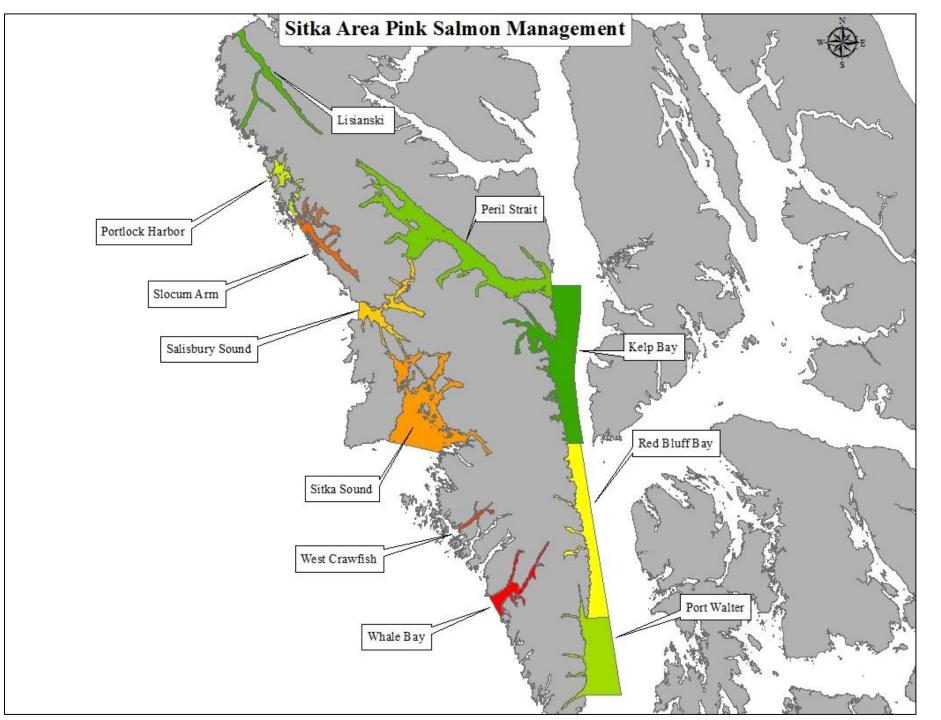
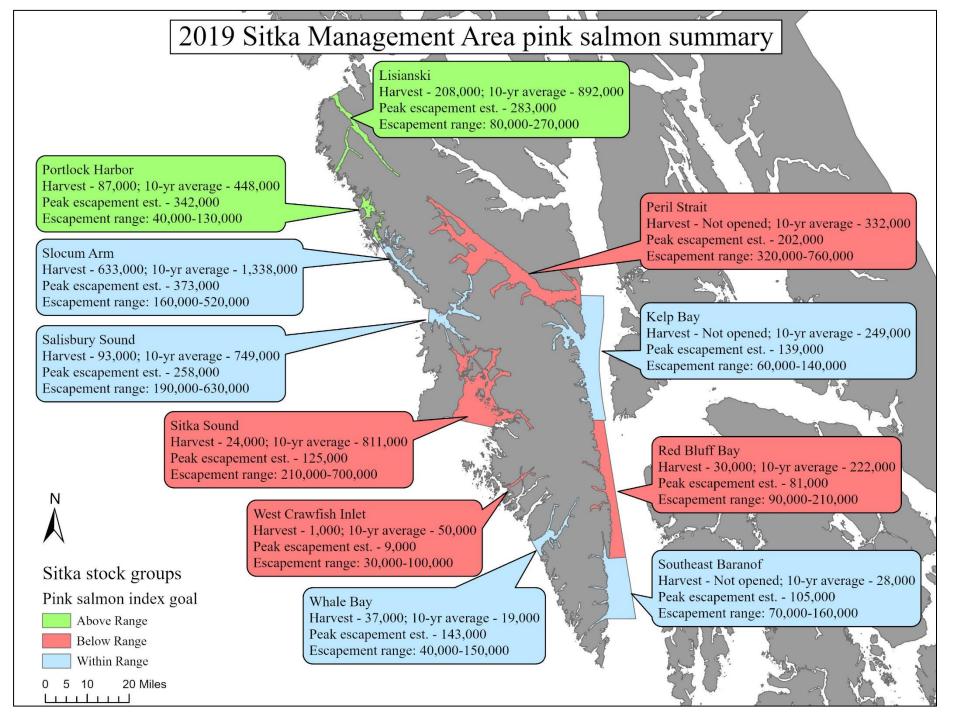
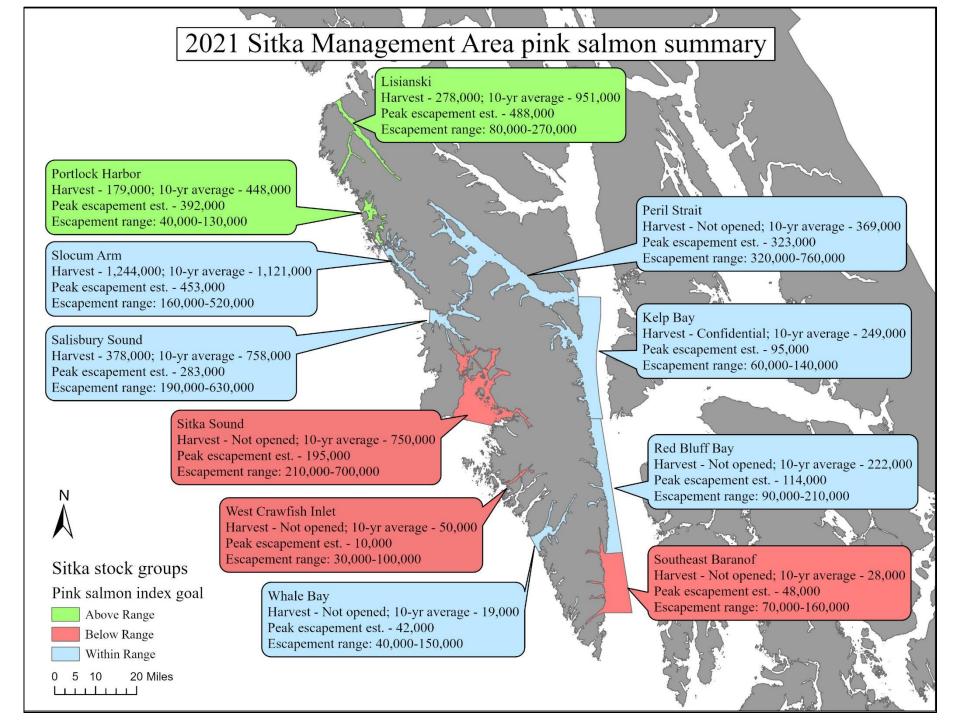
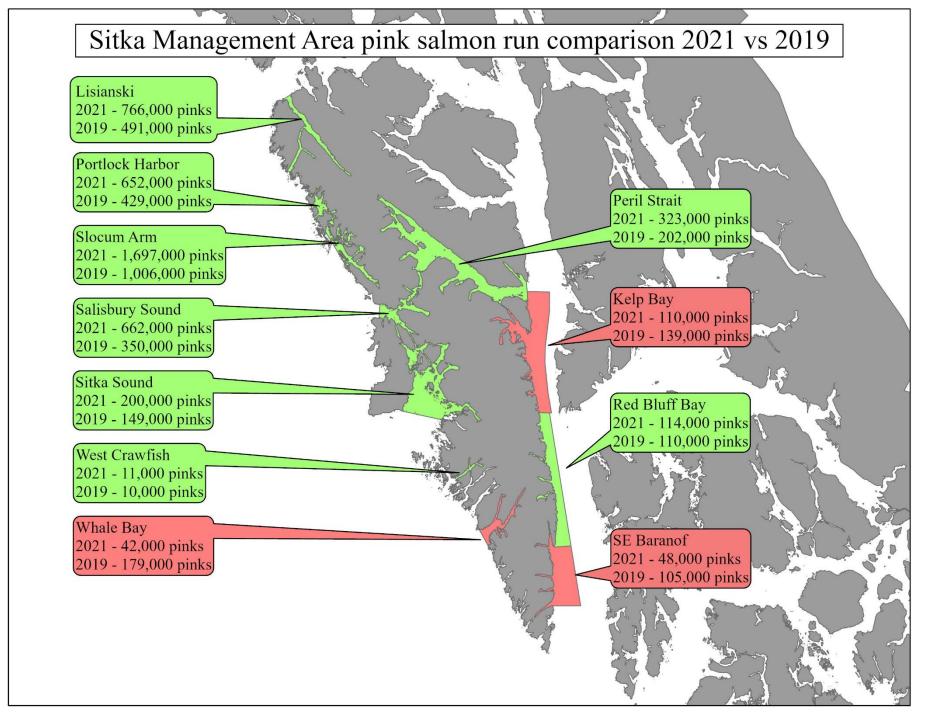
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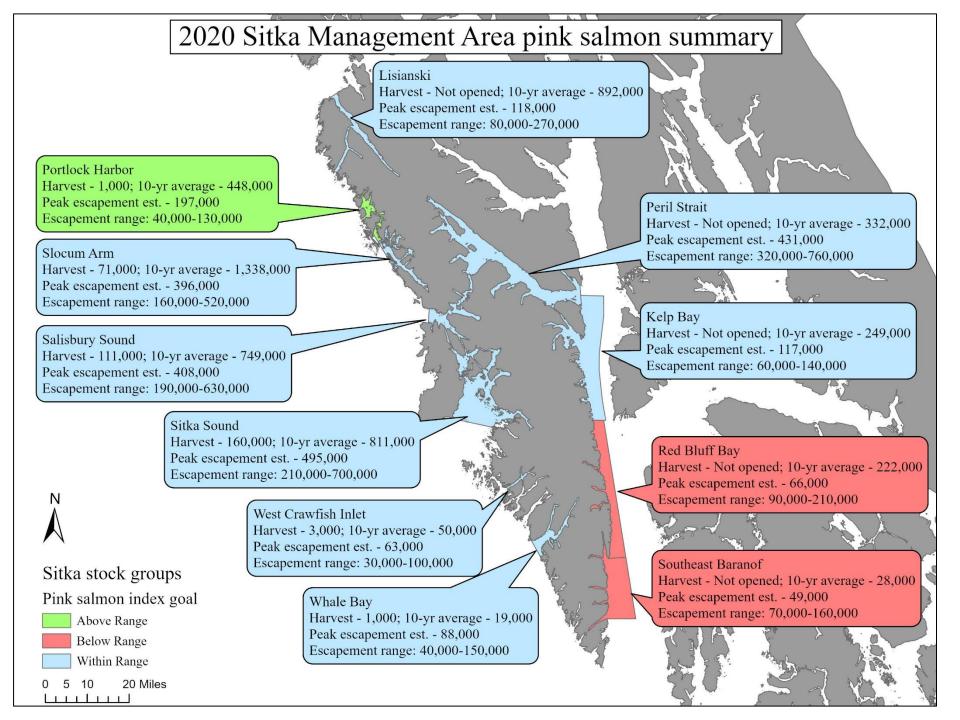
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2021 chum salmon

• Monitored wild chum salmon runs performed poorly within the Sitka Management Area in 2021.

• Peak chum salmon escapements were below management targets for both inside and outside areas.

• There were no seine openings in the Sitka Management Area to target wild chum salmon in 2021.

2021 chum salmon: West Crawfish Inlet

• Continued use of seine openings to reduce negative impacts of straying hatchery produced chum salmon.

• Openings were concurrent with Deep Inlet and Crawfish Inlet THA openings.

• Boundaries similar to previous years and chosen to reduce impacts on wild stocks and reduce conflict with the troll fishery.

• Few chum salmon were present in W. Crawfish Inlet chum salmon index stream in September.

2021 chum salmon: Silver Bay

• Large numbers of chum salmon were observed staged by Sawmill Creek in late August.

• Opening occurred on September 2 and was concurrent with Deep Inlet and Crawfish/West Crawfish Inlet openings.

• Boundaries chosen to target fish staging by Sawmill Creek and to keep fishing activity away from sensitive areas.

• Chum salmon harvest was smaller than expected.

Questions?