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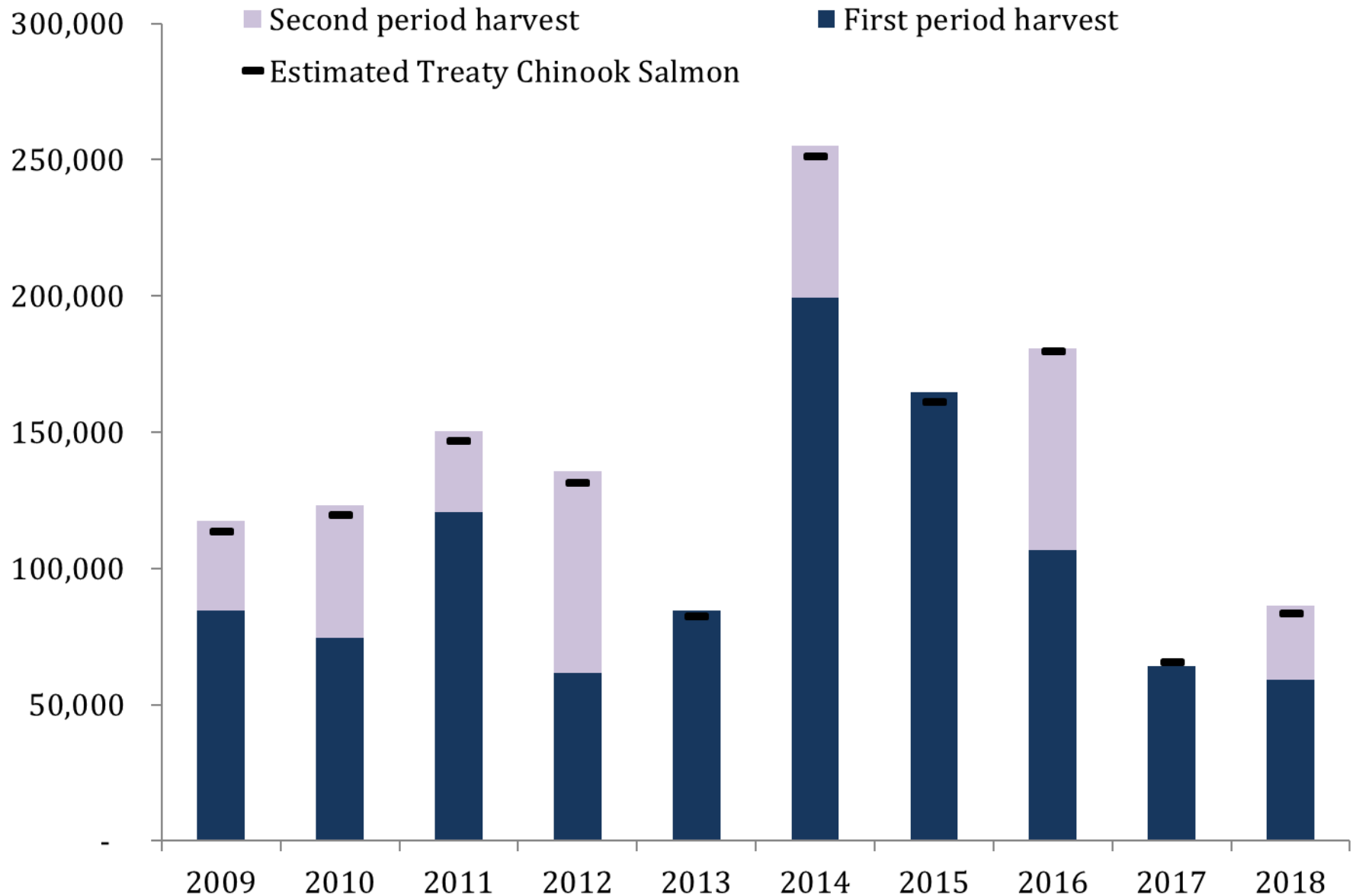
Report to the North Pacific Fishery Management Council

Agenda Item B-4



October 2018

Southeast Summer Troll Chinook Salmon Harvest



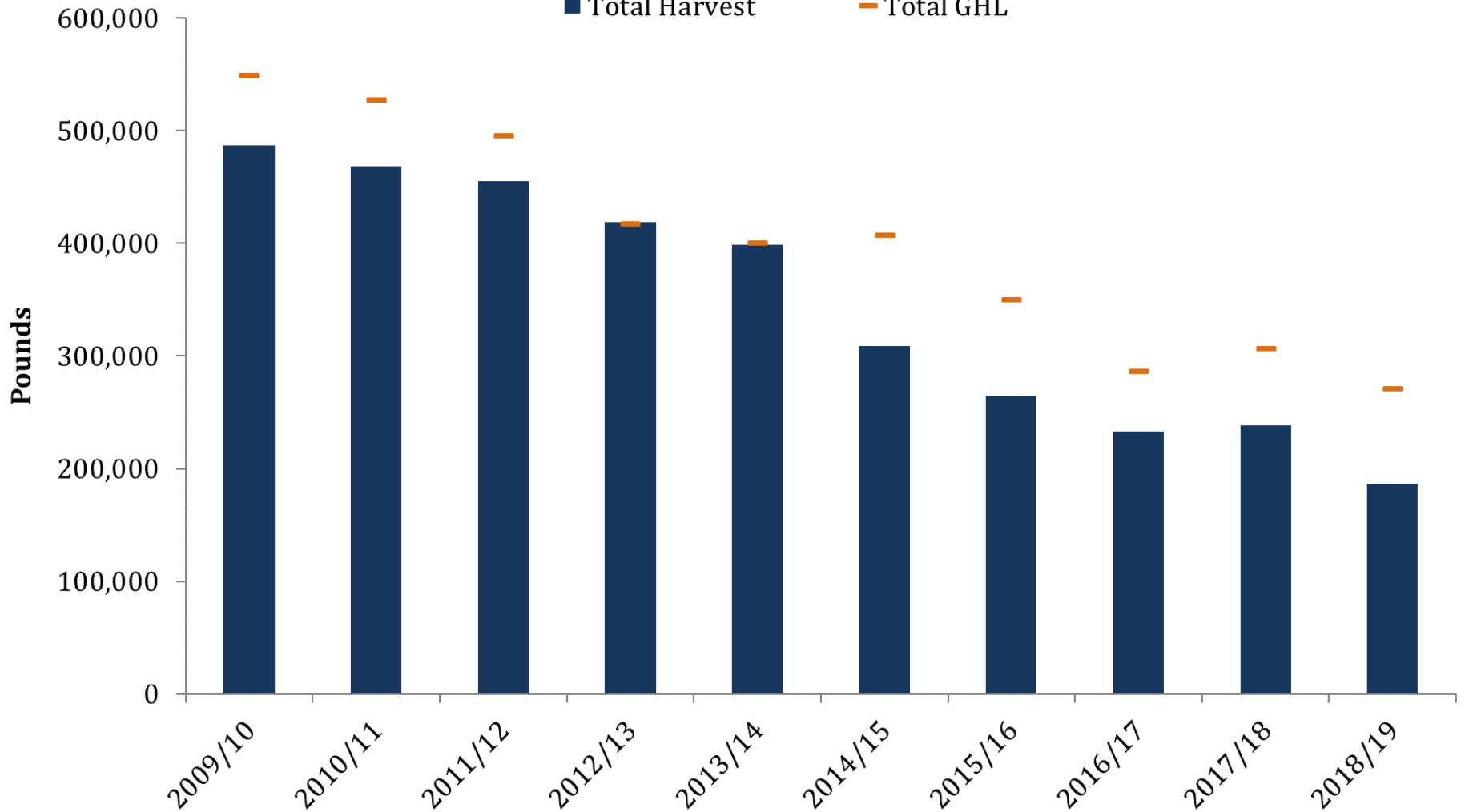
Scallop Guideline Harvest Levels

2018/19 Alaska Weathervane Scallop Guideline Harvest and Crab Bycatch Levels				
			Bycatch Limits (number of crab)	
Registration Area	District/Management Unit	GHL (pounds of shucked meat)	Tanner Crab	King Crab
Yakutat		145,000	N/A	N/A
Prince William Sound	East Kayak Subsection	Closed for the 2018/19 season		
	West Kayak Subsection	6,300	1,600	N/A
Cook Inlet	Kamishak Bay District	Closed for the 2018/19 season		
Kodiak	Northeast District	15,000	9,000	25
	Shelikof District	25,000	12,500	25
	Southwest District	30,000	18,000	25
	Southeast District	15,000	7,500	25
	Semidi Islands District ¹	Exploratory Area (Commissioner's Permit)		
Alaska Peninsula	160° to 161° W. long	7,500	3,750	25
	Unimak Bight ¹	15,000	7,500	25
Dutch Harbor	Bering Sea waters	5,000	5,000	10
	Pacific Ocean waters	Closed for the 2018/19 season		
Bering Sea		7,500	65,000	500
			C.opilio & hybrids	
			300,000	
¹ Commissioner's Permit required to harvest scallops in these areas.				

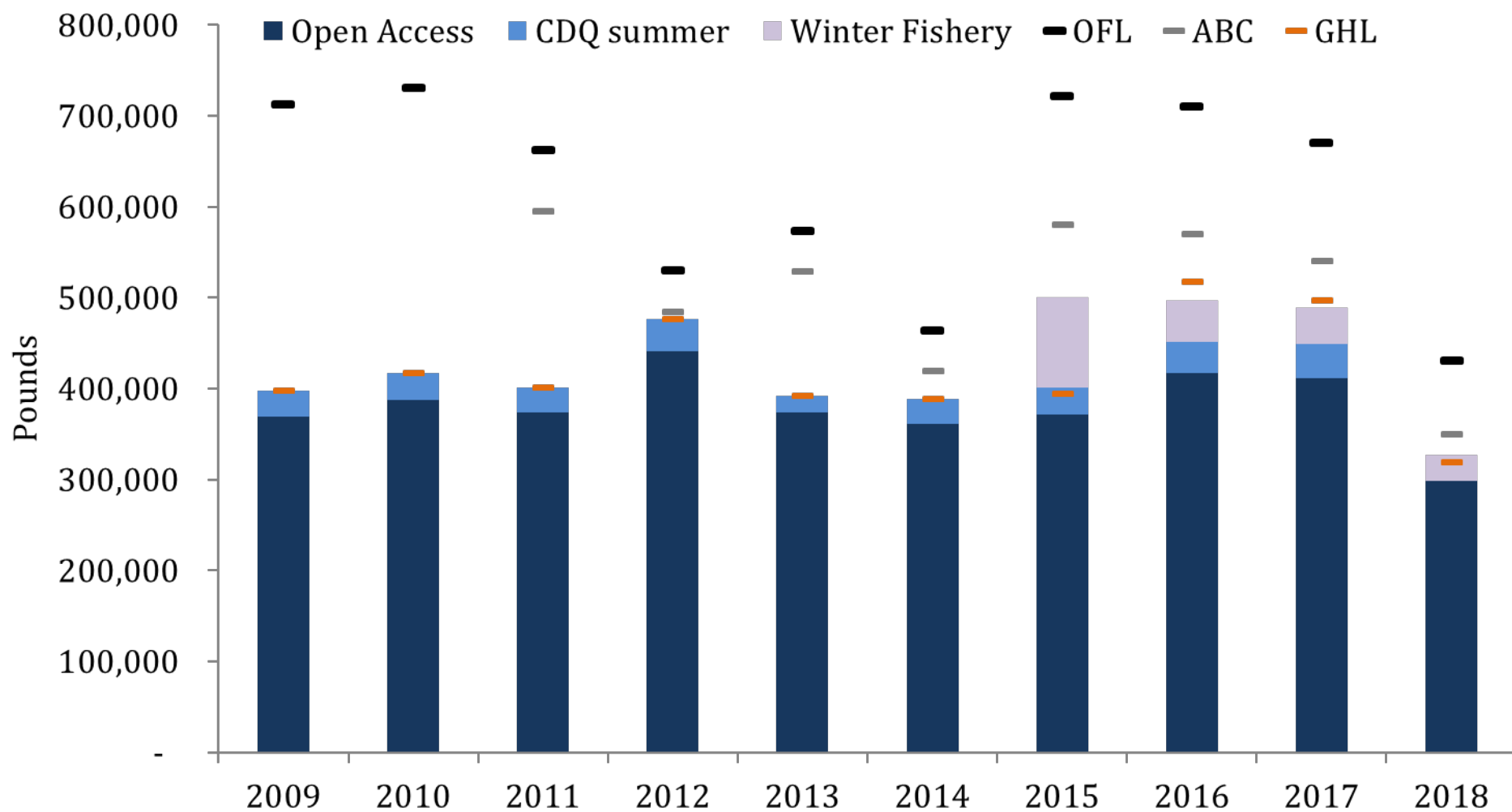
Statewide Scallop Harvest

■ Total Harvest

— Total GHL

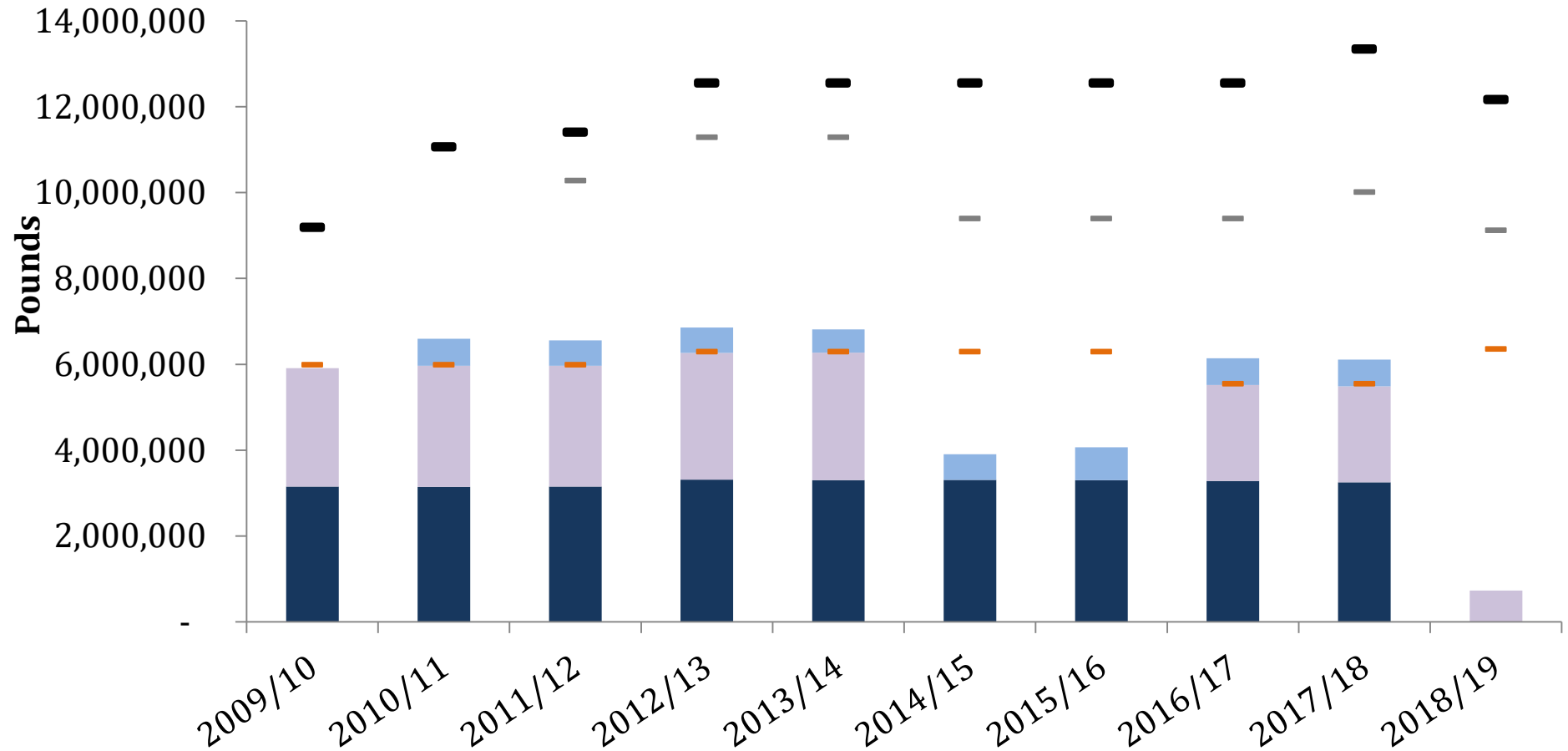


Norton Sound open access, winter and CDQ fishery



Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab

■ East IFQ/CDQ (catch) ■ West IFQ/ACA ■ Other removals ■ TAC ■ ABC ■ OFL



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Work Session – October 15-16, 2018

Public comment deadline – October 3, 2018

ACR 3 - Adopt a new harvest strategy for Aleutian Islands golden king crab that relies on annual stock assessment model outputs to set total allowable catch and stock status determination criteria (5 AAC 34.612).

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Joint Protocol Committee – October 17, 2018

BSAI, AK Peninsula, Chignik Pacific Cod Meeting – October 18-19, 2018

Public Comment Deadline – October 3, 2018

Dutch Harbor Subdistrict State waters Pacific cod fishery

- Increase the guideline harvest level to 8%, 10%, or, 20% of the Bering Sea Pacific cod acceptable biological catch;
- Close waters in Area 0 to non-pelagic trawl gear during the Pacific cod pot fishery;
- Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict;
- Limit the amount of Pacific cod onboard a vessel and require daily reports;
- Establish a fishery for vessels using mechanical jig gear.

Aleutian Islands State Waters Pacific cod fishery

- Limit fishing for Pacific cod in the Adak section of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict to vessels 60 feet or less OAL.
- If harvest of cod by CV trawl participants in the Unrestricted Fishery in 2019 prior to March 15th diminishes the ability of CV trawl participants in the AI CV Harvest Set-Aside to access the full amount of the Set-Aside, increase the AI state waters GHL in the following year on a pound for pound basis.
- Modify the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific cod guideline harvest level from year to year.

Aleutian Islands State Waters Pacific cod fishery (continued)

- Amend the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan to reduce the GHL based on processor availability.
- Limit the number of groundfish pots per vessel in the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific cod fishery.
- Repeal and replace the Aleutian Island Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan with the management measures found in the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan.
- Allow longer vessels that have to fish close to a processor due to holding capacity to fish in the Adak Section of the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict.
- Eliminate the 15 million pound cap in the Aleutian Islands Subdistrict Pacific Cod Management Plan and allow the GHL to increase to the maximum potential of 39% of the ABC.

Other Pacific cod proposals

- Resolve conflict in season opening dates between Chignik Area state-waters and parallel Pacific cod fisheries.
- Remove the weather delay provision for jig gear vessels during the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery.

All proposals can be viewed online at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fisheriesboard.proposalbook>

Chinook Salmon

- The 3 – system index of inriver adult Chinook salmon run sizes from the Unalakleet, Upper Yukon, and Kuskoskim rivers is 225,908 (below the 250,000 fish threshold)

Questions?