

# **Alaska Fisheries Report**

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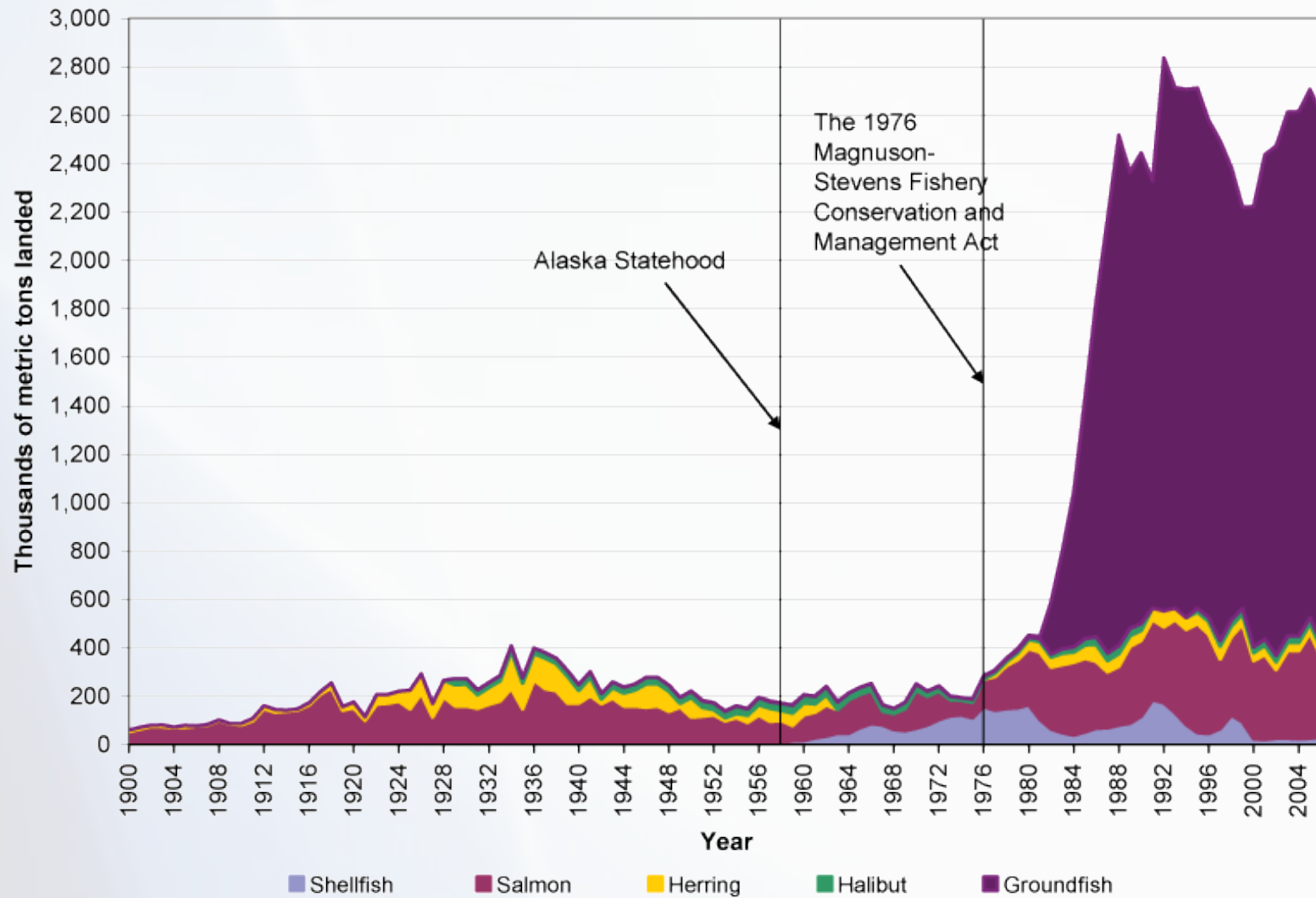
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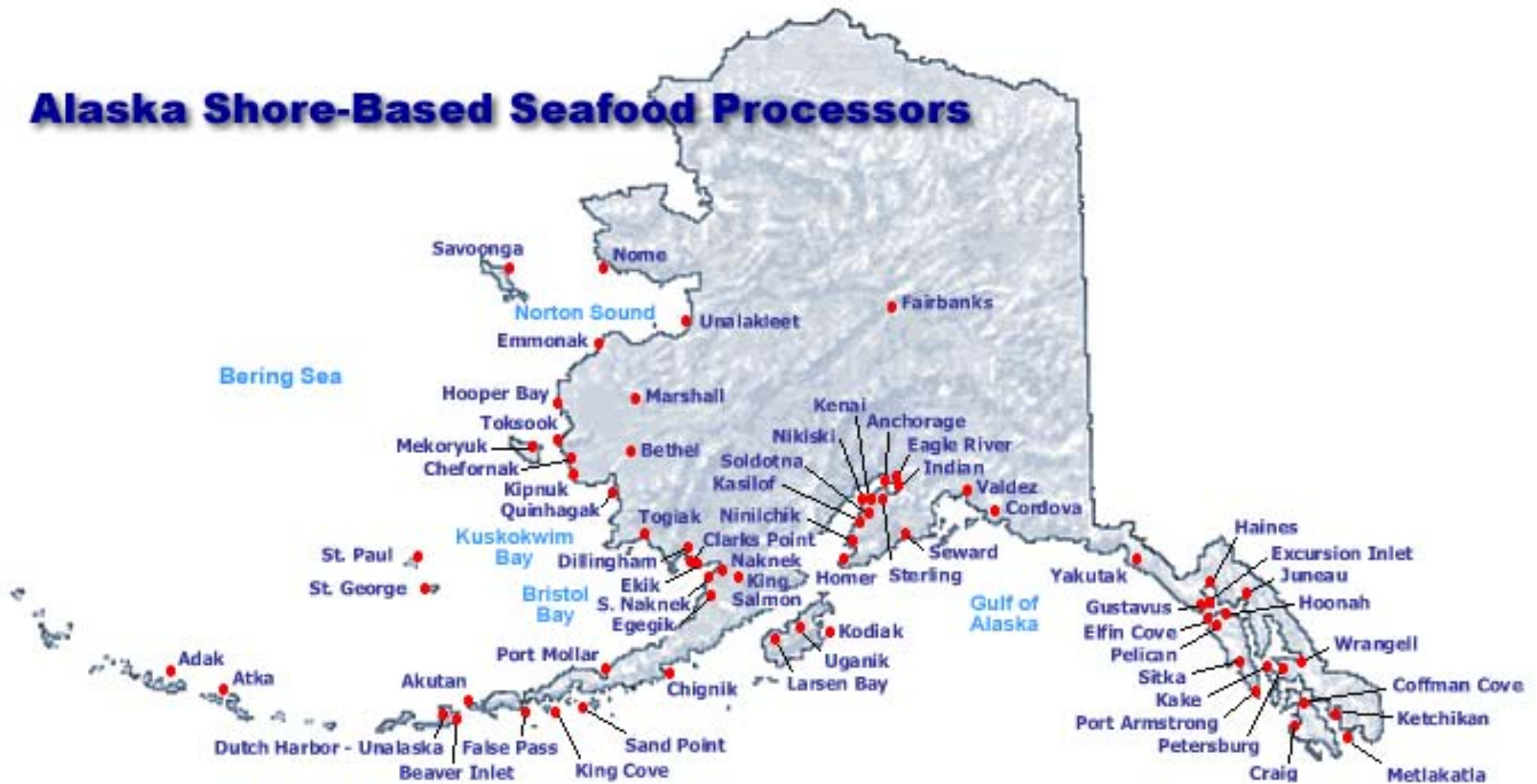
Figure 1. Historic Landings US Vessels by Species off Alaska, 1900 – 2006



# Alaska Seafood in the World Global Market

- **Number 14 in the World**
- **Nearly one fifth of total world groundfish**
- **35% world wild salmon**
- **\$1.6 billion dollar export from Alaska**

## Alaska Shore-Based Seafood Processors



Approximately 60% of America's commercial seafood is caught in Alaska.



**The Seafood Industry is  
Alaska's Largest Private Sector Employer**



**Regulatory Stability**  
**Successful Marketing**  
**Science-Based Fisheries Management**

**Sustainable, Wild Seafood -**  
**Alaska's Most Valuable Export**



**The food we produce is  
globally recognized:**

- **Healthy**
- **Sustainable**
- **Highest quality**



# Salmon By-Catch Issues

In the 2012 Bering Sea pollock fishery, with each 228,370 pollock harvested one Chinook salmon was caught as by-catch.

Can you find the salmon in the photo below?





# Find the Salmon



# Chinook salmon by- catch in all BS/AI Trawl fisheries.

1992	-	41,955
1993	-	46,014
1994	-	43,821
1995	-	23,436
1996	-	63,205
1997	-	50,530
1998	-	55,431
1999	-	14,599
2000	-	8,223
2001	-	40,547
2002	-	39,684
2003	-	53,571
2004	-	59,964
2005	-	74,266
2006	-	87,084
2007	-	129,568
2008	-	24,105
2009	-	13,796
2010	-	12,383
2011	-	26,671
2012	-	12,765

# Bering Sea Chinook Salmon

## By-Catch Actions taken

- Annual Hard Cap of 60,000 Chinook, with a performance limit of 47,591
  - 100% observer coverage
  - 100% census of all Chinook by-catch
- Increased Genetic Sampling in Bering Sea (and Gulf of AK)
  - Vessel Incentive Programs
  - Rolling Hot-Spot Closures
  - “Excluder” devices in fishing nets

\* Each of these actions have costs, and some reduce resource value

# CHALLENGES

- ◆ Maintaining a Science Driven Process
- ◆ Environmental Change
- ◆ Abundance Variability
- ◆ World Commodity Driven Markets
- ◆ Regulation
- ◆ Litigation

# OPPORTUNITIES

- ◆ Abundant and well managed resources
- ◆ “Alaska” brand
- ◆ Healthy food
- ◆ Hungry world



Fishery participants  
negotiating allocation of  
harvest:

Winning the debate may be  
marginally less painful than  
losing.





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**Thank You.**