

SPORT FISHERIES

ALASKA



DIVISION OF SPORT FISH

- Fisheries Management
 - Fisheries Research
 - Fisheries Enhancement
 - Communication and Outreach
 - Fish Habitat
 - Internal Operations
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Merriam Webster:

Fishing

done with **Rod and Reel**

for **Sport** or **Recreation**

The Alaska Legislature:

...the **Taking**

...of **Fish...**

for **Personal Use...**

by **Hook and Line**

...or other means

SPORT FISHERY CHARACTERISTICS

- Rod and Reel / Hook & Line
- Personal Use | Sport or Recreation
- License
- User Fee-Based Conservation

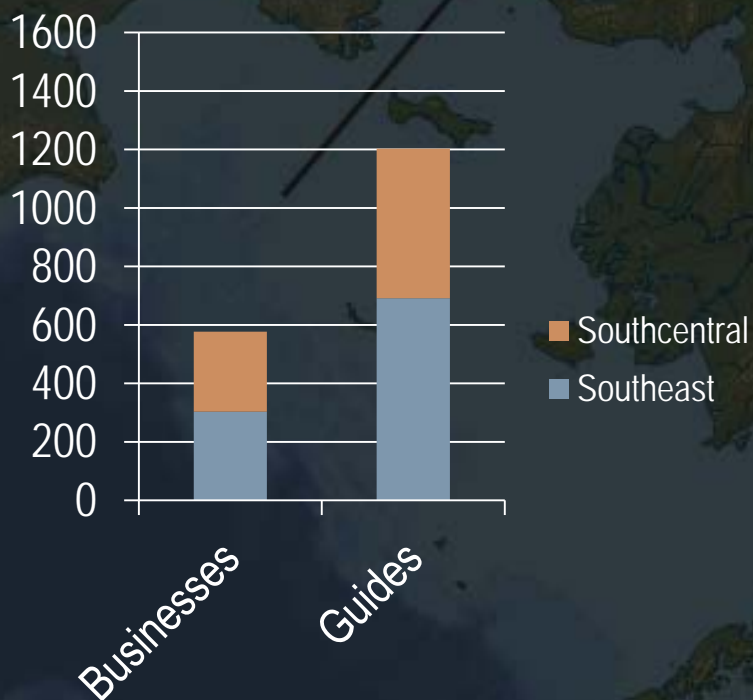
~500,000 People

3,000 Guides
1,200 Businesses

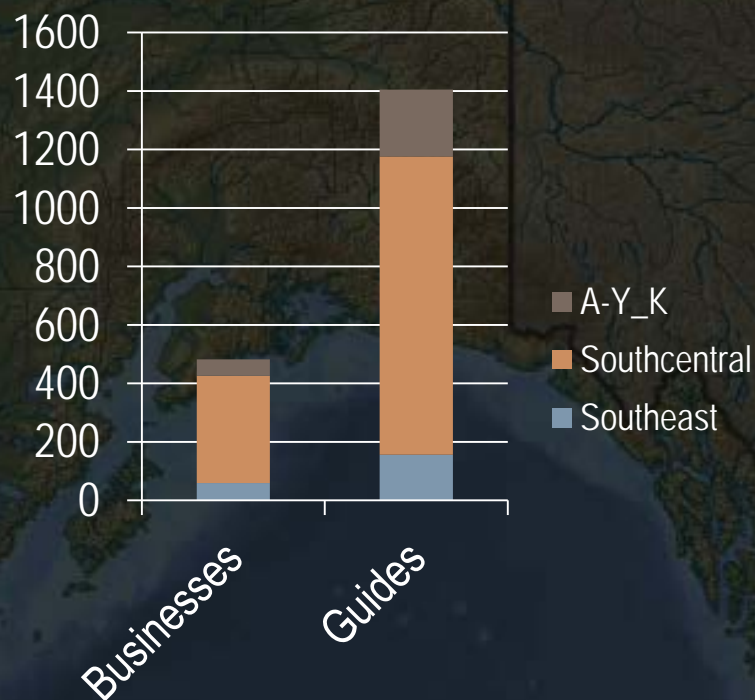


ACTIVE BUSINESSES AND GUIDES (2014)

Salt Water



Freshwater



- Southeast Alaska Marine Fishery



- Ship Creek King Salmon



- Anchorage Community Lakes Ice Fishing



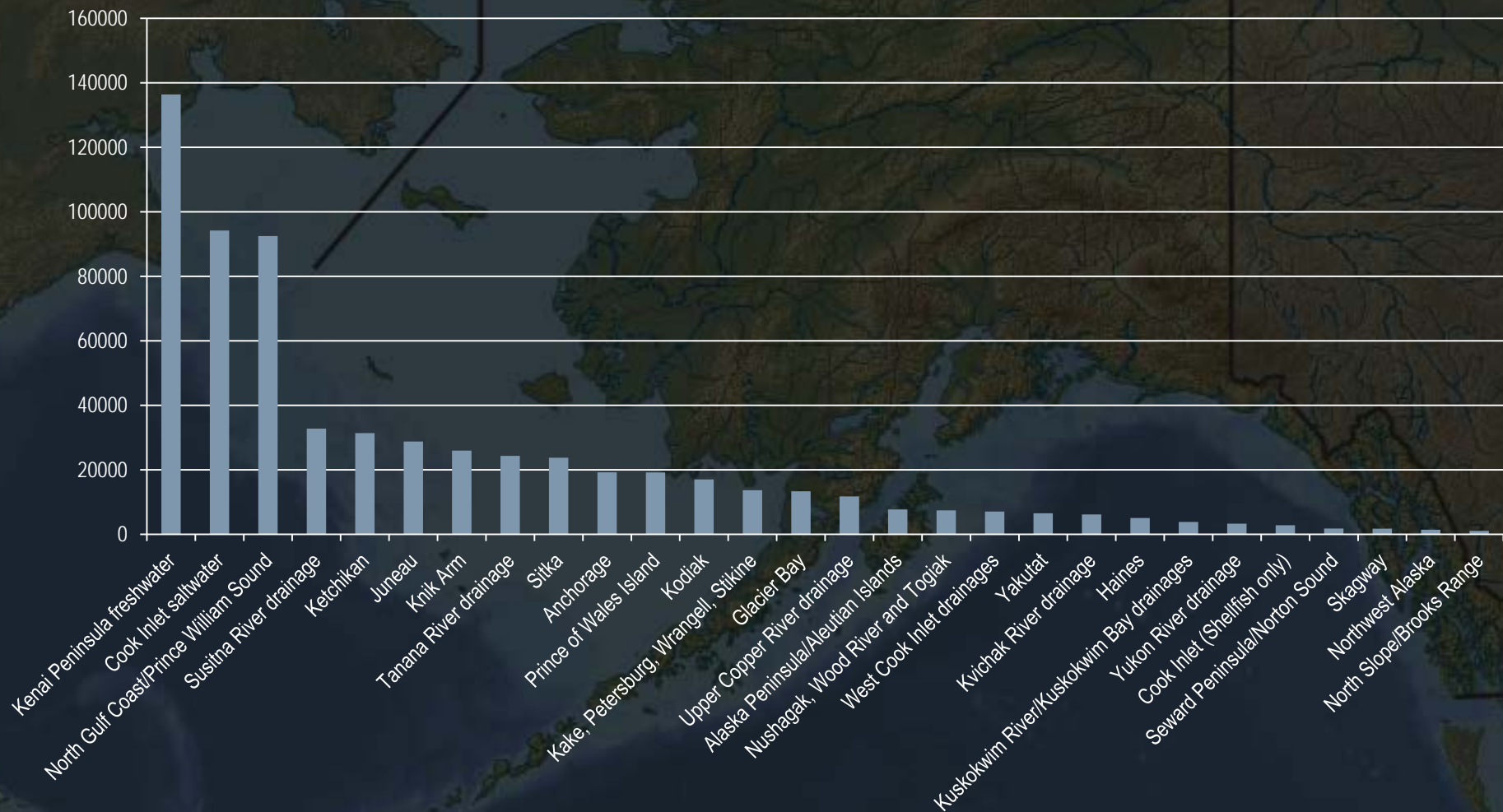
- Kenai River King Salmon



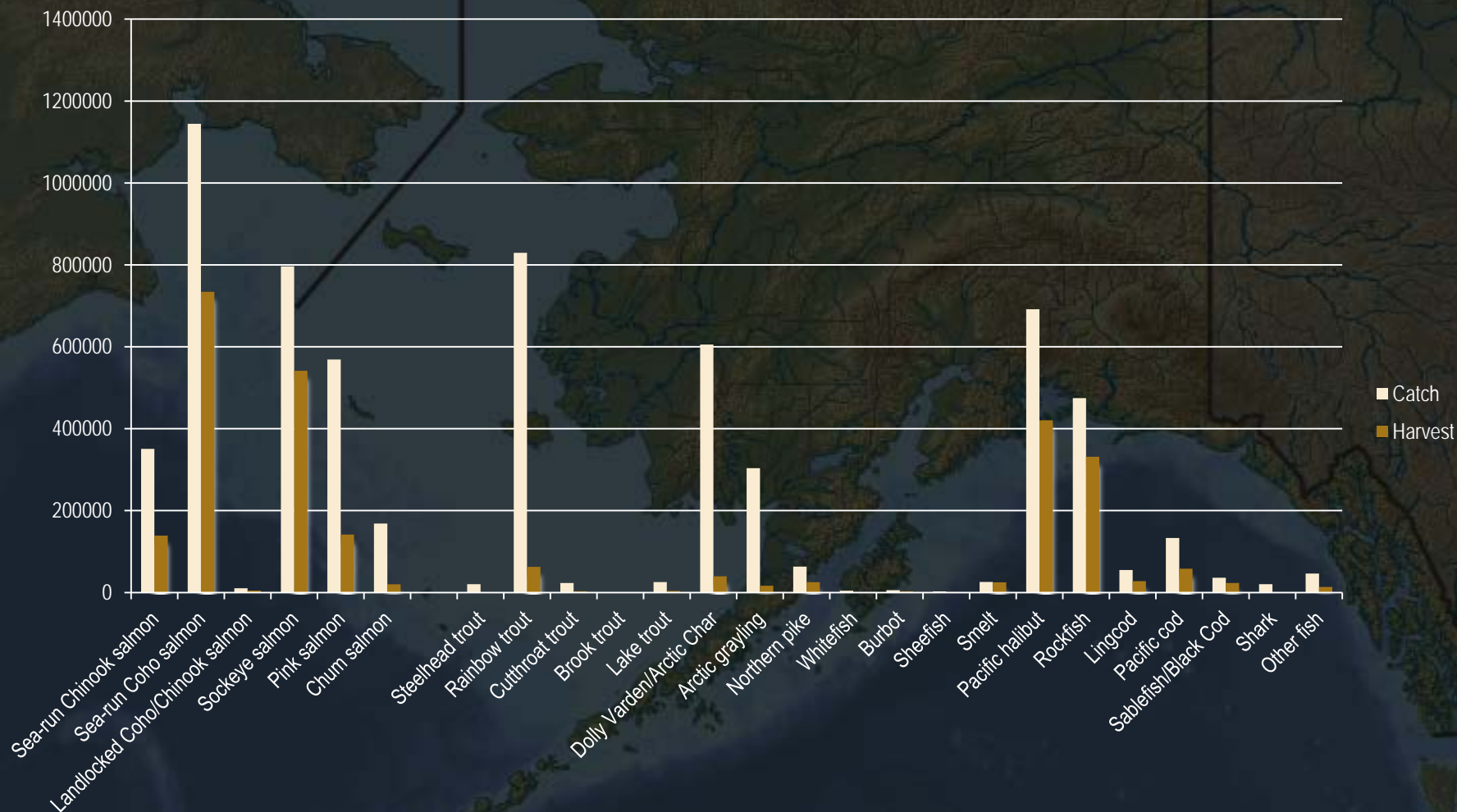
- Remote Lakes, River and Streams



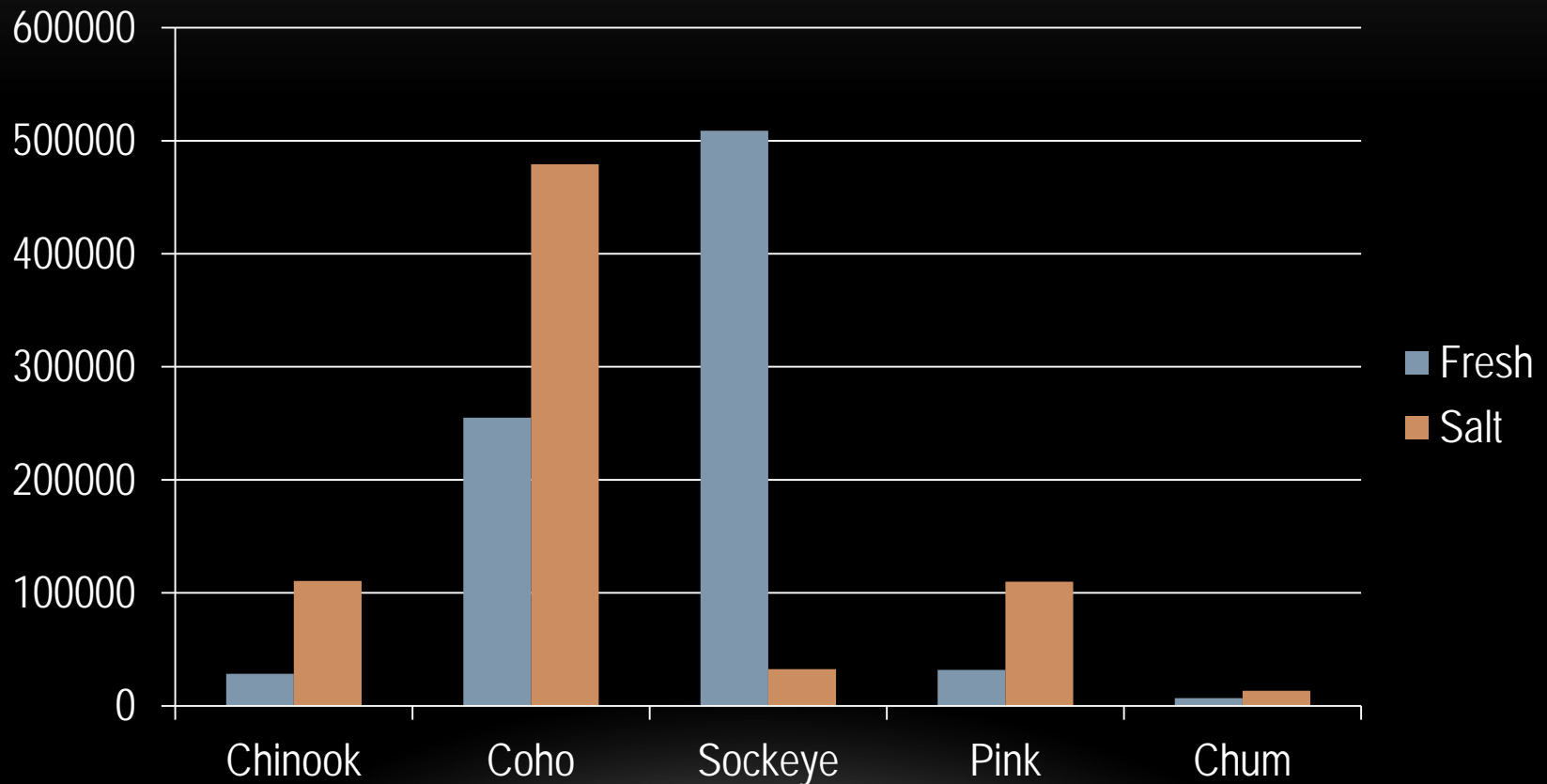
NUMBER OF ANGLERS (SWHS)



CATCH AND HARVEST (SWHS)



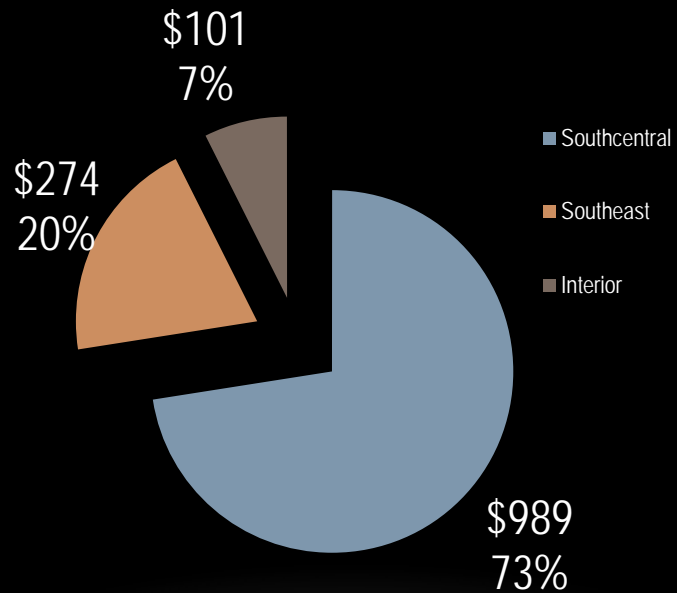
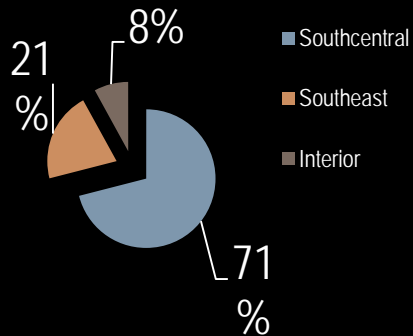
SALMON HARVEST - FRESH VS SALT WATER



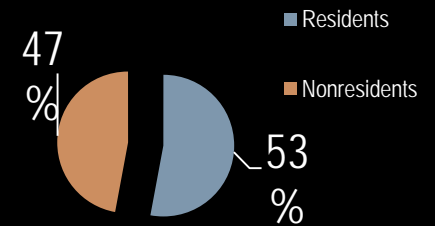
ECONOMIC IMPACT

Sport Fishing Expenditures
By Region

Days of Sport Fishing



Total Sport Fishing
Expenditures



CHALLENGES

- Sustaining Sport Fishing Opportunity
 - Poor Chinook salmon production
 - Guided halibut restrictions
- Communications and Public Service
 - ½ million anglers
 - Diverse interests
 - Complex regulations

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Sustaining Opportunities
 - Chinook Salmon Research Initiative
 - Liberalized bag limits and other regulations
 - Hatchery Production and Stocking
- Communication & Public Service
 - Opened hatchery visitor centers
 - Online licenses improved
 - Online personal use permits and harvest reporting available
 - Direct email correspondence
 - Mobile App?