

Review of Salmon Escapement Goals in the Bristol Bay Management Area, 2021



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Presentation Objectives

- Introduce escapement goal policies
- Explain review process
- Summarize results and findings

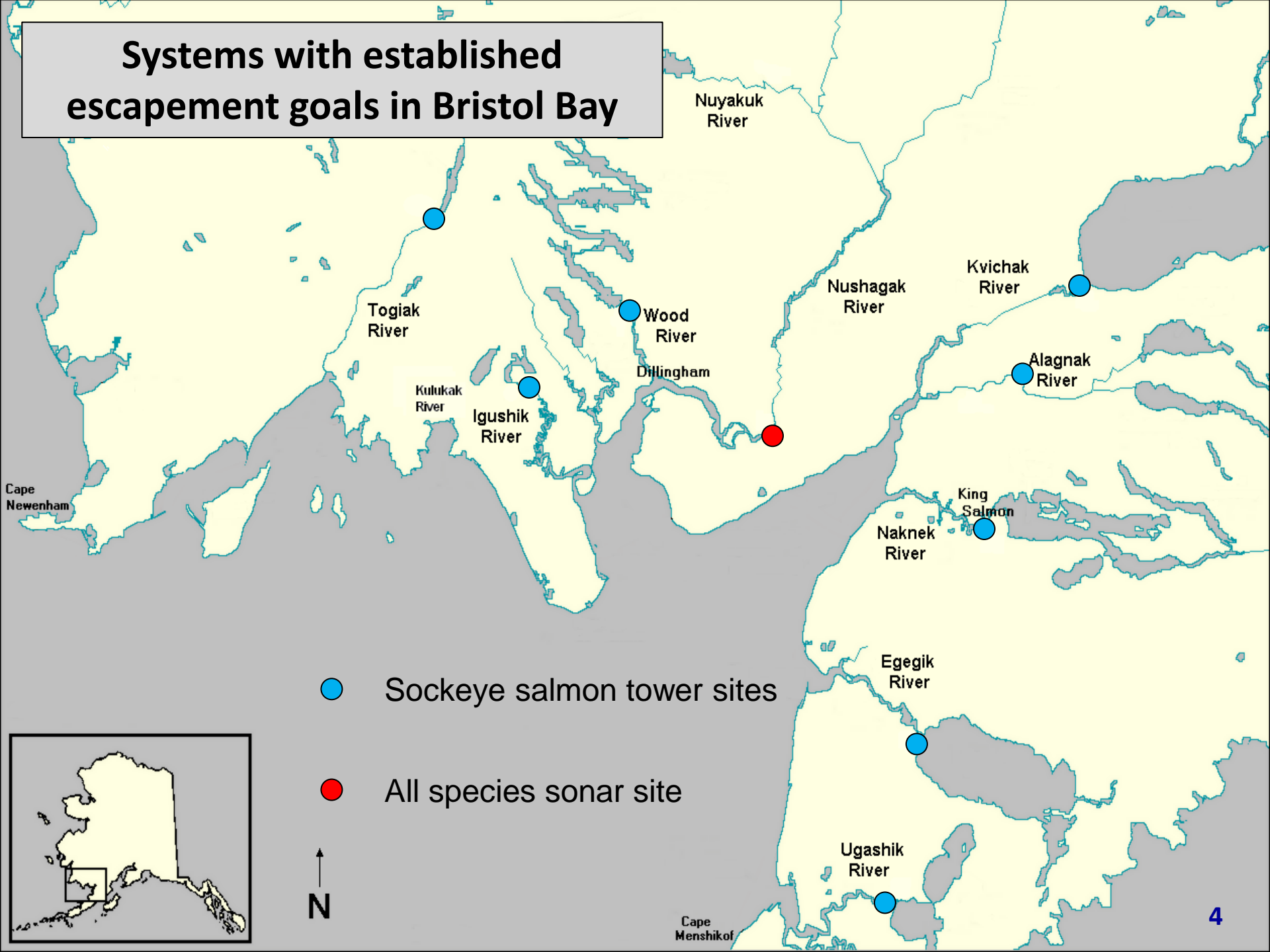


Escapement Goal Policies

- Policy for the Management of Sustainable Salmon Fisheries (SSFP; 5 AAC 39.222)
- Policy for Statewide Salmon Escapement Goals (5 AAC 39.223)
- Goals are adopted to ensure salmon stocks are conserved, managed, and developed using the sustained yield principle



Systems with established escapement goals in Bristol Bay



Existing Escapement Goals

King salmon: 1 stock

Nushagak River

Chum salmon: 1 stock

Nushagak River

Coho salmon: 1 stock

Nushagak River

Pink salmon (even years): 1 stock

Nushagak River

Sockeye salmon: 9 stocks

Alagnak, Egegik, Igushik, Kvichak, Naknek,
Nushagak, Togiak, Ugashik, and Wood rivers



A reminder...

- Current board cycle out of sequence
- Analyses ran in 2020 in preparation for the 2021 meeting
- Analyses were not updated to reflect the added year due to COVID delay

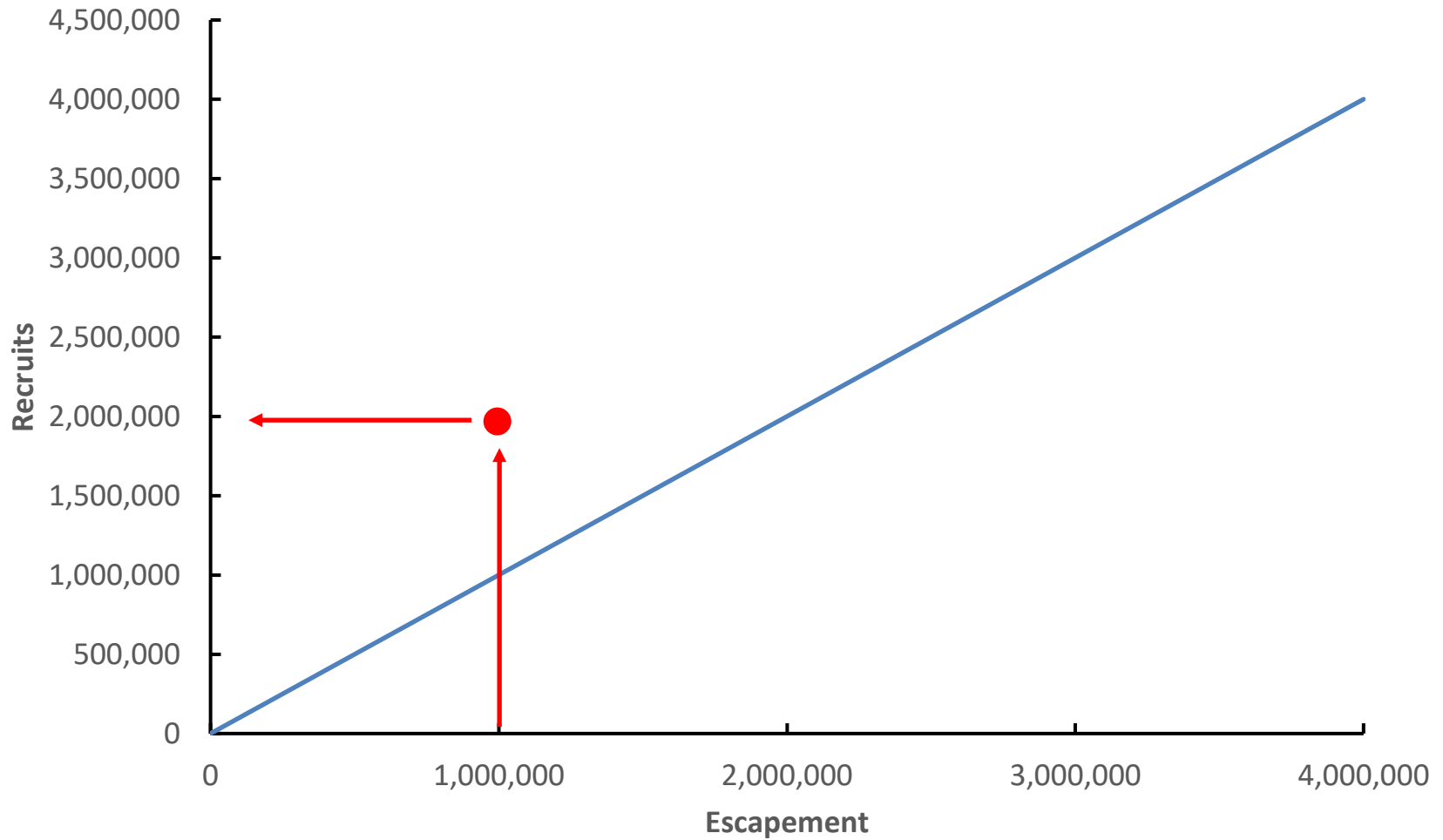


Review of sockeye salmon escapement goals

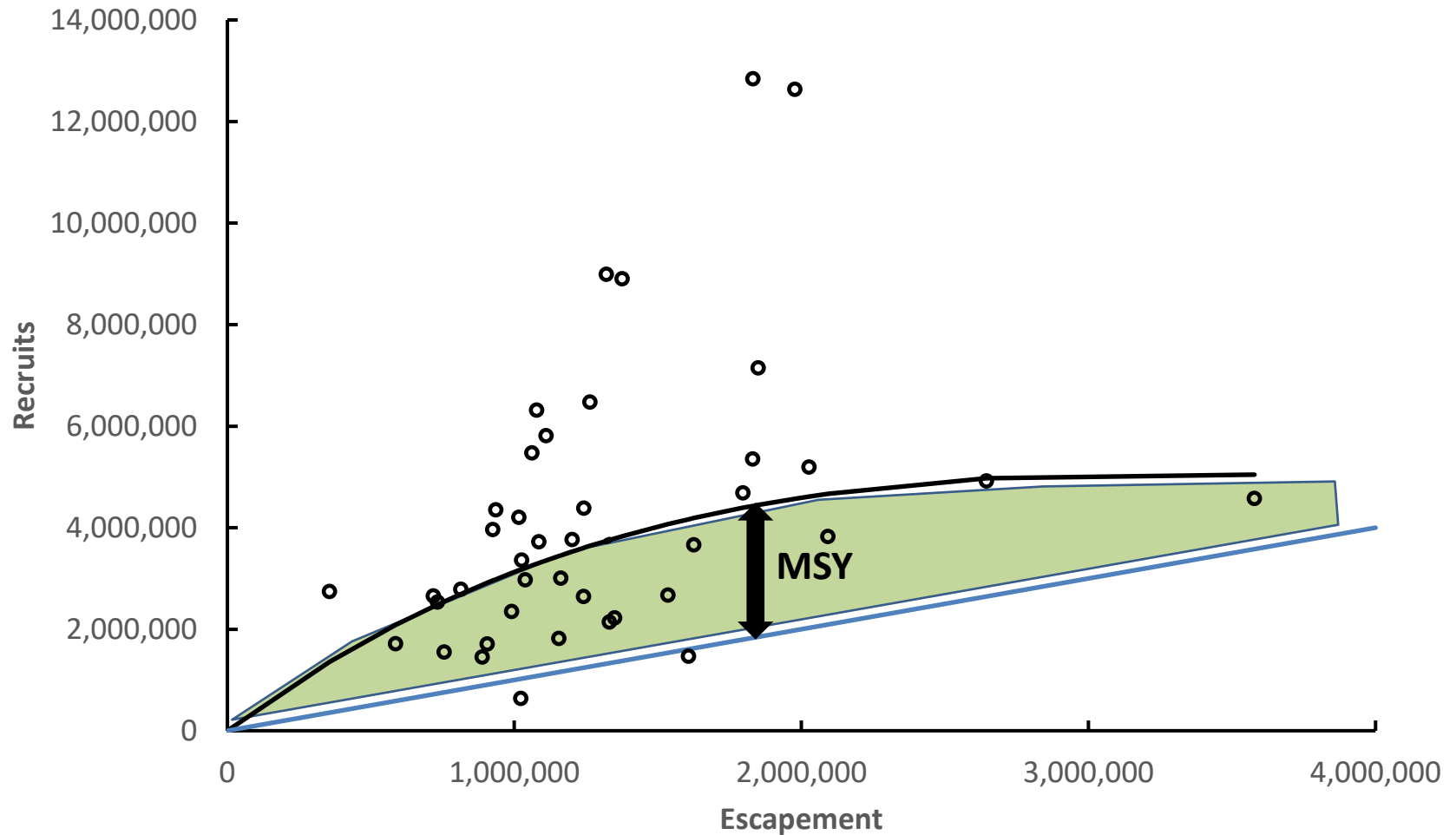


- Goals implemented in 2015 were developed from 2012 review process.
 - Biologic and economic implications of raising goals
- No changes in 2018 except Alagnak River
- Updated the time series for completed returns through 2020 for this review

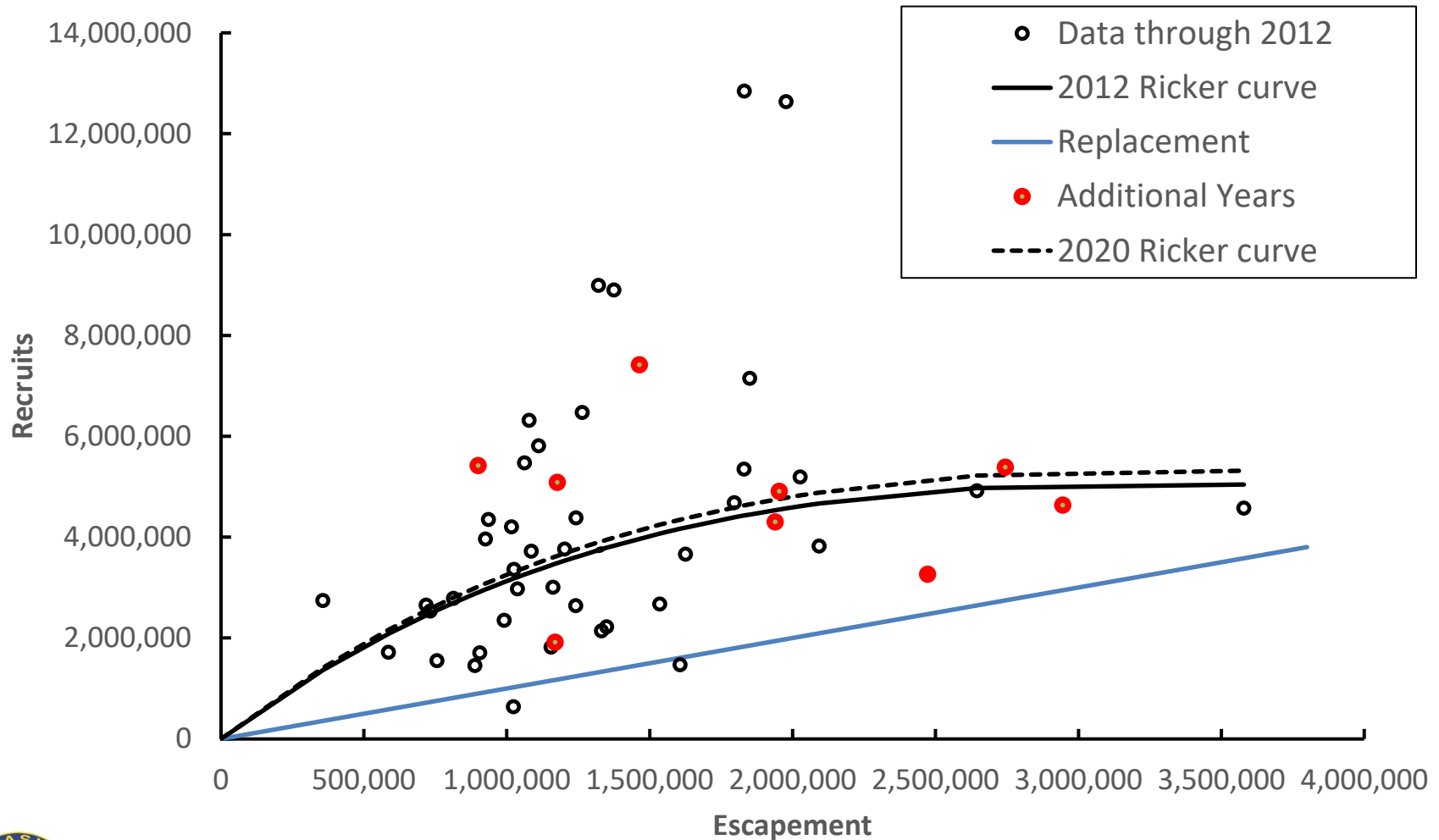
Ricker stock-recruit



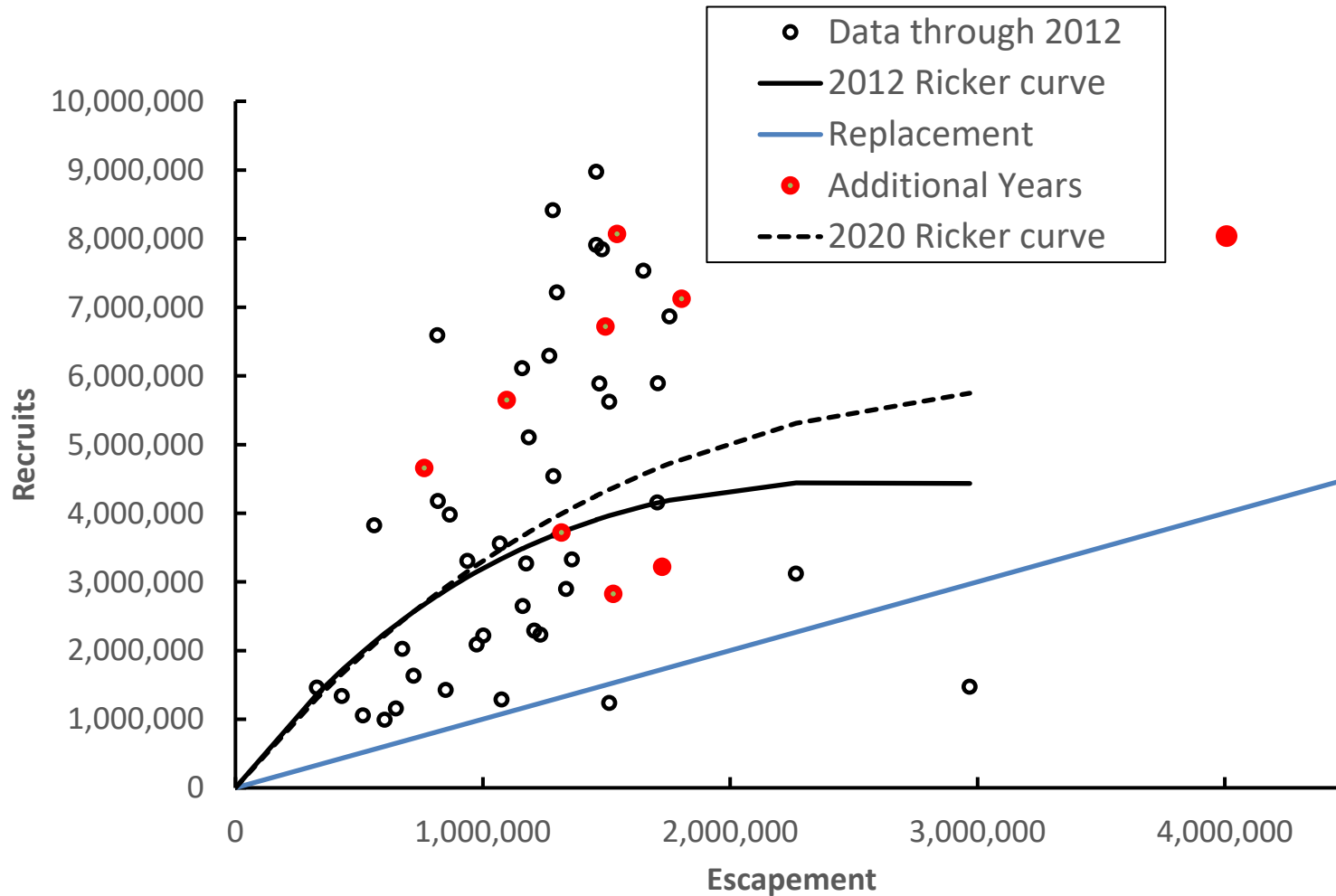
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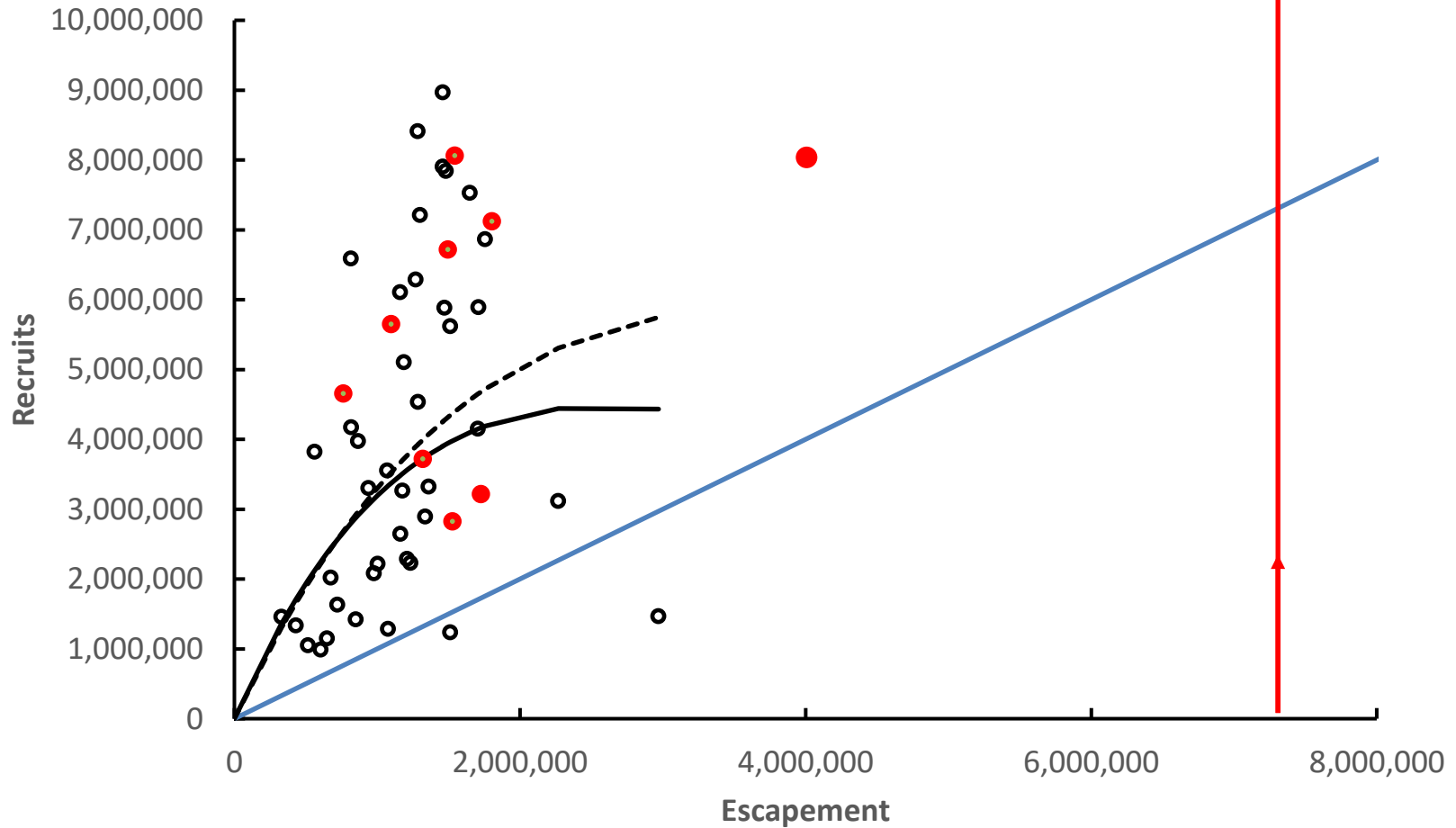
Naknek River sockeye salmon stock-recruit (an example)



Wood River sockeye salmon stock-recruit



Wood River sockeye salmon stock-recruit



Sockeye salmon recommendations

- All sockeye goals reviewed by committee besides Alagnak River
- No changes at this time
- More information from large returns for next board cycle



Review of Nushagak River king salmon



- Current SEG is 55,000 – 120,000
- Updated spawner-recruit analysis to include most recent completed brood years
- Corrections made to errors from previous review
- No changes at this time

Review of other escapement goals

- Full stock recruit analyses for Nushagak River pink, chum, and coho salmon stocks were not completed



Summary

- All salmon goals reviewed
- All sockeye salmon goals and Nushagak king salmon analyzed (except Alagnak)
- Pink, chum, and coho not analyzed
- No changes at this time



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