

Chinook Salmon Management Challenges in the Yukon River

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Yukon River Watershed

The United States and Canada Yukon River Joint Technical Committee

Project Location by Type

- Water
- Waste
- Land filling/landfill
- Land use
- Water resources and supply

Feature

- Stream and Lake
- Stream
- International boundary
- US-Canada border
- Canada-United States border
- 1:100,000 (1:500,000 / 1:1,000,000)

Population

Yukon in Yukon region

- 1 - 10,000
- 10,000 - 50,000
- 50,000 - 100,000
- 100,000 - 200,000
- 200,000 - 500,000

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- 1 - 10,000
- 10,000 - 50,000
- 50,000 - 100,000
- 100,000 - 200,000
- 200,000 - 500,000

Legend for symbols:

- International town and village
- US town and village
- Canadian town and village

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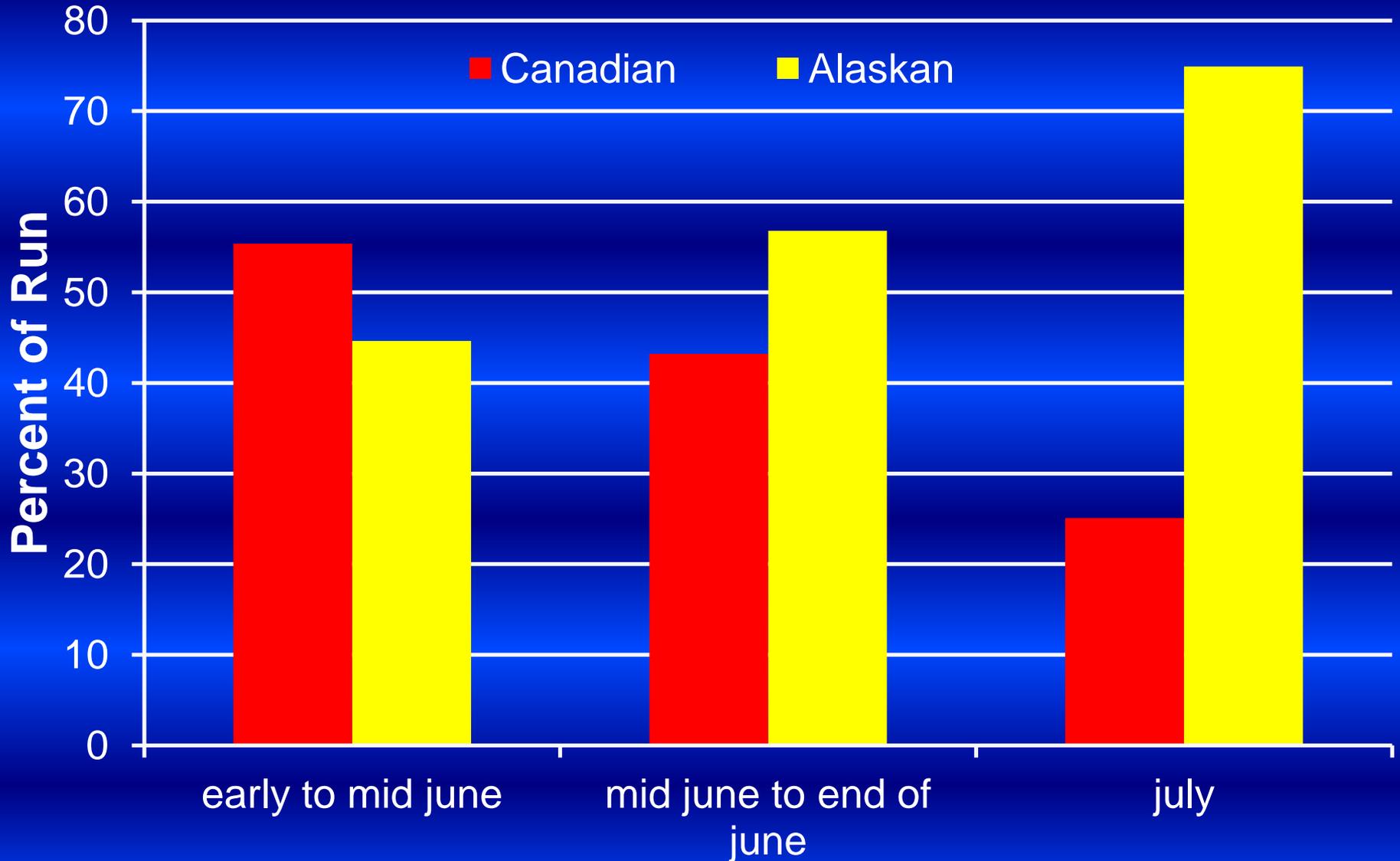

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Canadian



Trends observed since 2005

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Project Location by Type

- Water
- Power
- Non-fishing habitat
- Wild
- Water resources and habitat

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Population

Yukon in Yukon region

- 0 - 1,000
- 1,001 - 5,000
- 5,001 - 10,000
- 10,001 - 25,000
- 25,001 - 50,000

Yukon in Yukon region

- 0 - 1,000
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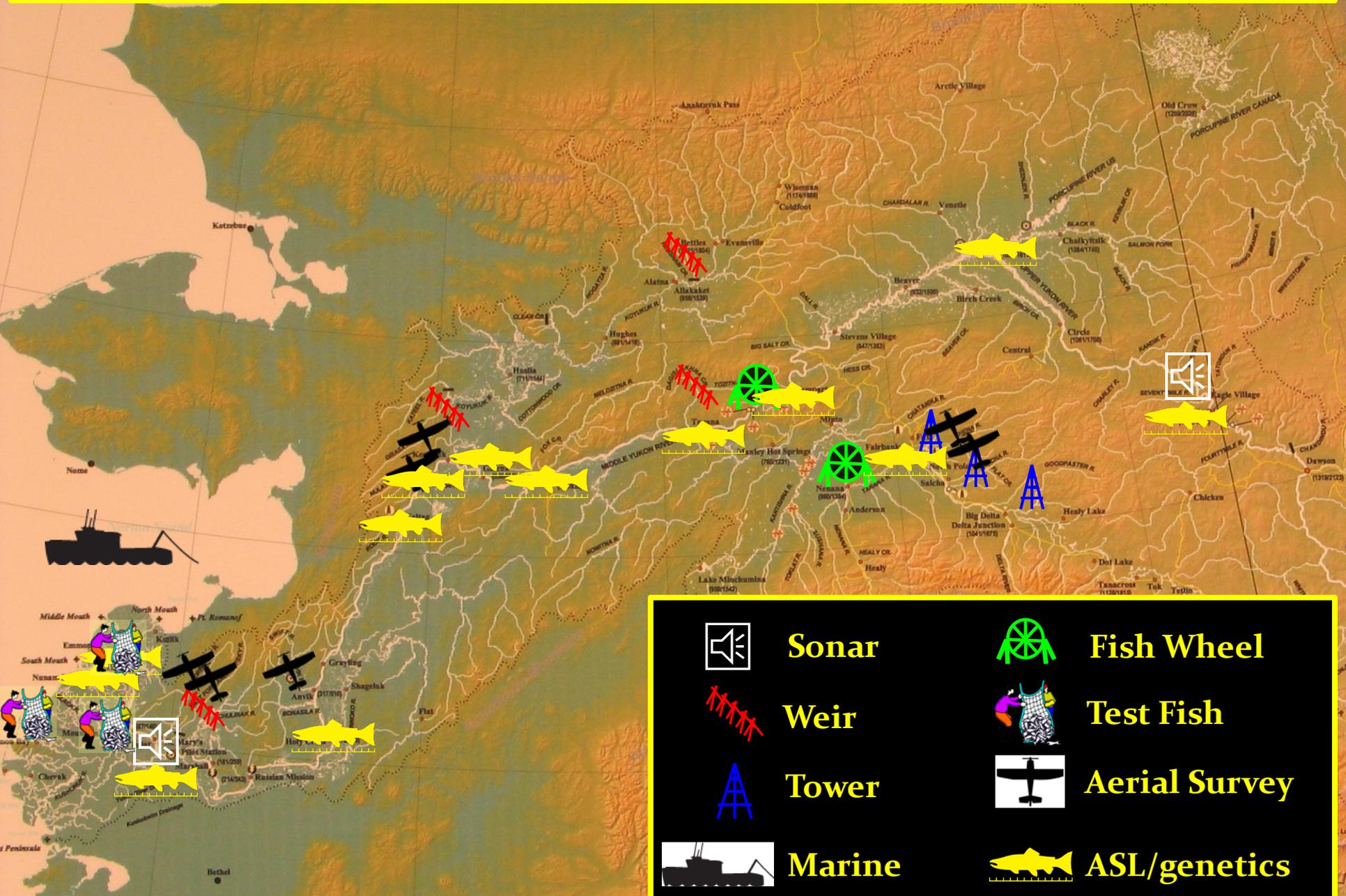
Canadian

Goals of Yukon Chinook Management

1. Ensure escapements are adequate to sustain future runs and provide for harvest through sustained yield principle.
2. Endeavor to meet escapement and harvest sharing objectives under agreement between U.S. and Canada.
3. Provide for subsistence harvest as priority use consistent with sustained yield principle.
4. Provide for healthy and sustainable commercial and recreational fisheries on surplus fish in excess of escapement and subsistence needs.

Research and Assessment

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Sonar



Fish Wheel



Weir



Test Fish



Tower



Aerial Survey

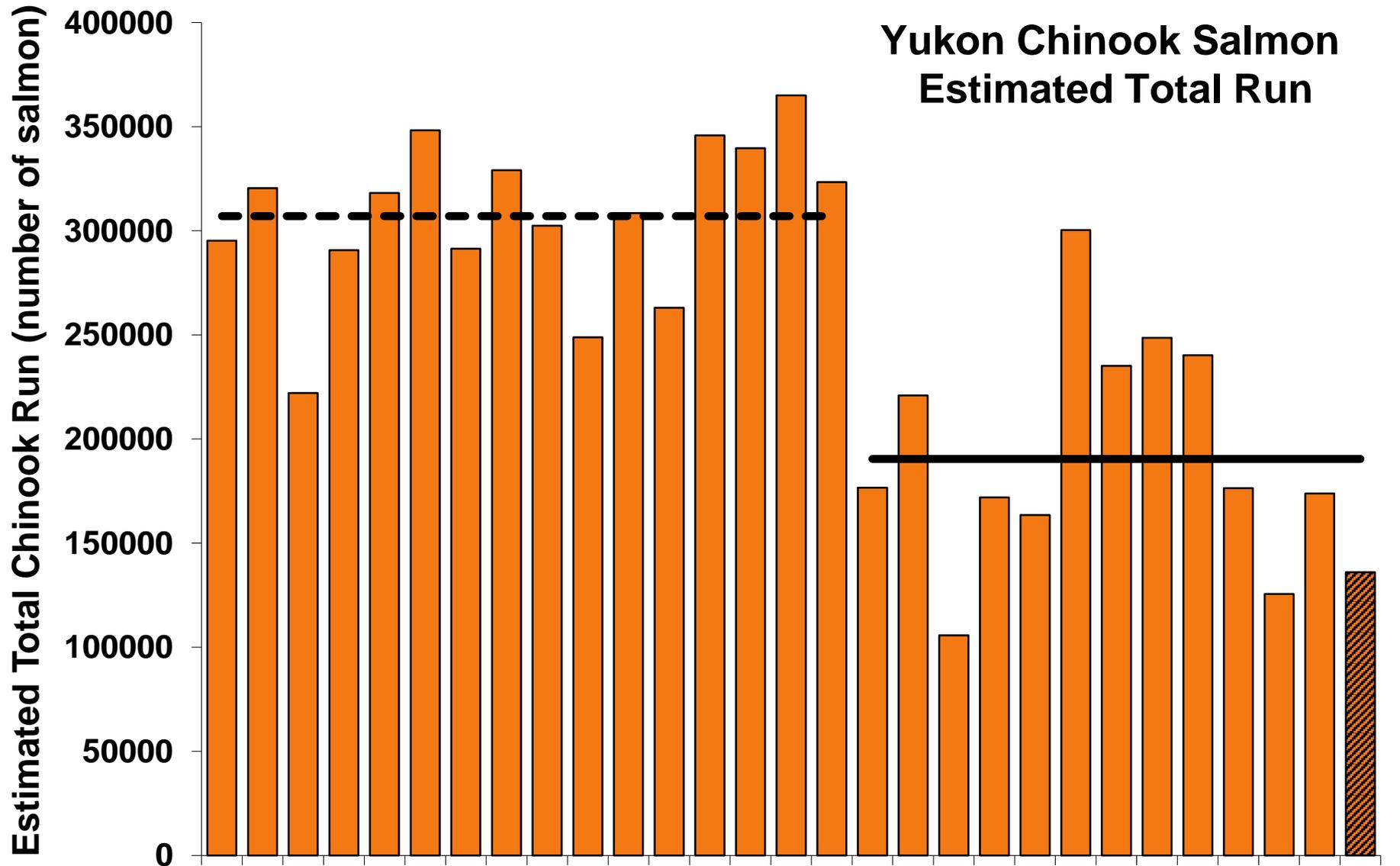


Marine



ASL/genetics

Yukon Chinook Salmon Estimated Total Run

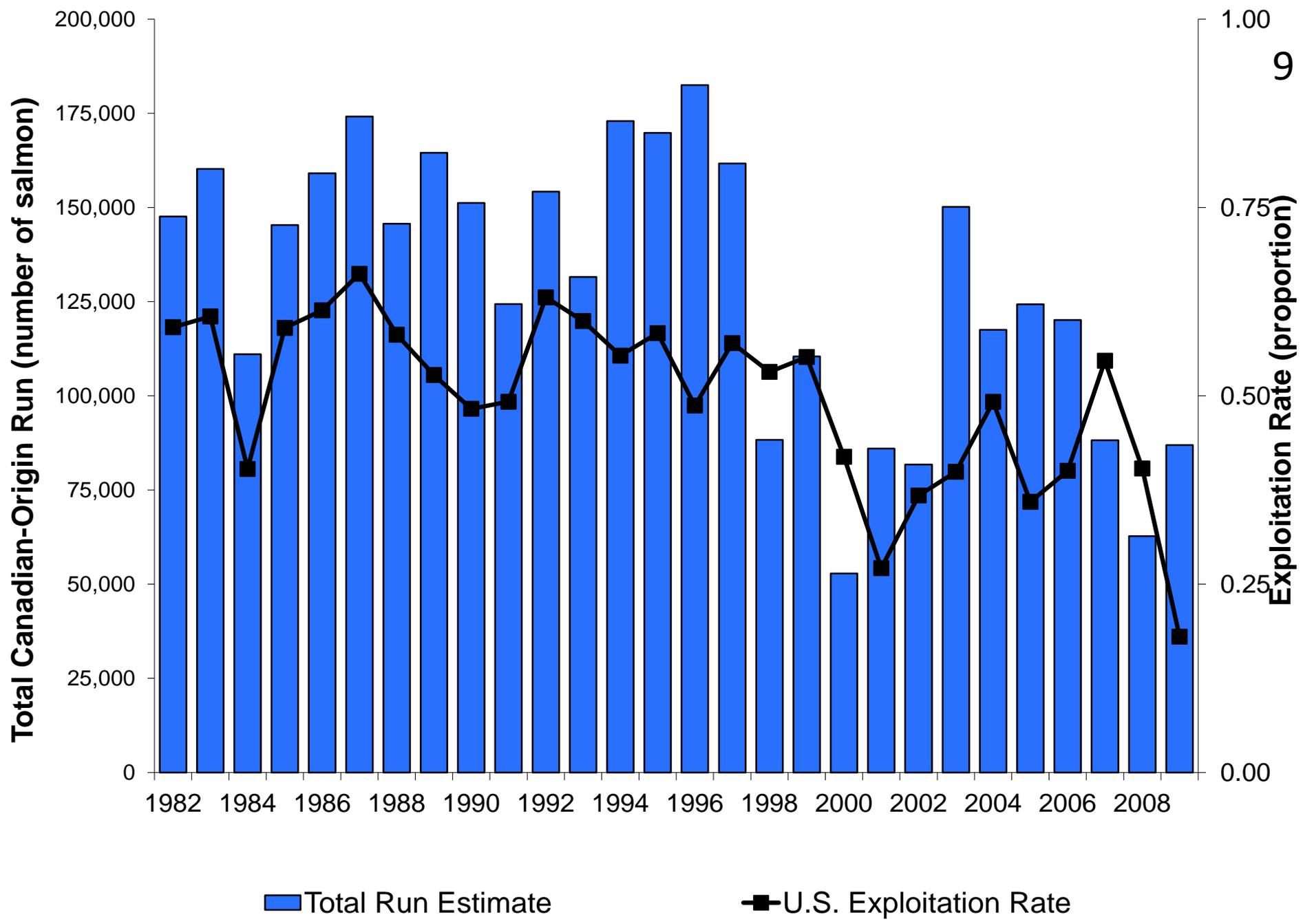


--- Historical Average (1982-1997)

— Contemporary Average (1998-2010)

Challenges to Management

- Reduce exploitation



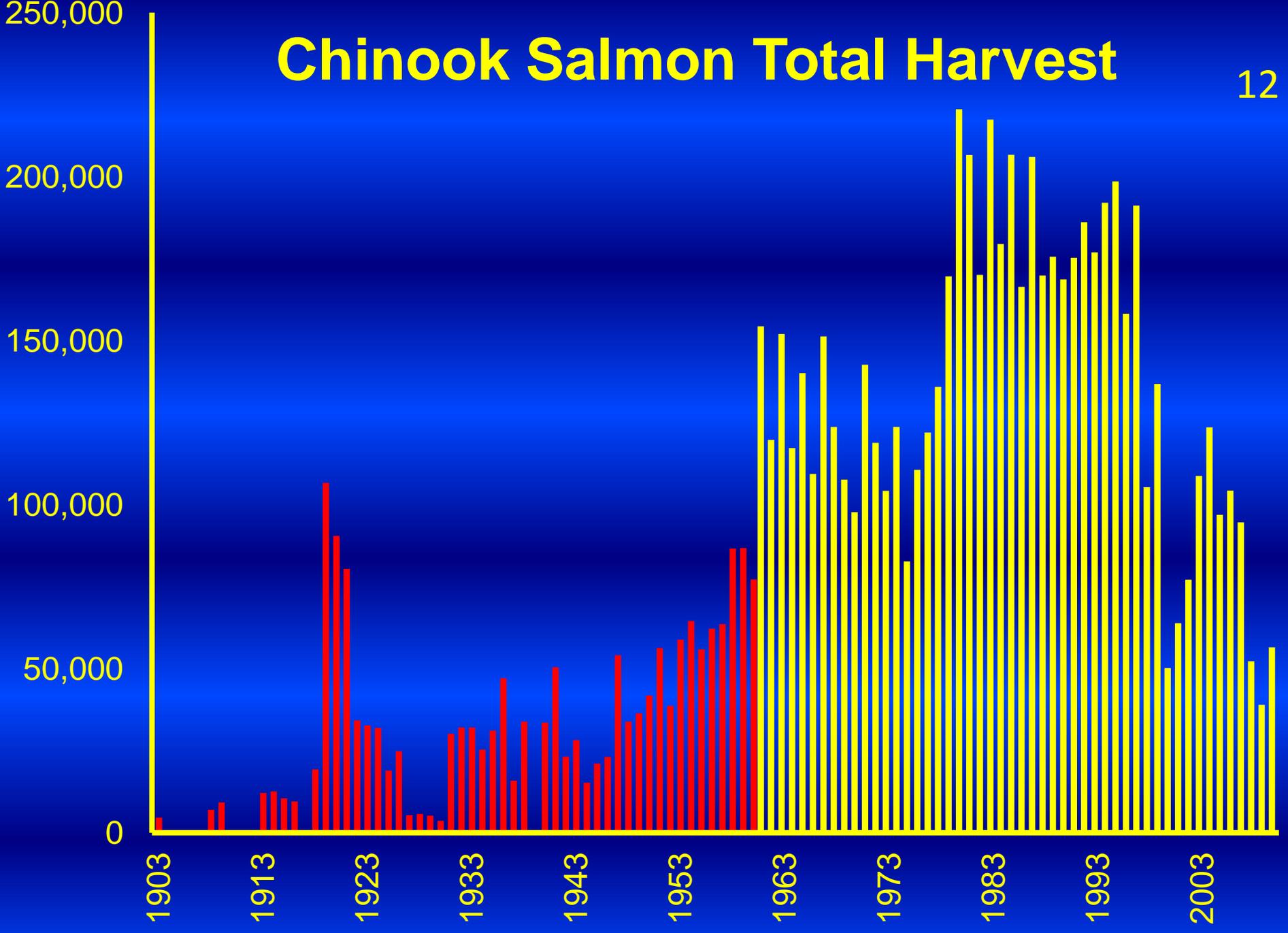
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 - Cost to Users
- Data Limitations
 - Accuracy & Precision
 - Time Series

Chinook Salmon Total Harvest

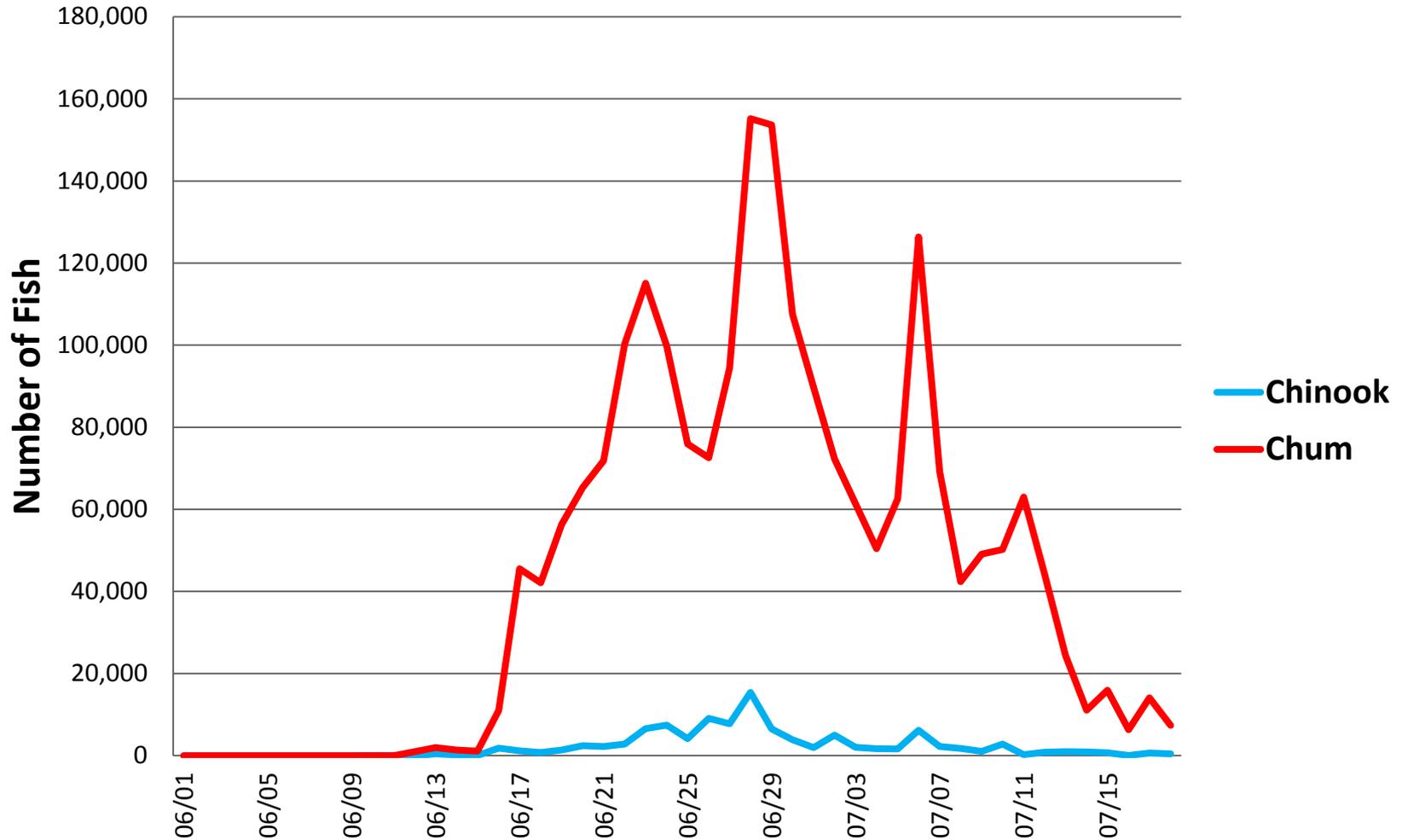


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- Reduce exploitation
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- Conservation and Other Fisheries
 - Chinook & Summer Chum

Chinook and Chum Overlap

Pilot Station Sonar Passage 2012



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 - Chinook & Summer Chum
 - Focused Management, Gear Type

Questions?

