# South Alaska Peninsula and Chignik Commercial Fisheries Chum and King Salmon Harvest Genetic Stock Composition Sampling 2022–2025

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- King – South Peninsula
- King – Chignik

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- Chum – South Peninsula
- King – South Peninsula
- King – Chignik

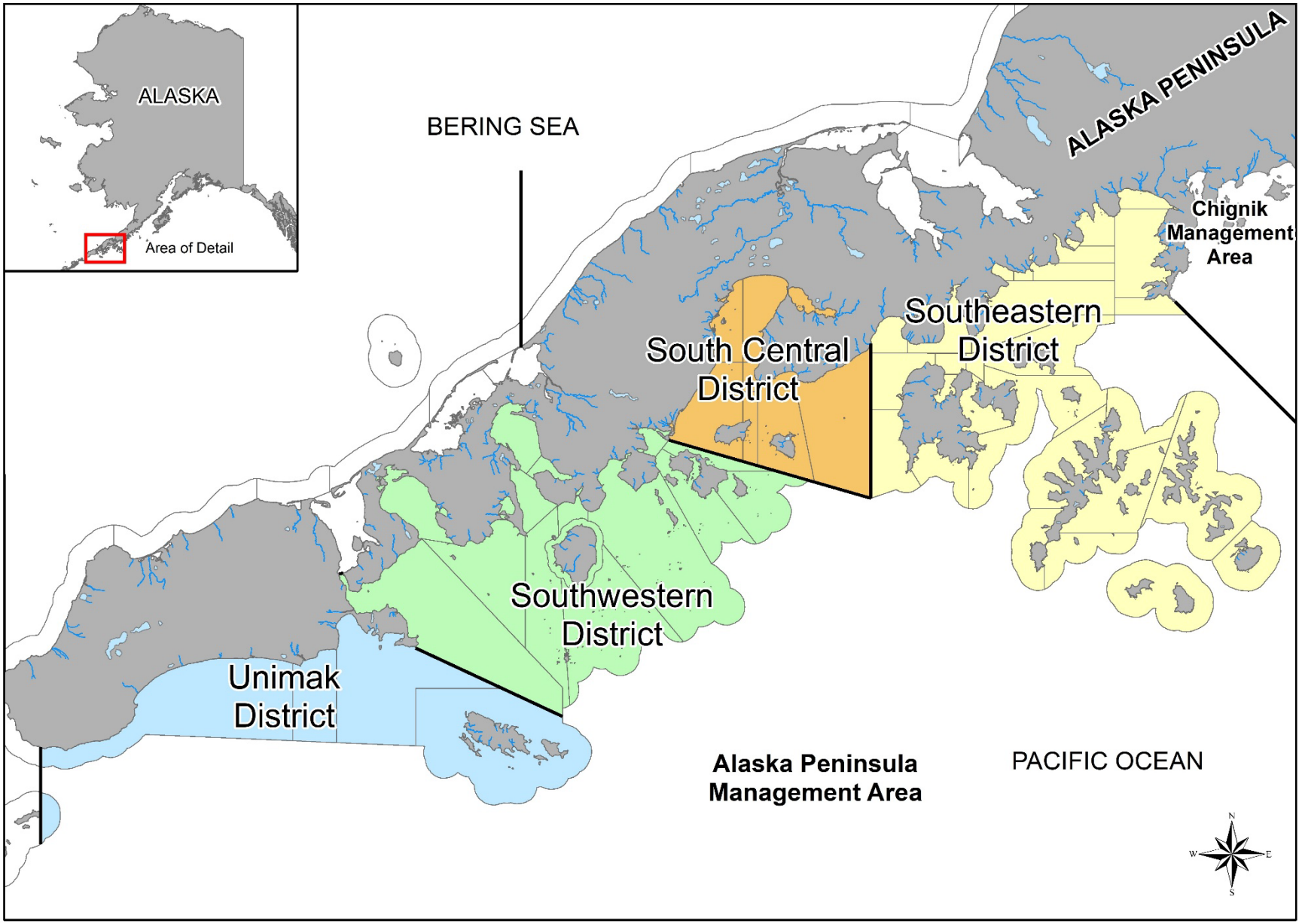
# Study Background

| Area - Species | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
|  South Peninsula - Chum | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
|  South Peninsula - King | | | Post-June Tissue Only Opportunistic | ✓ |
|  Chignik - King | | | | Opportunistic |

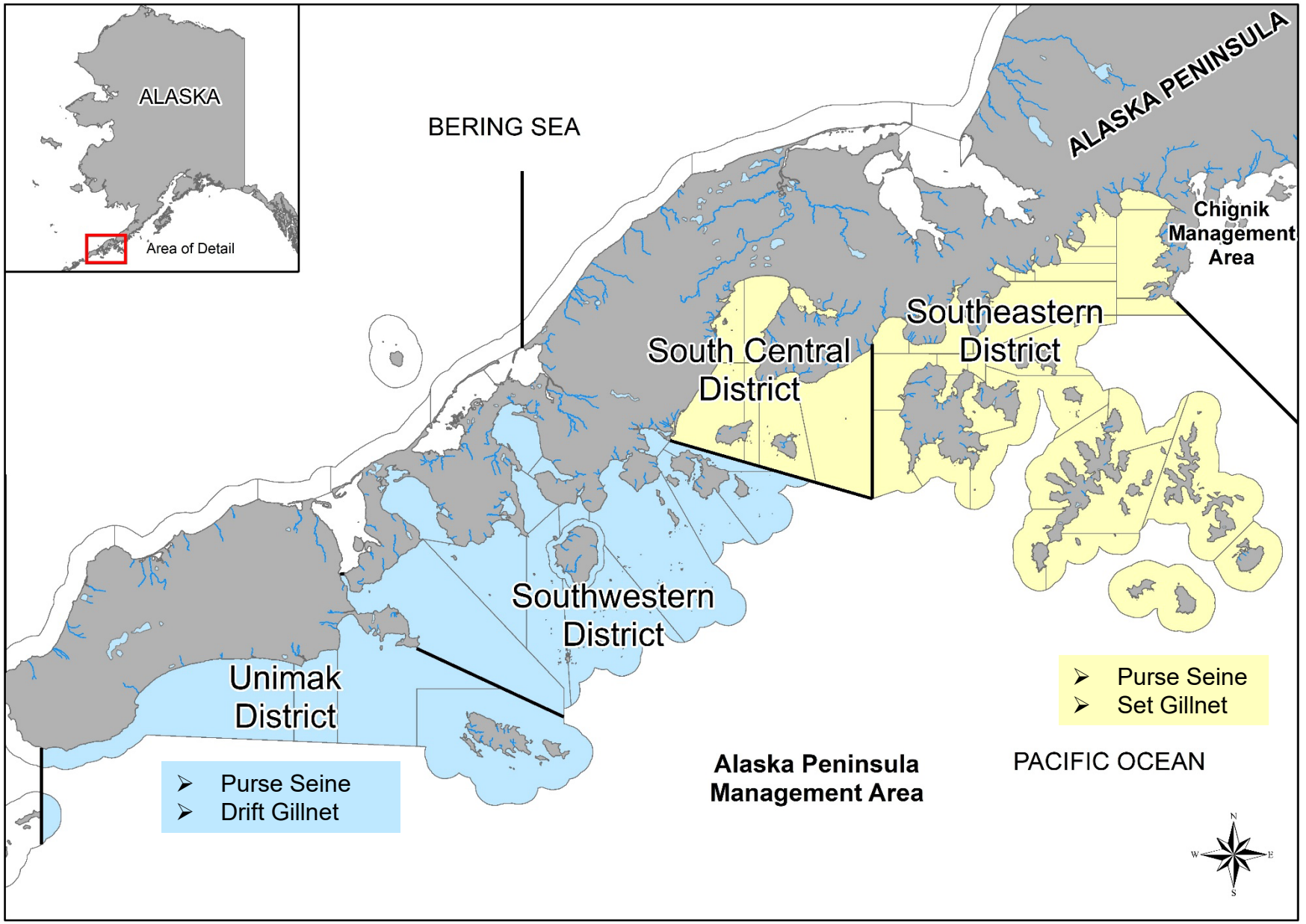
# Objectives

- Sample tissue (pelvic fin)
- Estimate age and length
- Genotype
- Estimate stock composition

# South Alaska Peninsula Management Area Districts



# South Alaska Peninsula Study Geographical Areas



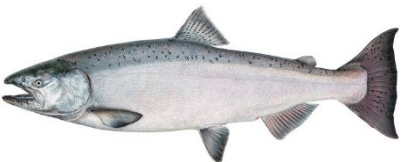
# Study Design – South Peninsula Chum

| | | Geographical Areas (Districts) | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Southeastern and South Central** | **Unimak and Southwestern** |
| **Seine** | **June** | 4 x 380 | 4 x 380 |
| | **July** | 3 x 380 | 3 x 380 |
| | **August** | 2 x 380 | 2 x 380 |
| **Gillnet** | **June** | 1 x 380 | 4 x 380 |
| | **July** | 3 x 380 | 3 x 380 |
| | **August** | 1 x 380 | 1 x 380 |

# Study Design – South Peninsula Kings

- **2024** (opportunistic)
  - Southeastern and South Central Districts Seine post-June
  - Unimak and Southwestern Districts Seine post-June
  - Gillnet post-June

- **2025**
  - Southeastern and South Central Districts Seine - June and post-June
  - Unimak and Southwestern Districts Seine - June and post-June
  - Gillnet



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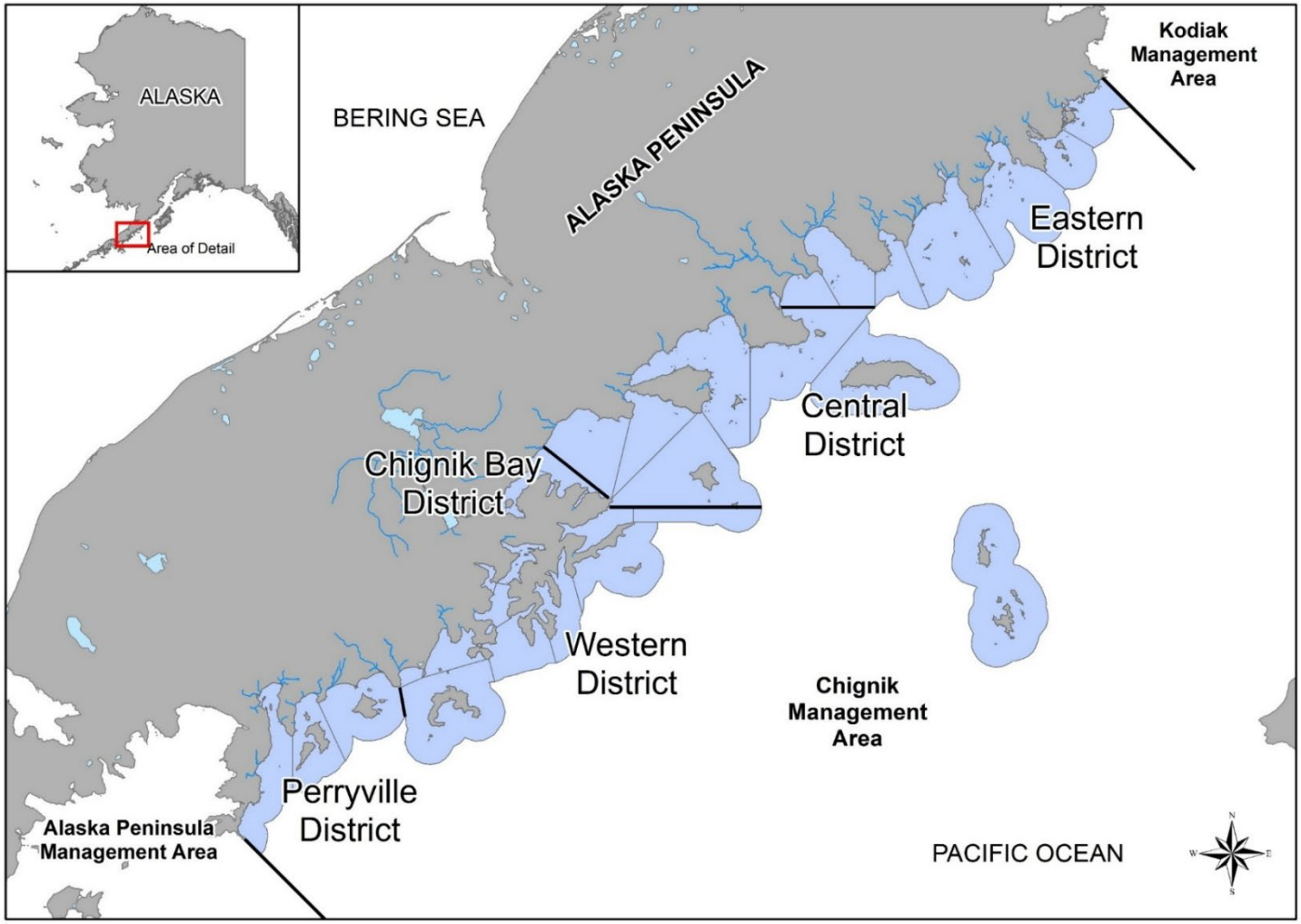



- Opportunistic Sampling in 2025

# Sample Determination

- Coordinate with processors to locate delivery
- Statistical areas and gear types confirmed
- Harvest and sampling dates recorded

# Sample Collection

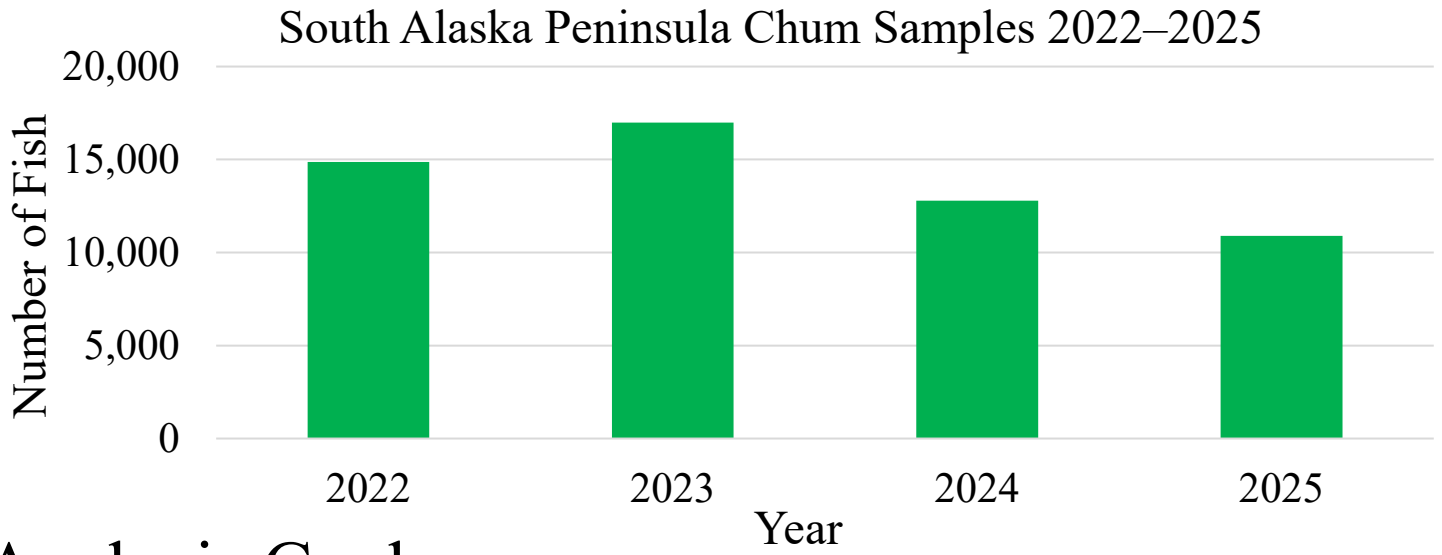
- Pelvic fin (genetics)

- Scales (age)

- Length (mm)

# Results – Chum Collection

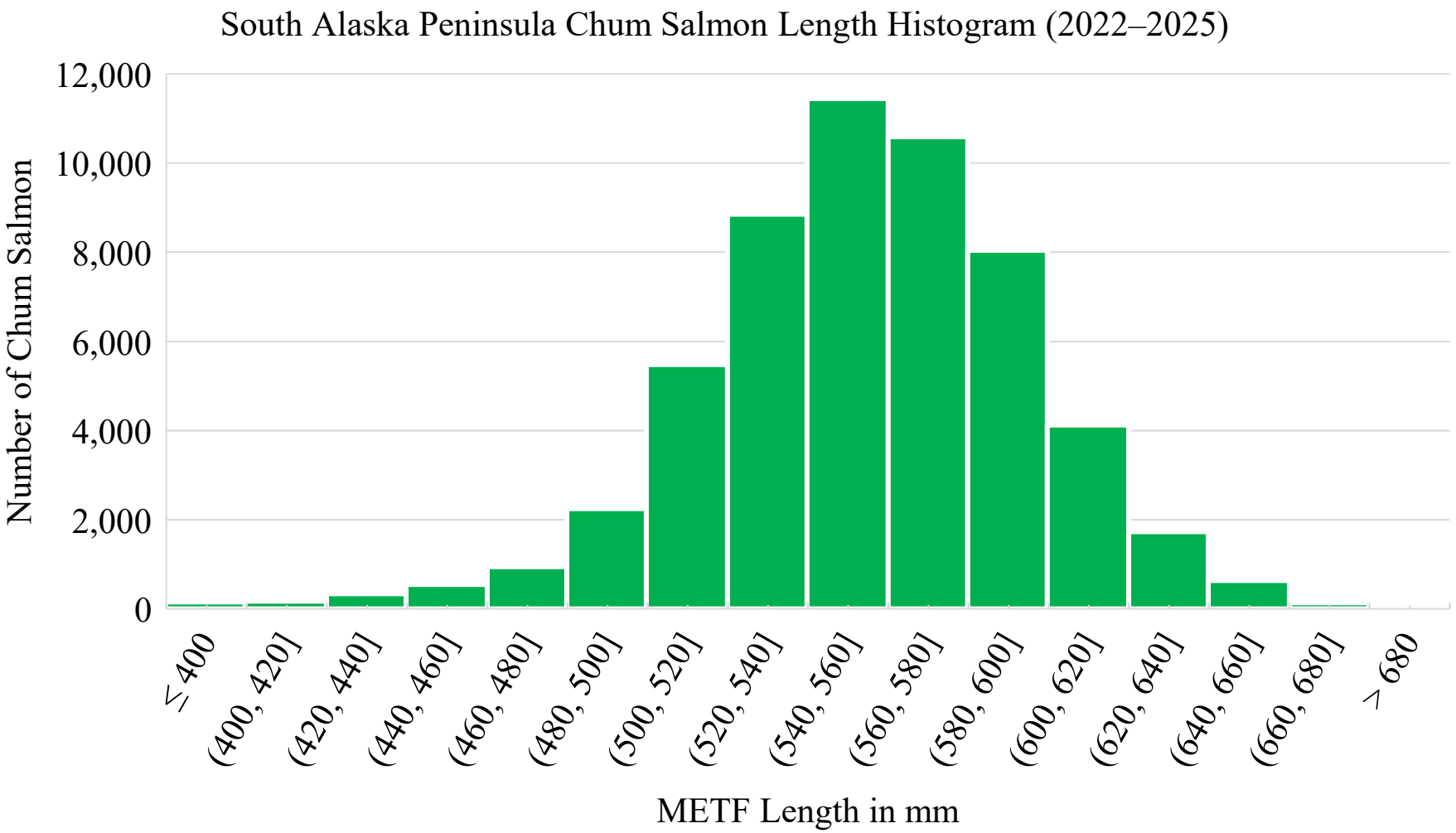
- 55,535 samples




- Analysis Goals

| | Number of Strata | Minimum Sample Size Met (100 fish) | Targeted goals Met or Exceeded (380 Fish) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2022 | 28 | 28/28 | 20/28 |
| 2023 | 31 | 31/31 | 23/31 |
| 2024 | 25 | 24/25 | 22/25 |

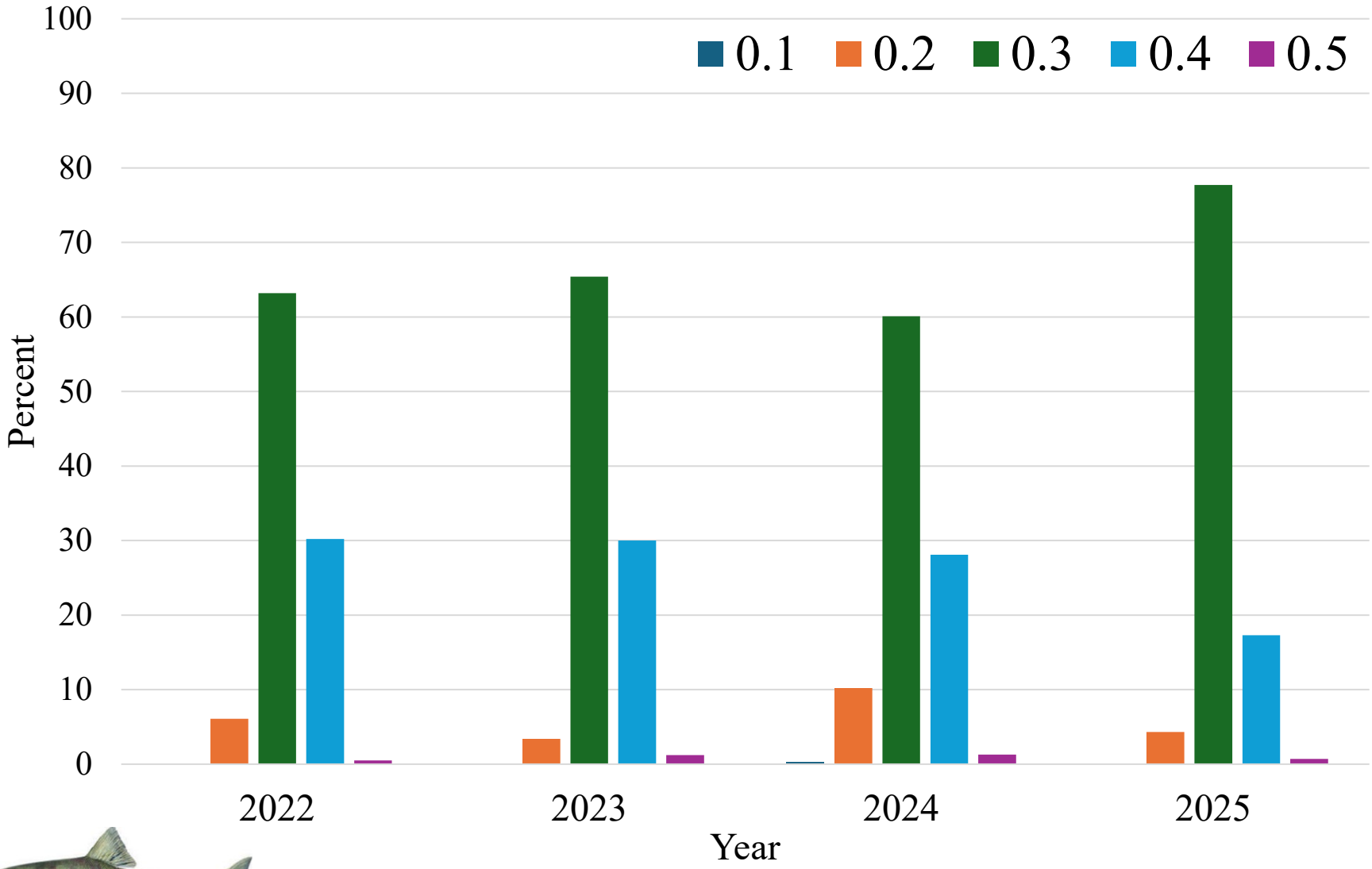
# Results – Chum Length




Length (METF):

- Range: 299 to 798 mm
- Mean: 555 mm

# Results – Chum Age




# Results – King Collection

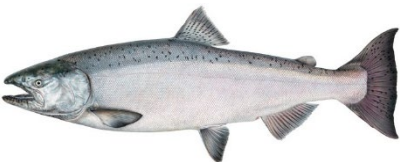
- 5,617 samples

  2024

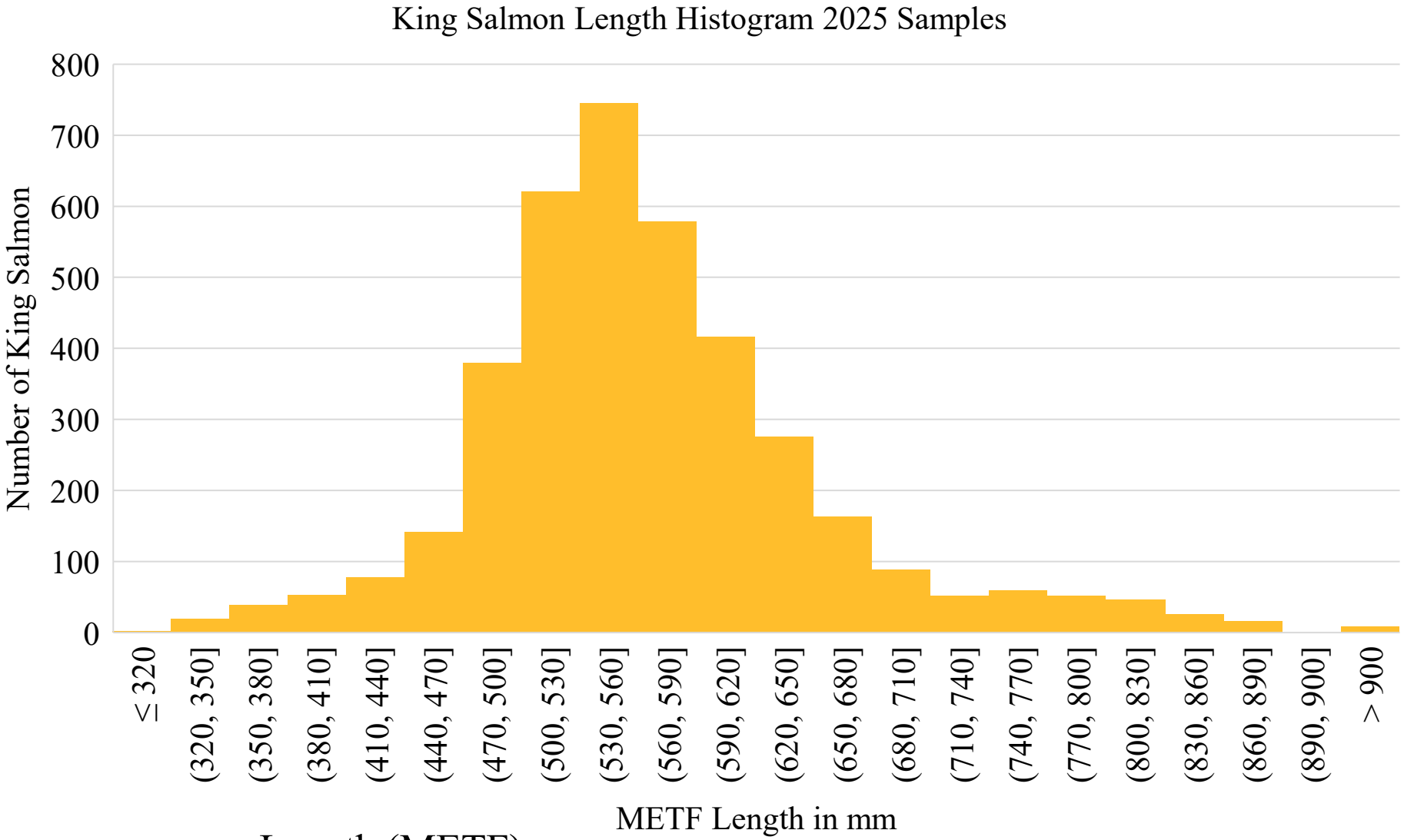
  - South Alaska Peninsula – 1,761 – Post-June (tissue)
    - Southeastern and South Central Districts Seine – 1,392
    - Unimak and Southwestern Districts Seine – 293
    - Gillnet – 76

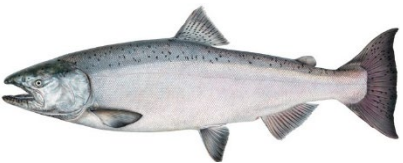
  2025

  - South Alaska Peninsula – 3,211
    - Southeastern and South Central Districts June Seine – 692
    - Unimak and Southwestern Districts June Seine – 350
    - Southeastern and South Central Districts post-June Seine – 1,792
    - Unimak and Southwestern Districts post-June Seine – 227
    - Gillnet – 150
  - Chignik – 645



# Results – King Length



Length (METF):

- Range: 302 to 1,051 mm
- Mean: 566 mm

# Results – Summary

## Chum Salmon

- 2022–2025
- 55,535 Samples
- Average Length – 555 mm
- Predominant Age – 0.3 (66%)

## King Salmon

- 2024–2025
- 5,617 Samples
- Average Length – 566 mm

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