

2026 Forecast & Outlook

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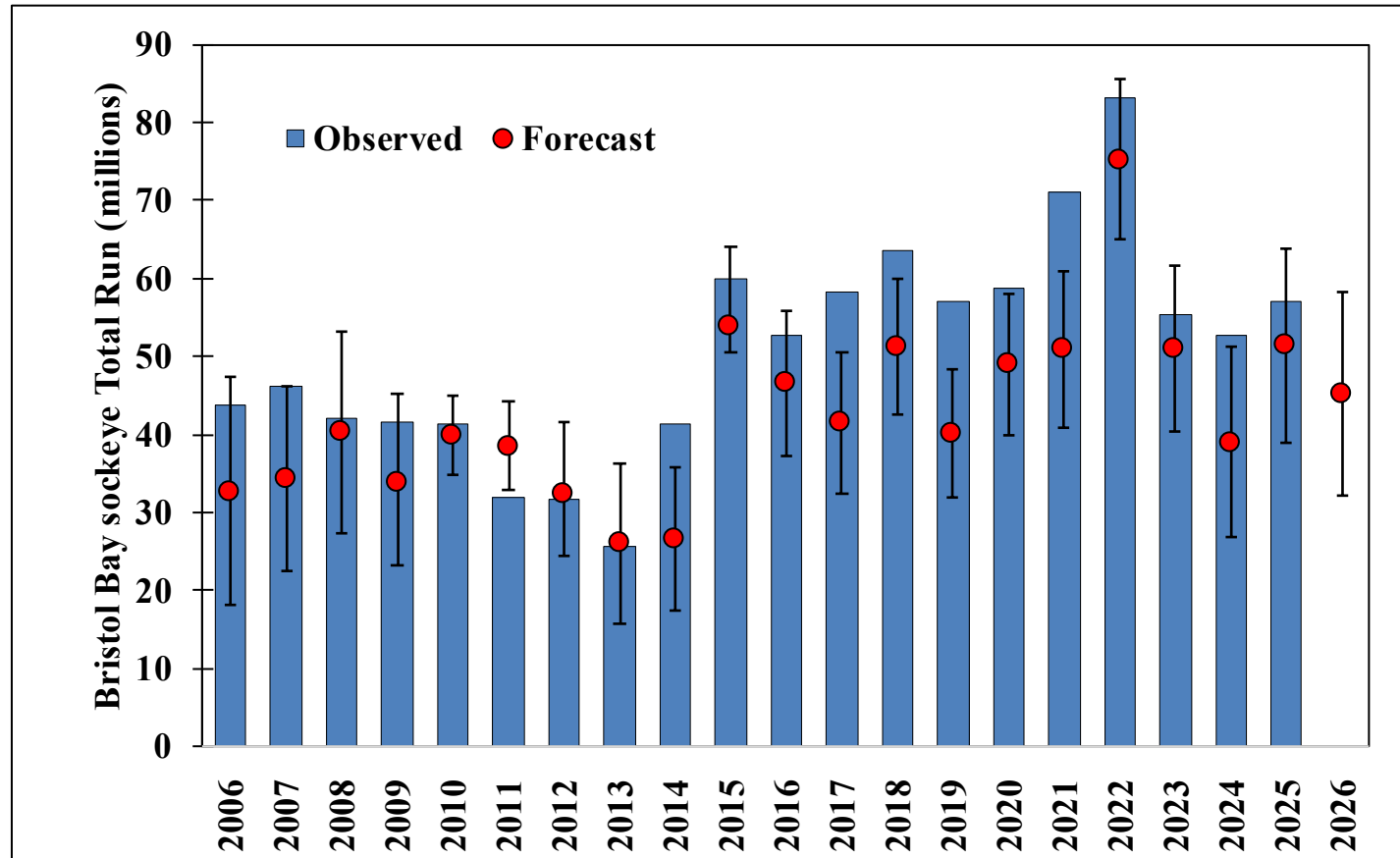


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2026 Bristol Bay Sockeye Forecast

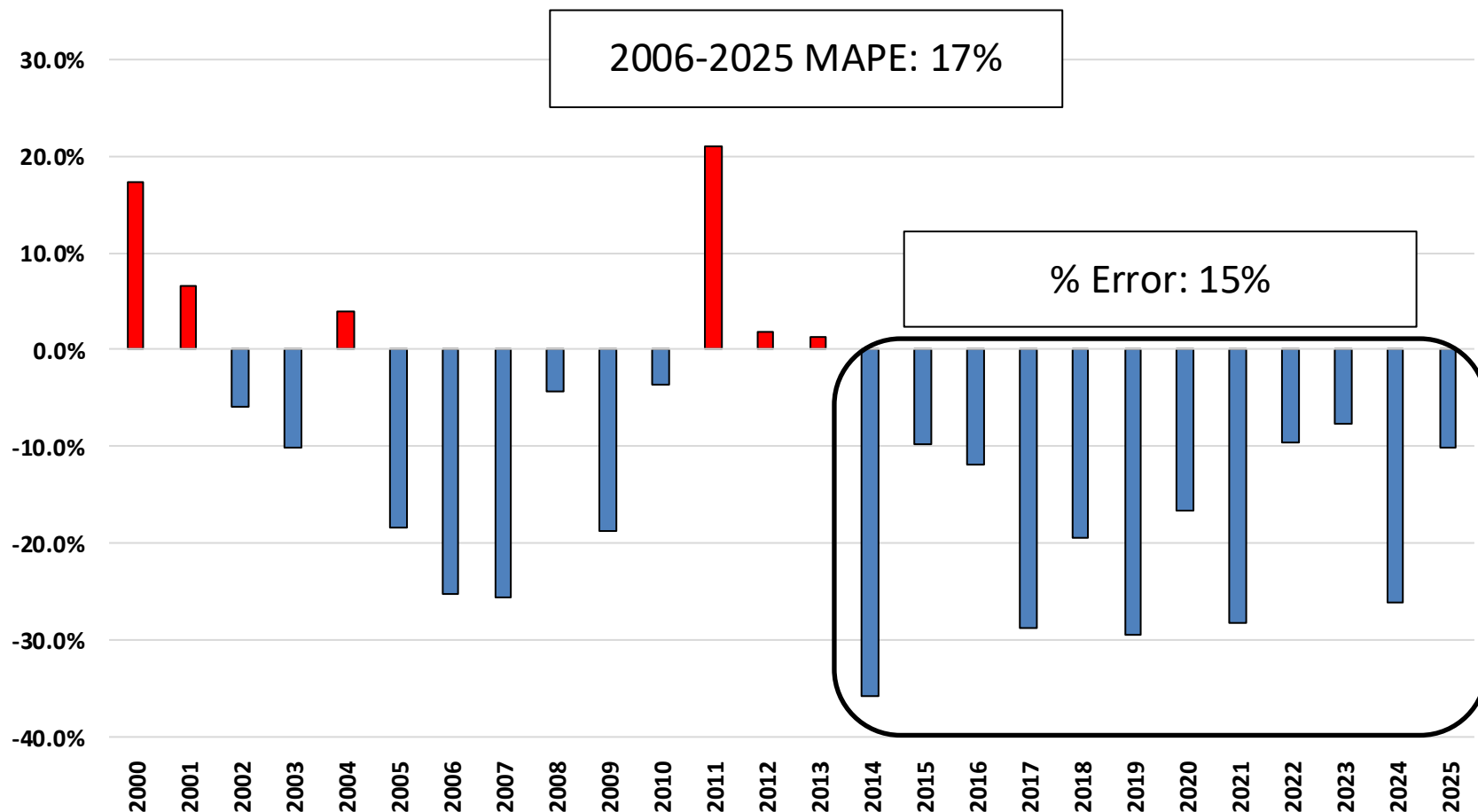
45.3 million



		Millions of Sockeye Salmon								
DISTRICT	River	Forecasted Production by Age					Forecasted		South	BB Inshore
		Class				Total	Escapement	Surplus	Peninsula ^a	
		1.2	2.2	1.3	2.3					
NAKNEK-KVICHAK										
	Kvichak	1.48	0.92	1.29	0.35	4.04	2.02	1.91	0.11	3.93
	Alagnak	1.58	0.24	1.35	0.10	3.26	1.63	1.54	0.09	3.17
	Naknek	1.11	0.45	2.09	0.35	4.00	1.10	2.79	0.11	3.89
	Total	4.17	1.61	4.73	0.80	11.30	4.75	6.23	0.32	10.98
EGEGIK										
		2.70	2.84	1.07	2.58	9.19	1.40	7.53	0.26	8.93
UGASHIK										
		2.43	0.49	2.19	0.25	5.36	0.95	4.26	0.15	5.21
NUSHAGAK										
	Wood	3.60	0.25	2.71	0.07	6.61	2.27	4.16	0.19	6.43
	Igushik	0.41	0.02	0.48	0.01	0.91	0.21	0.68	0.03	0.89
	Nushagak	2.56	0.17	8.42	0.14	11.39 ^b	2.05	9.02	0.32	11.07
	Total	6.56	0.43	11.60	0.22	18.92	4.53	13.86	0.53	18.39
TOGIAC										
		0.14	0.01	0.39	0.01	0.54 ^c	0.16	0.37	0.02	0.53
BRISTOL BAY										
		16.00	5.38	19.98	3.85	45.32	11.79	32.26	1.27	44.05
		35%	12%	44%	8%	100%				



Forecast Performance



Forecast Summary

- Forecast – 45.3 million, 80%CI (31m – 66m)
- Potential Harvestable Surplus ~ 32 million
- Areas of Interest in 2026 Forecast
 - Not many jacks seen in 2025
 - Mix of 2- and 3-ocean fish
 - Nush/Wood remains strong



2026 Naknek-Kvichak Management

- Lower forecast on all three rivers
 - Poor production from 2021 brood yr. and few jacks observed from 2022 brood yr.
- Early season schedule 9 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Friday, June 1 to Wednesday, June 24
 - Naknek section only for drift gillnet
- Conservative management, especially Kvichak - Forecasted escapement is based on 50% exploitation



2026 Lower Eastside Management Strategies

- Egegik District

- Early season weekly schedule of 9 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. Thursday to 9 a.m. Friday
 - Monday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 17
 - Potential for Egegik Special Harvest Area if Kvichak or Naknek fall behind escapement curves

- Ugashik District

- Early season weekly schedule of 9 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Friday
 - Monday, June 1 through Wednesday, June 24
- Walrus?



2026 Nushagak Management

- Nushagak King Plan Triggers
- Start fishing:
 - 8% of Nushagak forecast (911,000)
 - 12% of Wood River forecast (739,000)
- June 28, 9:00 a.m.
- OEGs add 15%:
 - 2.8 million for Wood River
 - 2.6 million for Nushagak River



2026 Nushagak Management

- Best guess is first opening around June 26
- Less than 12 hours per day drift
- Periods with all gear out of the water through end of June
- Weather will be considered
- Drift start later on tide
- Nushagak Section Only possible
- May have 3-hour openings



2026 WRS HA

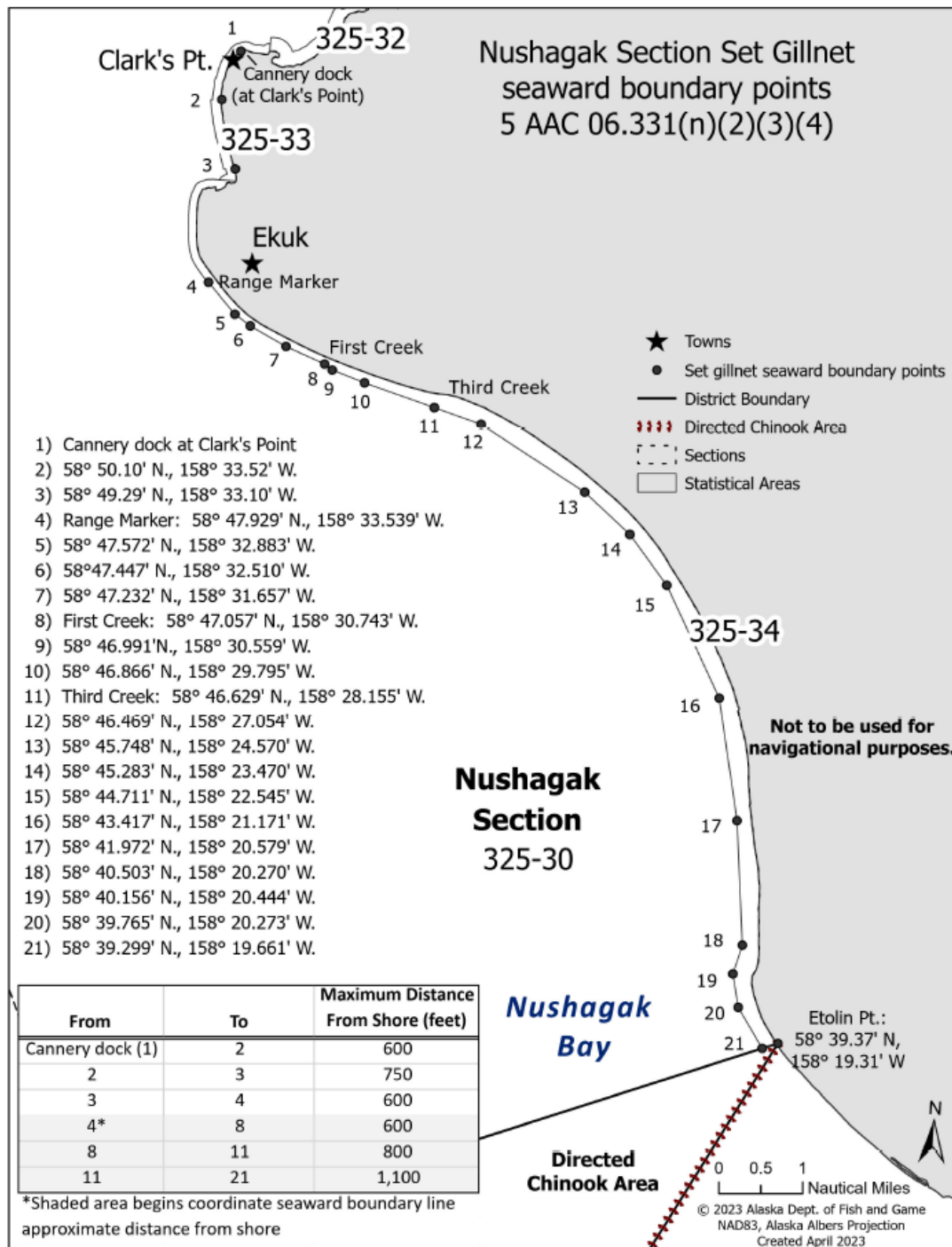
- Open when we hit 1.1 million sockeye salmon escapement in Wood River
- Likely to happen before end of June
- Gear type that is behind on allocation gets to fish



New Regulations

- Must retain and sell all king salmon
- No part of a drift operation may touch any part of a set operation Clark's Point to Etolin Point
- Change in trigger percentages





2026 Togiak Management

- Relatively low Forecast
- Manage for lower half of escapement goal
- Unlikely to open to boats/permits that fished in other districts
- New rules for Kulukak openings by EO
- May extend fishing in Togiak Section for more than 48 hours



Togiak Commercial Salmon District, Sections, and Statistical Areas

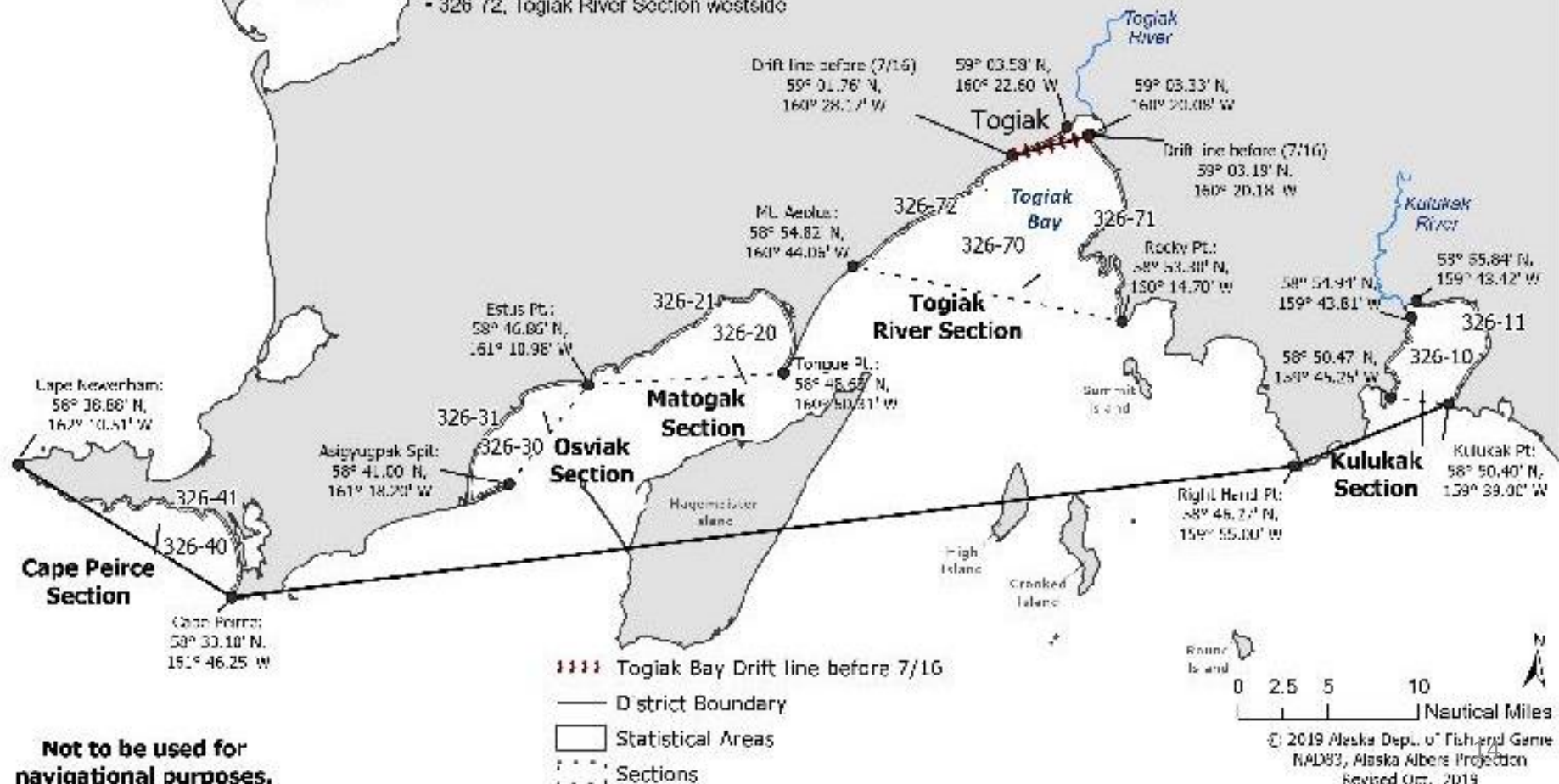
-No Dual Permits
-Sorted Deliveries

Togiak District Drift Gillnet

- 326-10, Kulukak Section
- 326-20, Matogak Section
- 326-30, Osviak Section
- 326-40, Cape Peirce Section
- 326-70, Togiak River Section

Togiak District Set Gillnet

- 326-11, Kulukak
- 326-21, Matogak
- 326-31, Osviak
- 326-41, Cape Peirce
- 326-71, Togiak River Section eastside
- 326-72, Togiak River Section westside



Questions

