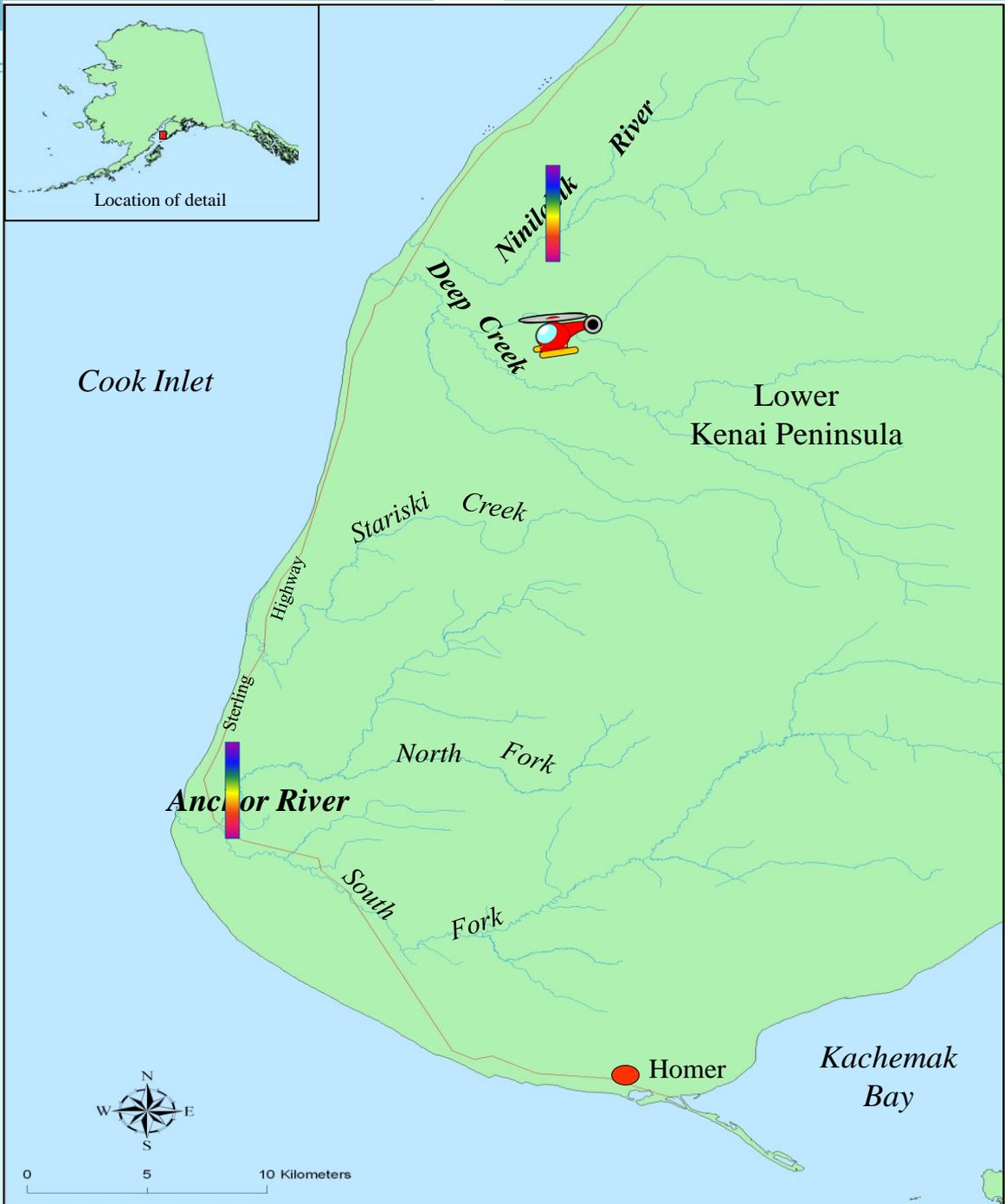


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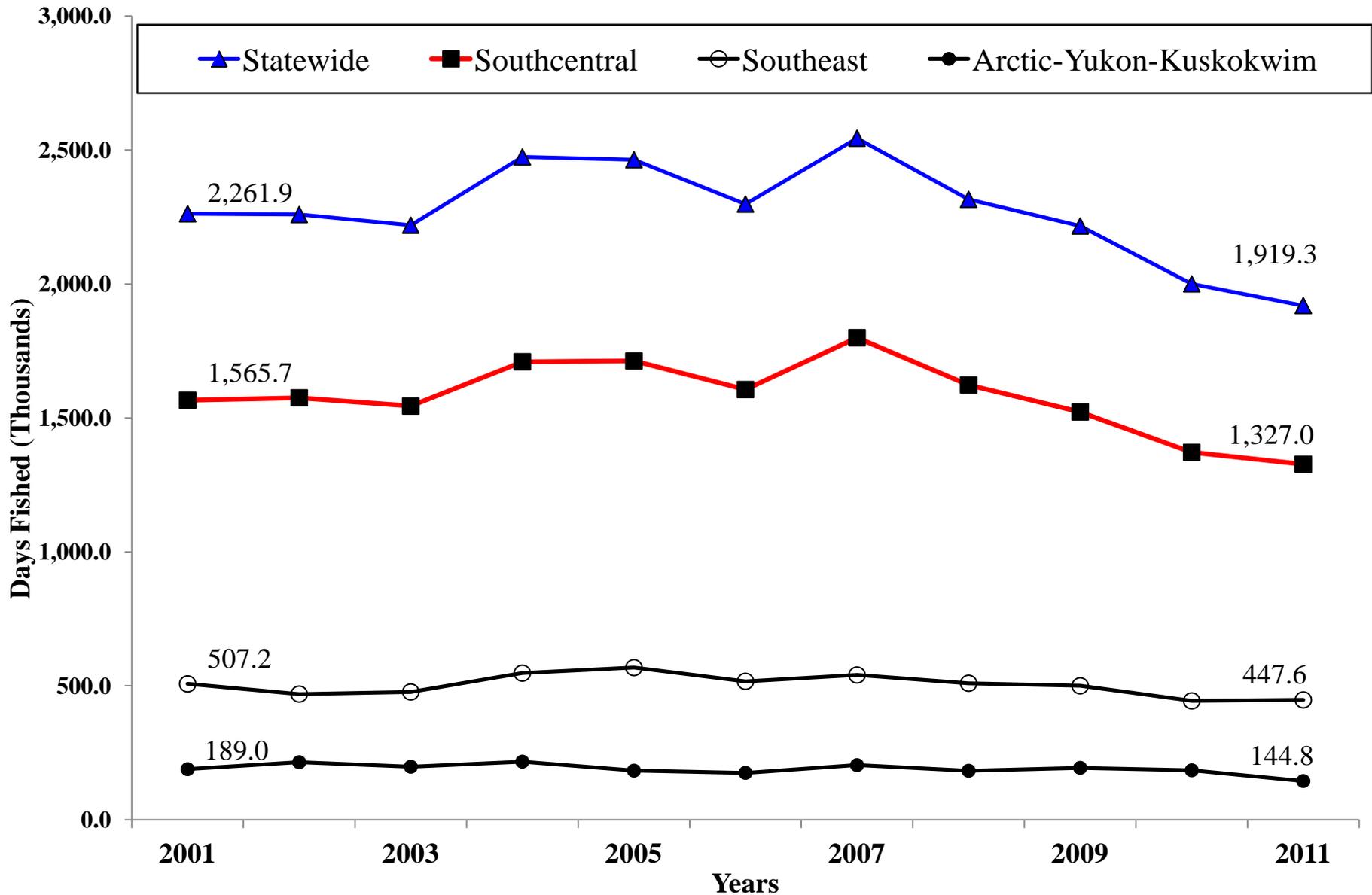
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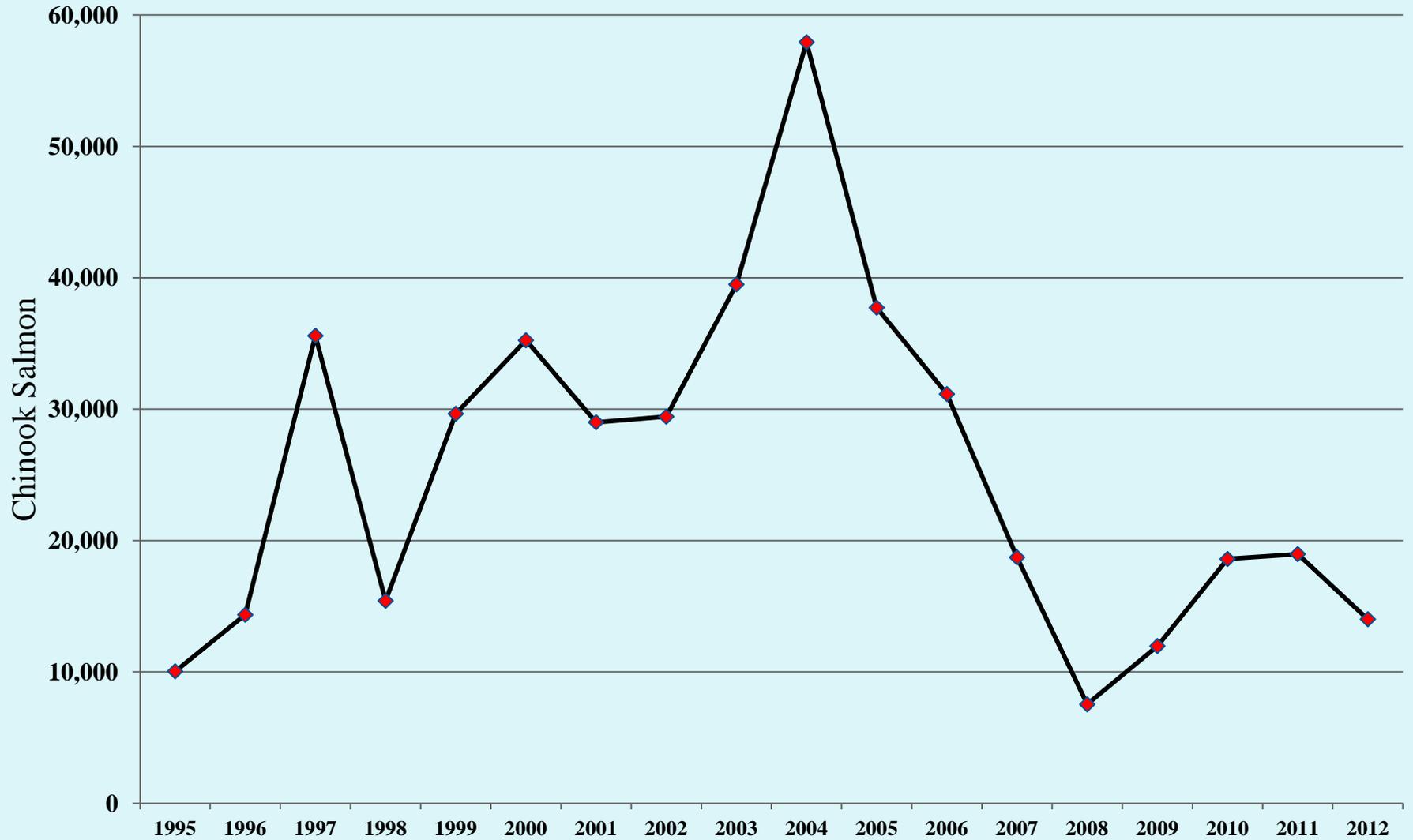




Estimated angler-days fished in Alaska, statewide and by region, 2001-2011



Deshka River Chinook Salmon Weir Estimates



Challenges to Inseason Sport Fishery Management

- Primary challenges
 - Forecasting
 - Timely inseason run abundance information
 - Recent trend of escapements
 - Run timing information
- Secondary challenges
 - High effort
 - Complex regulations
 - Emergency orders
 - Ballooning effects

2012 Chinook Salmon Management Measures

- Susitna River
 - Preseason actions
 - Inseason actions } Five Emergency Orders
- Kenai/Kasilof River
 - Preseason actions
 - Inseason actions } Twelve Emergency Orders
- Lower Cook Inlet streams
 - Preseason actions
 - Inseason actions } Eight Emergency Orders



Anchor River Weir