

Bering Sea Chum Salmon Bycatch

In the last decade, nearly 3 million chum salmon, including nearly half a million from Western Alaskan rivers, have been caught as bycatch in the Bering Sea pollock trawl fishery. Chum salmon are vitally important for subsistence in the region and in recent years returns have been so low many communities haven't been able to harvest a single fish. There is currently no limit to how many chum salmon can be caught as bycatch in the trawl fishery.

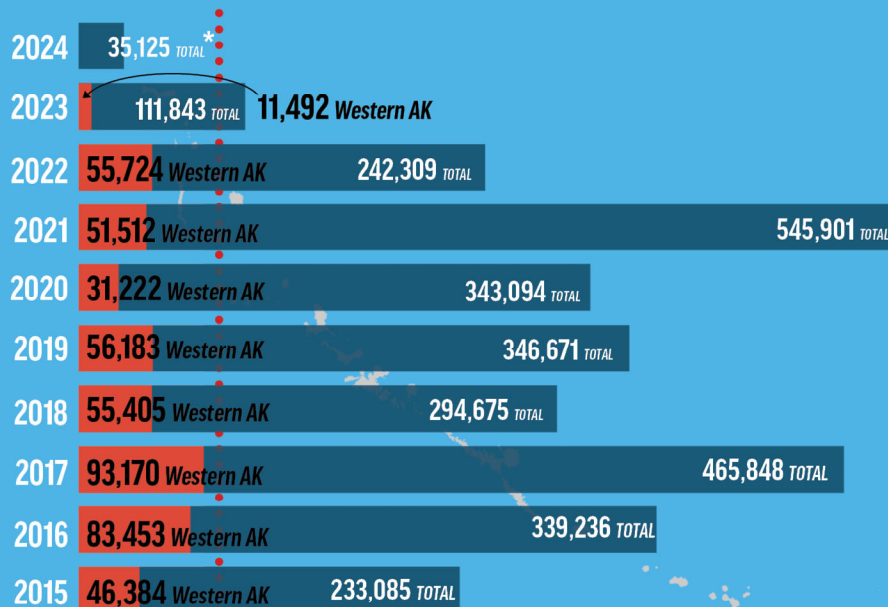
In the last 10 years...



Total # of Western Alaska chum salmon caught as **bycatch** from 2015 - 2023*

484,545

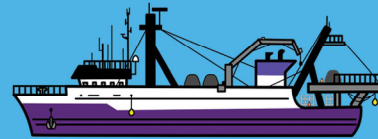
CHUM SALMON BYCATCH IN THE BERING SEA POLLOCK TRAWL FISHERY



100,000

550,000

RANGE OF PROPOSED CHUM BYCATCH CAPS



Total # of chum salmon caught as **bycatch** from 2015 - 2024

2.96 MILLION

0

of years the pollock trawl fishery has had limits on the number of chum salmon caught as bycatch

10

of years in the last decade subsistence fishing for chum salmon has been closed or restricted on Western Alaska rivers

Across Western Alaska, annual average subsistence harvests of chum salmon have plummeted

