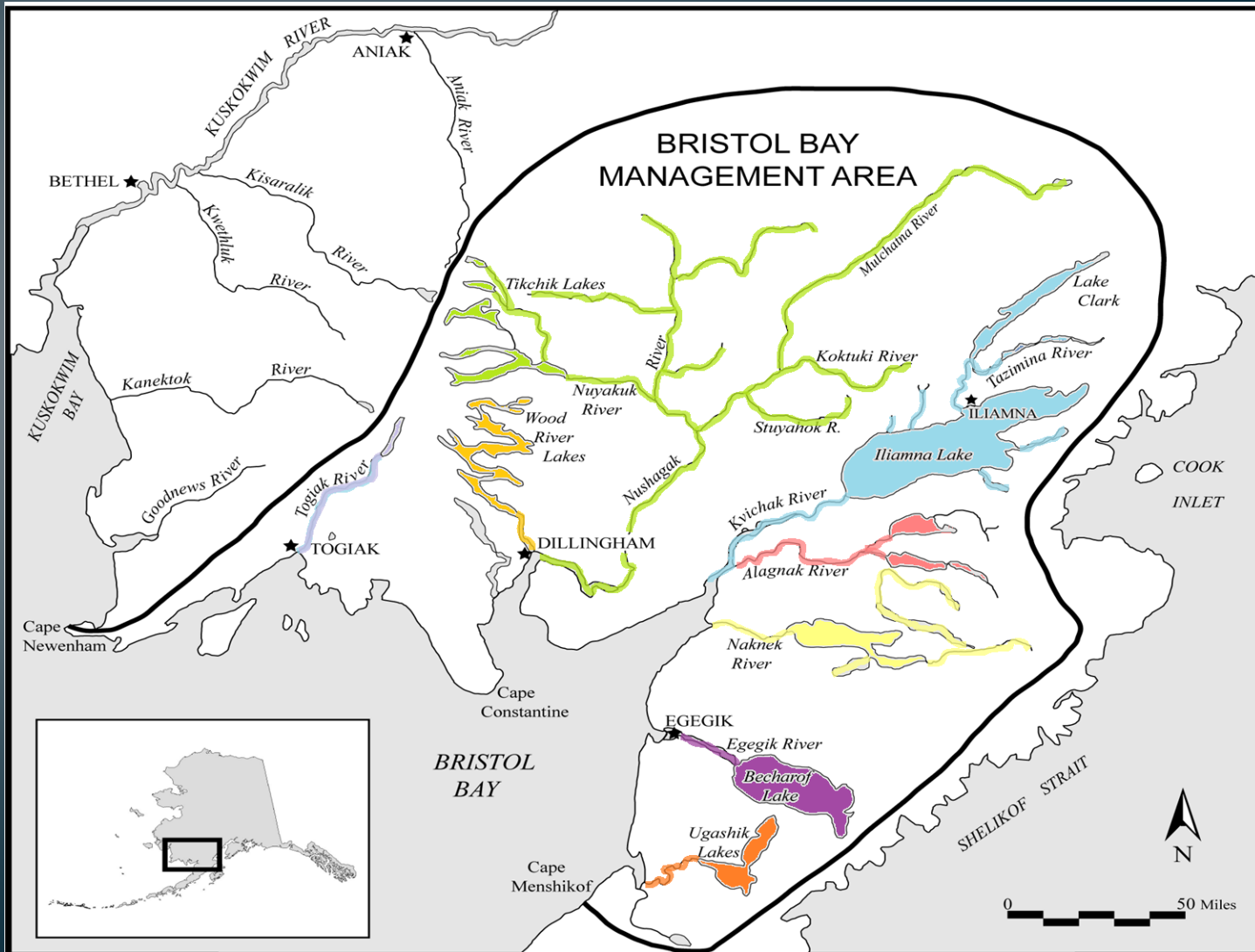
Current staffing

- Dan Bosch – Regional Management Biologist
- Jason Dye – Area Management Biologist
- Lee Borden – Assistant Area Management Biologist
- Lola Carpenter – Program Technician
- Four seasonal Fish and Wildlife Technicians



BRISTOL BAY MANAGEMENT AREA (BBMA)

- Approximately 40,000 square miles
- Cape Menshikof to Cape Newenham



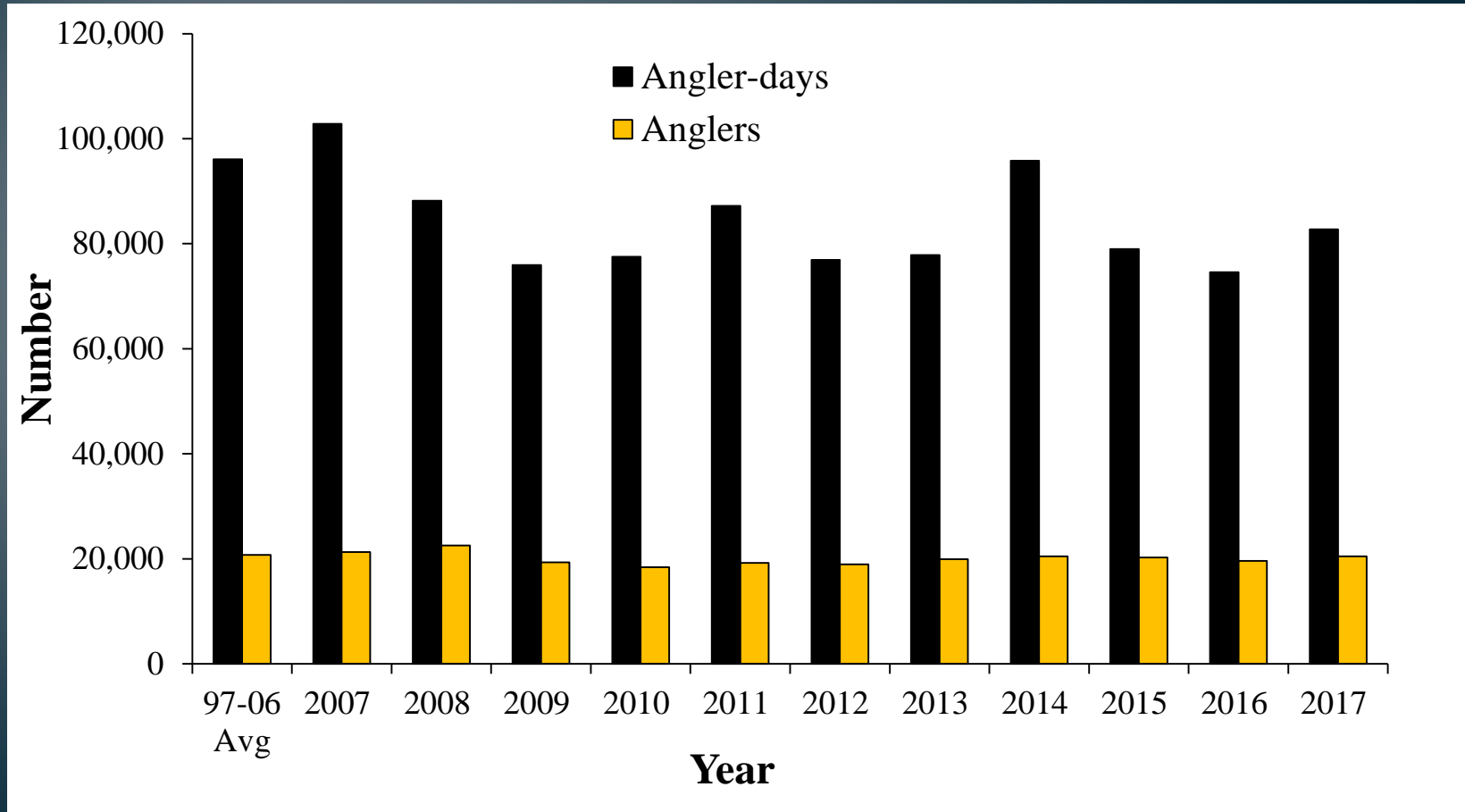


Sport Fishing Effort in the Bristol Bay Management Area





Sport fishing effort in angler-days and number of anglers in the BBMA, 1997-2006 average and 2007-2017.





Significant Sport Fisheries and Issues





2018 Bristol Bay Sport Proposals

Rainbow trout – 3 proposals – 47, 48, 49

Sport fishing effort – 8 proposals – 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 59, 60

King salmon – 1 proposal – 58

Miscellaneous – 4 proposals – 56, 57, 61, 62



Rainbow Trout

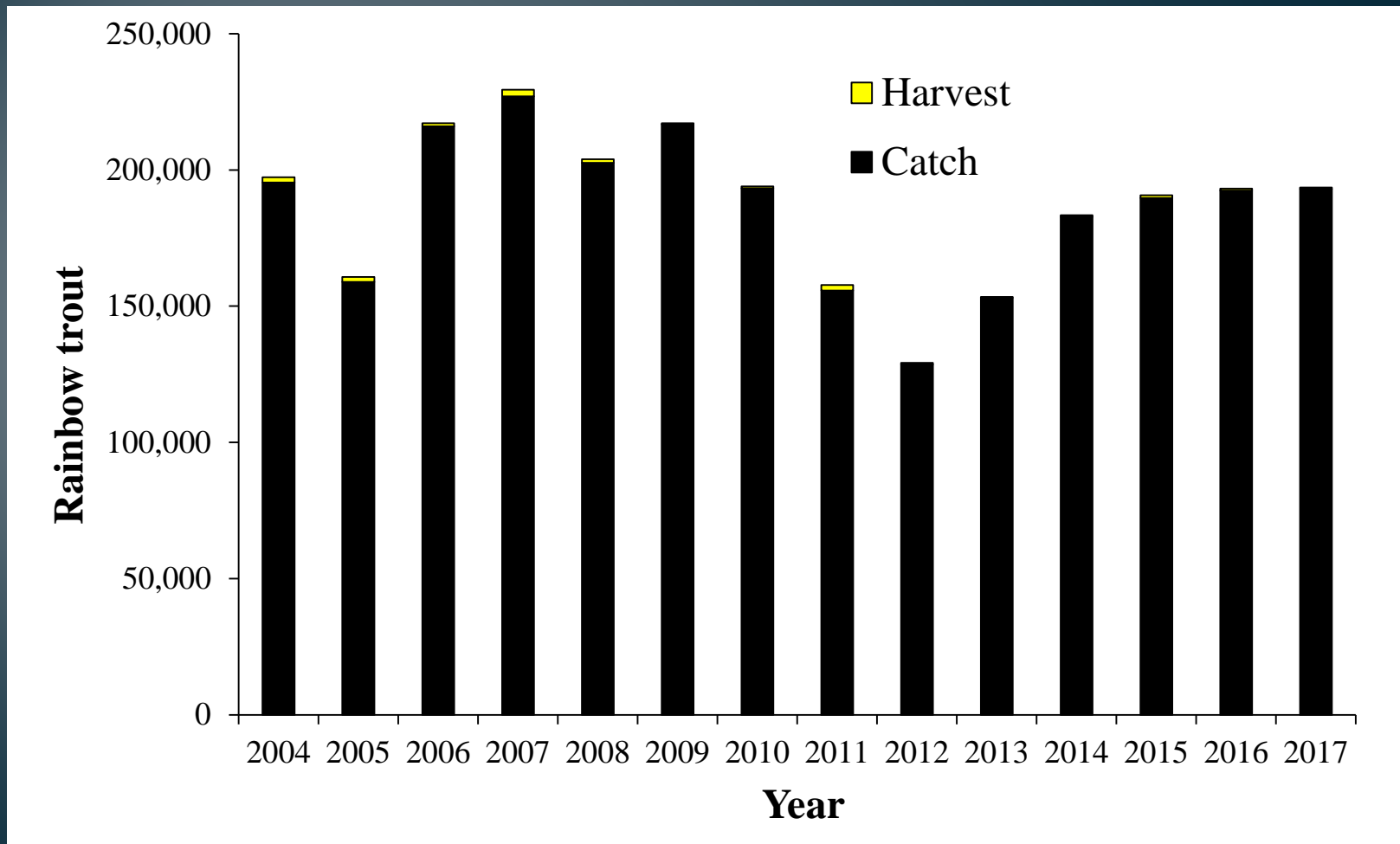
Proposal 47: Adopt Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan into regulation.

Proposal 48: Move spawning season closure date from April 10 to April 1 in the Naknek River.

Proposal 49: Eliminate nonresident rainbow trout harvest in the Naknek River.



Sport catch and harvest of rainbow trout in the BBMA, 2004-2017.





Southwest Alaska Rainbow Trout Management Plan

-Addressed in proposal 47

- The overriding philosophy of the plan is conservative wild stock management.
- In 1990 the board overhauled nearly all regulations for rainbow trout fisheries in the Bristol Bay and Kuskokwim–Goodnews Sport Fish Management Areas. The new regulations essentially implemented the management plan without adopting its language into regulation.
- Nearly all of the policies and criteria in the plan are included in the following statewide regulations: *Special Management Areas and Liberal Harvest Opportunities for Trout* (5 AAC 75.210), *Statewide Management Standards for Rainbow Trout* (5 AAC 75.220), and *Policy for the Management of Sustainable Wild Trout Fisheries* (5 AAC 75.222).



Naknek River Rainbow Trout Sport Fishing Regulations

-Addressed in proposal 48

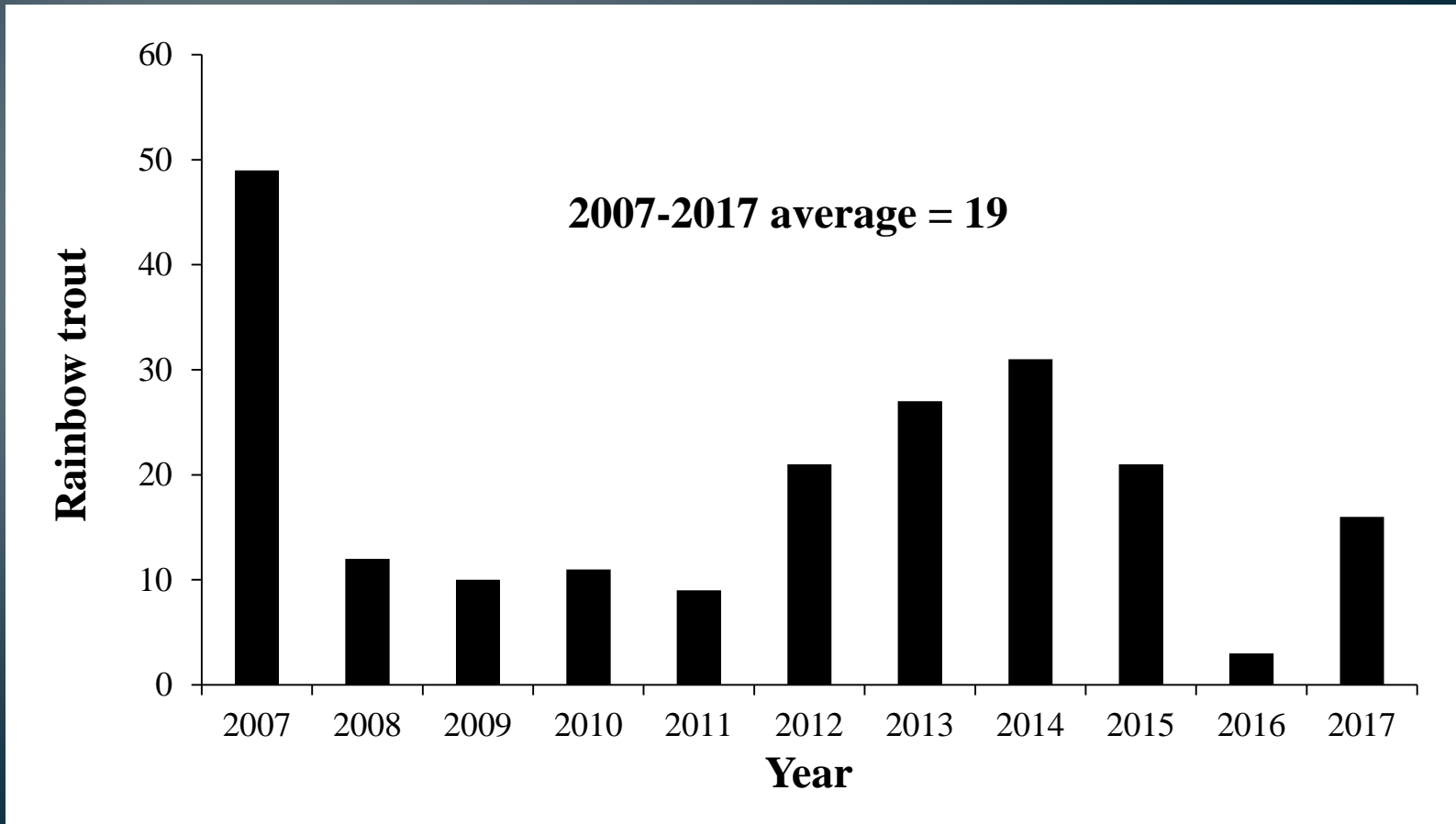
- Bag and possession limit:
 - June 8–October 31: one fish, must be less than 18”
 - November 1–June 7: five fish, must be less than 18”
- In all flowing waters upstream from an ADF&G regulatory marker at Rapids Camp, including all waters within one-quarter mile of all lake and outlet streams:
 - only unbaited, single-hook, artificial lures or flies may be used year round; and
 - all sport fishing is closed in the Naknek River above the ADF&G regulatory marker located at Rapids Camp from **April 10–June 7** to protect spawning rainbow trout.



Naknek River Rainbow Trout

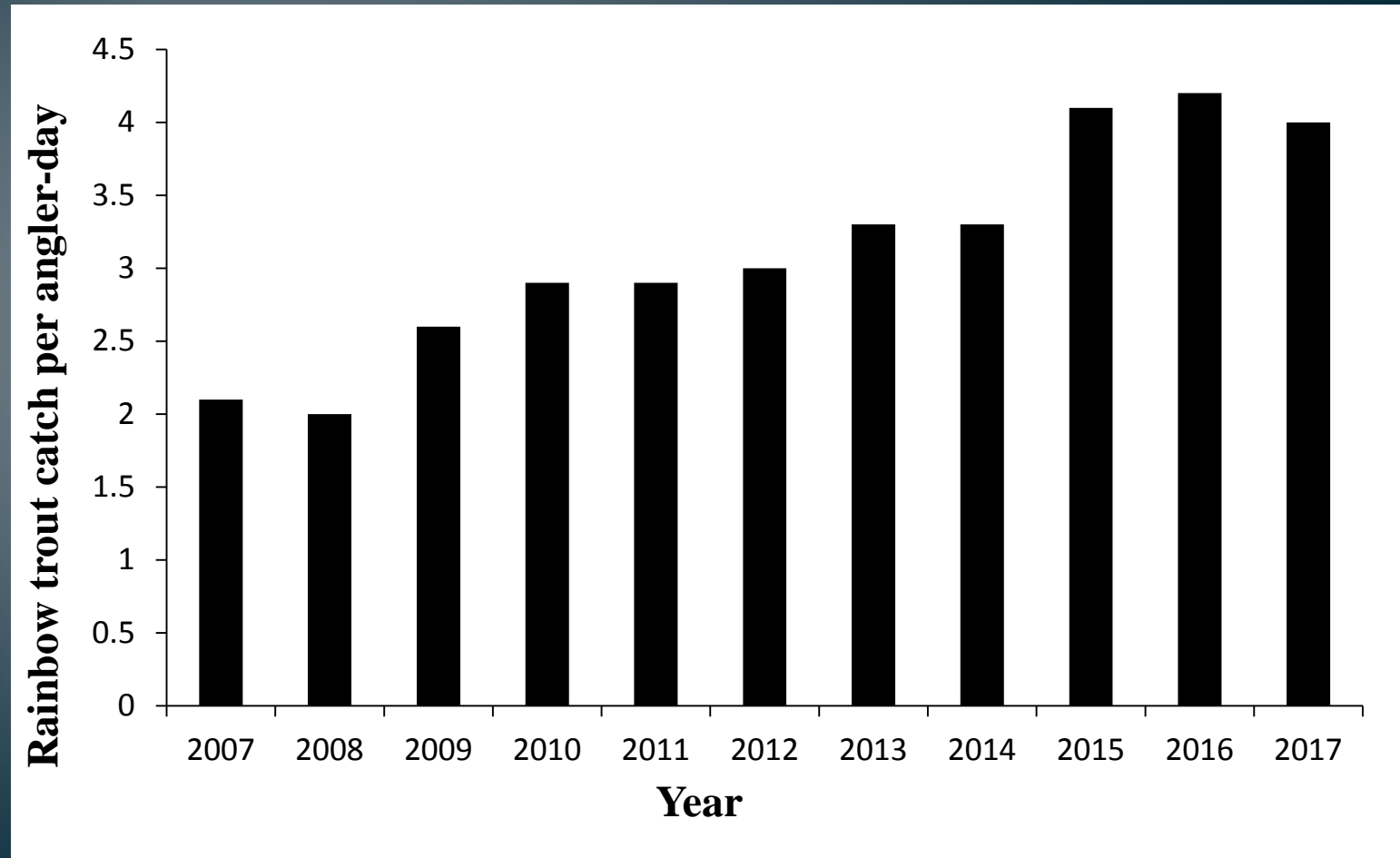
-Addressed in proposal 49

Guided nonresident harvest in the Naknek River, 2007-2017.





Guided catch per unit effort (CPUE) in catch per angler-day for rainbow trout in the upper Naknek River, 2007-2017.



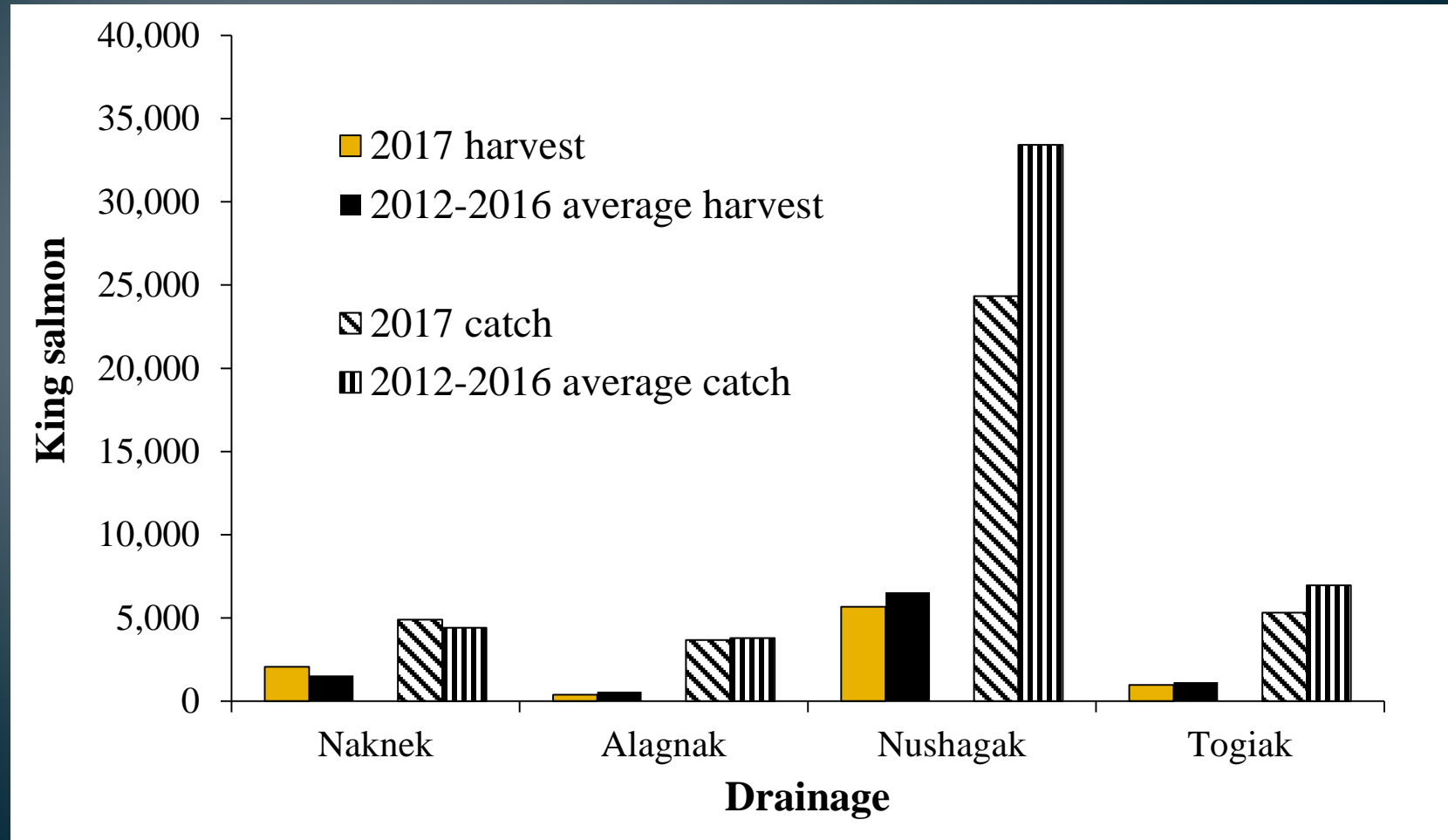


King Salmon

Proposal 58: Close sections of the Naknek River drainage, including Big Creek, to king salmon fishing year round.



Sport catch and harvest of king salmon in major fisheries in the BBMA, 2017 and 2012-2016 average.

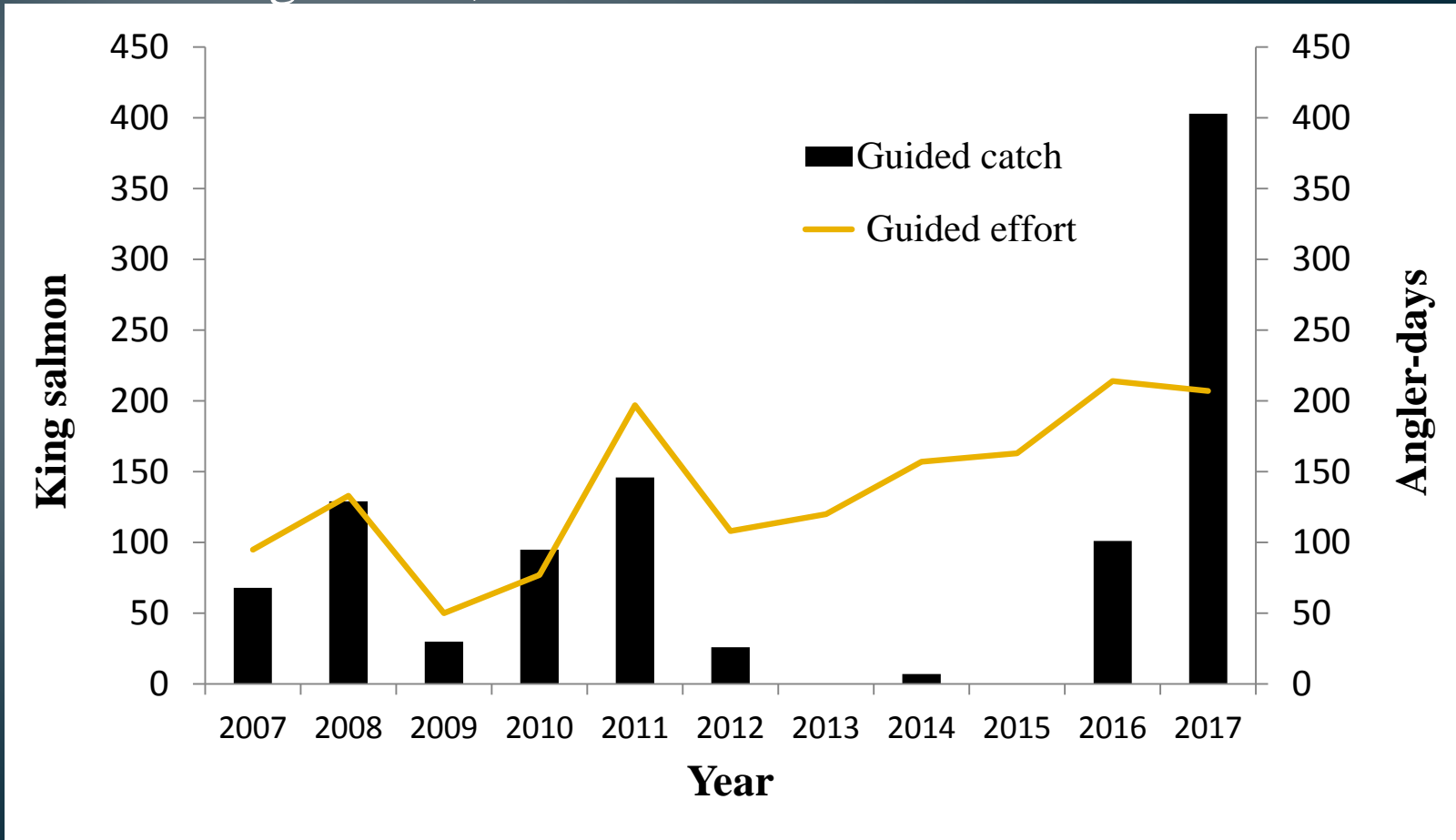




Big Creek King Salmon

-Addressed in proposal 58

Guided sport fishing effort and catch of king salmon in Big Creek^a, 2007-2017.



^aBig Creek closed to king salmon fishing year round from 2013-2015.



Sportfishing effort

Upper Naknek River rainbow trout sport fishery

- Proposals 50-55

Naknek River salmon sport fishery

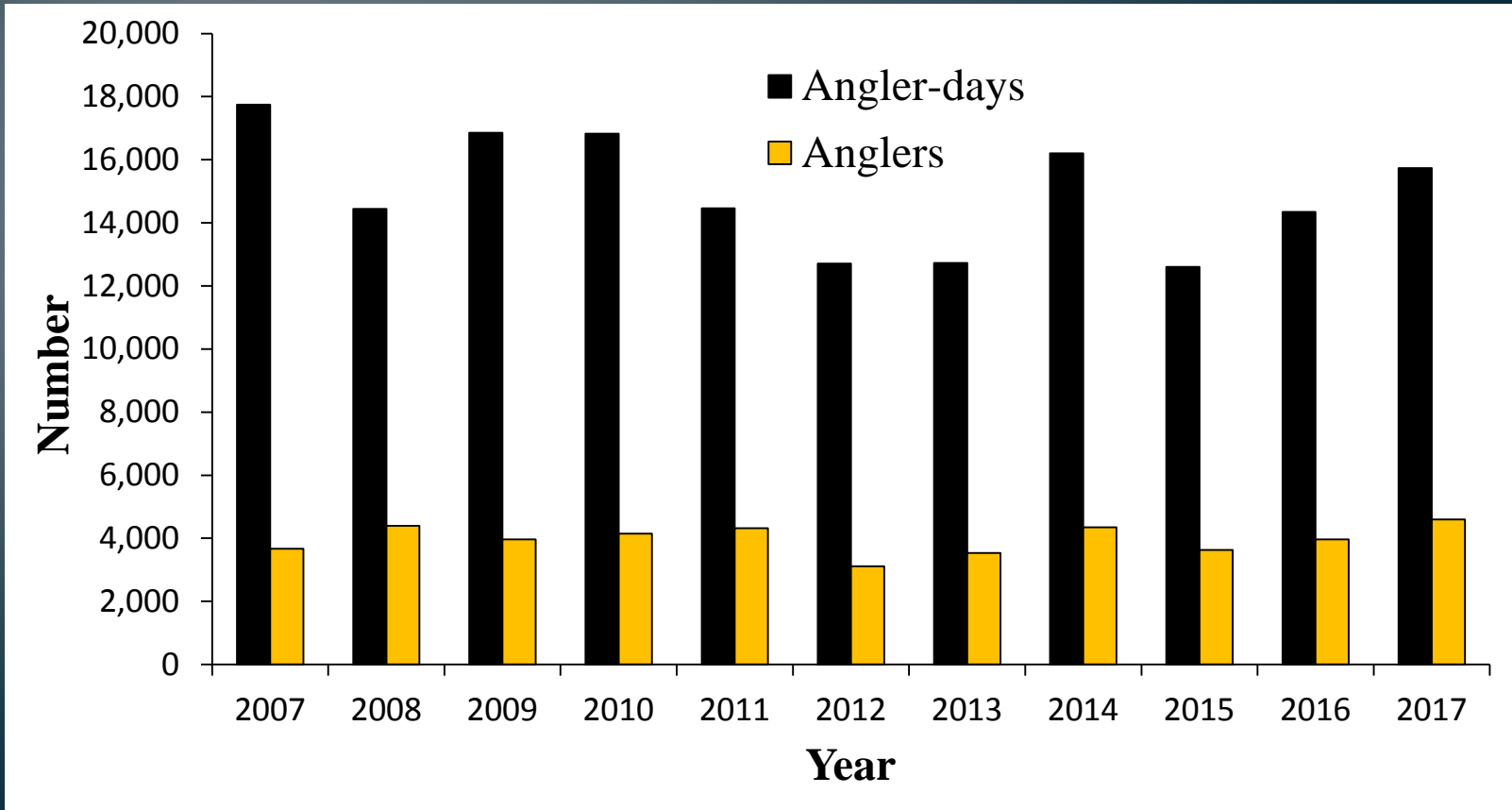
- Proposals 59 & 60



Naknek River sport fishing effort

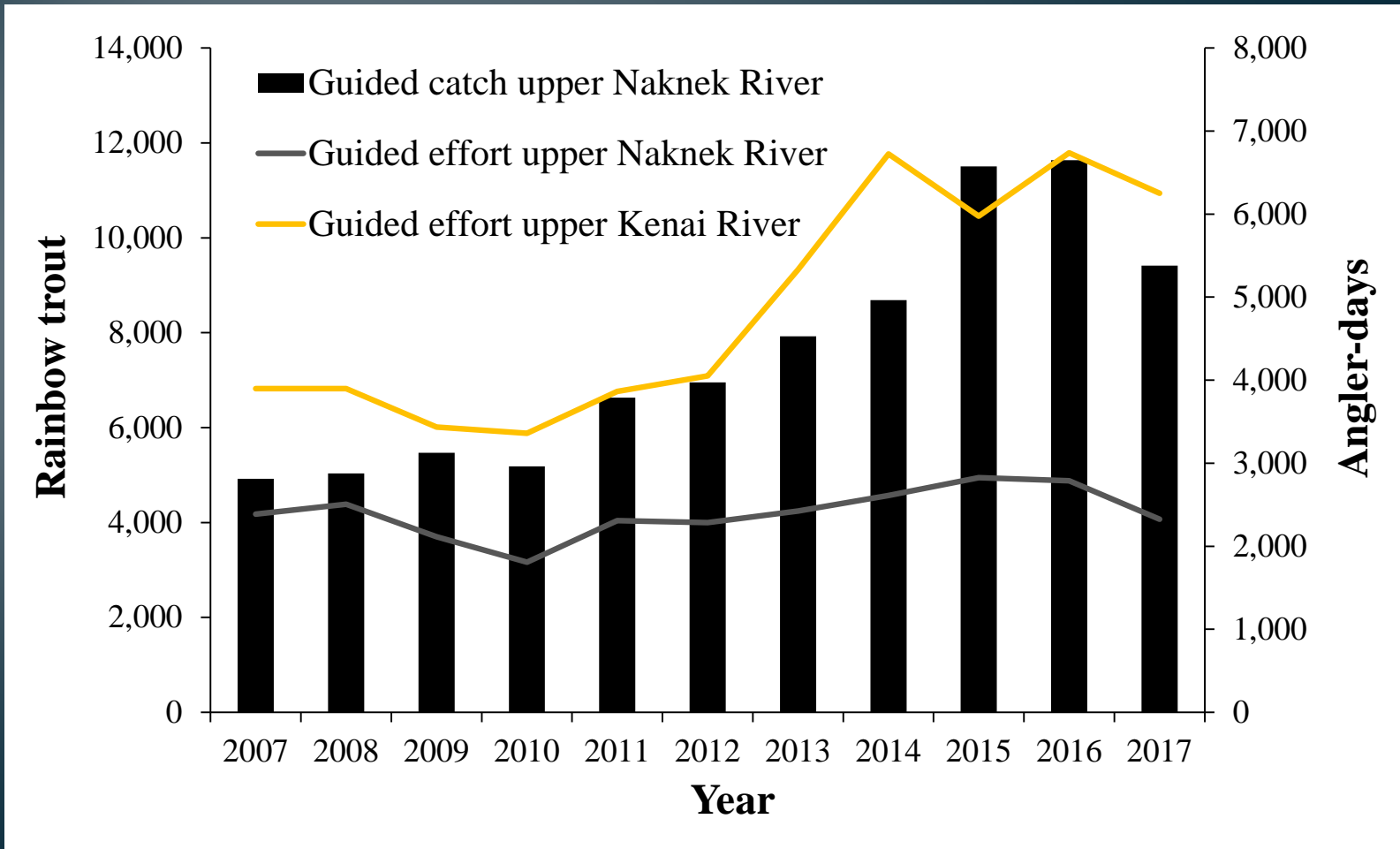
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Naknek River sport fishing effort in angler-days and number of anglers, 2007-2017.





Upper Naknek River and upper Kenai River guided sport fishing effort and upper Naknek River rainbow trout catch 2007-2017.





Miscellaneous proposals and current regulations

Proposal 56: Prohibit chumming in all waters of the Naknek River drainage.

- In freshwaters of Bristol Bay closed to the use of bait, sport fishing guides and guided anglers are prohibited from placing in the water any substance for the purpose of attracting fish by scent.

Proposal 57: Prohibit the use of egg imitation patterns 1 inch in length or smaller for sportfishing in the upper Naknek River.

- Beads, when used as an attractor above an artificial fly, artificial lure, or bare hook, must be fixed within 2 inches of the hook or free sliding on the line or leader.



Miscellaneous proposals and current regulations cont'd.

Proposal 61: Prohibit staking out or marking of areas along the Naknek River for the purpose of holding a fishing hole for anglers not yet present.

Proposal 62: Prohibit removing any species of sport caught fish from the water in all waters of Southwest Alaska unless the fish is harvested.

- In all freshwaters of Bristol Bay, king salmon removed from the water must be retained.



Questions?