

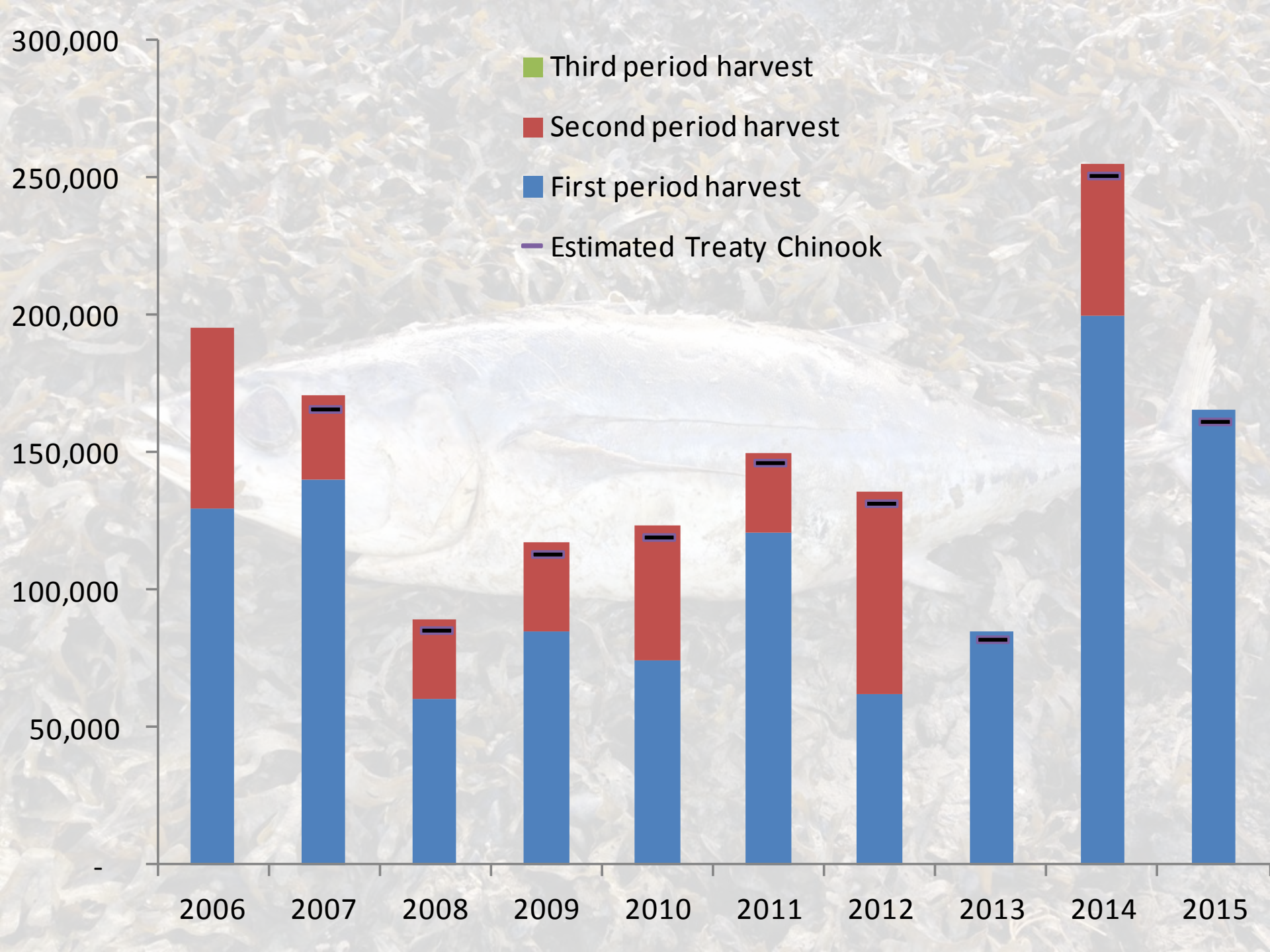
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Report to the NPFMC

Agenda Item B-3



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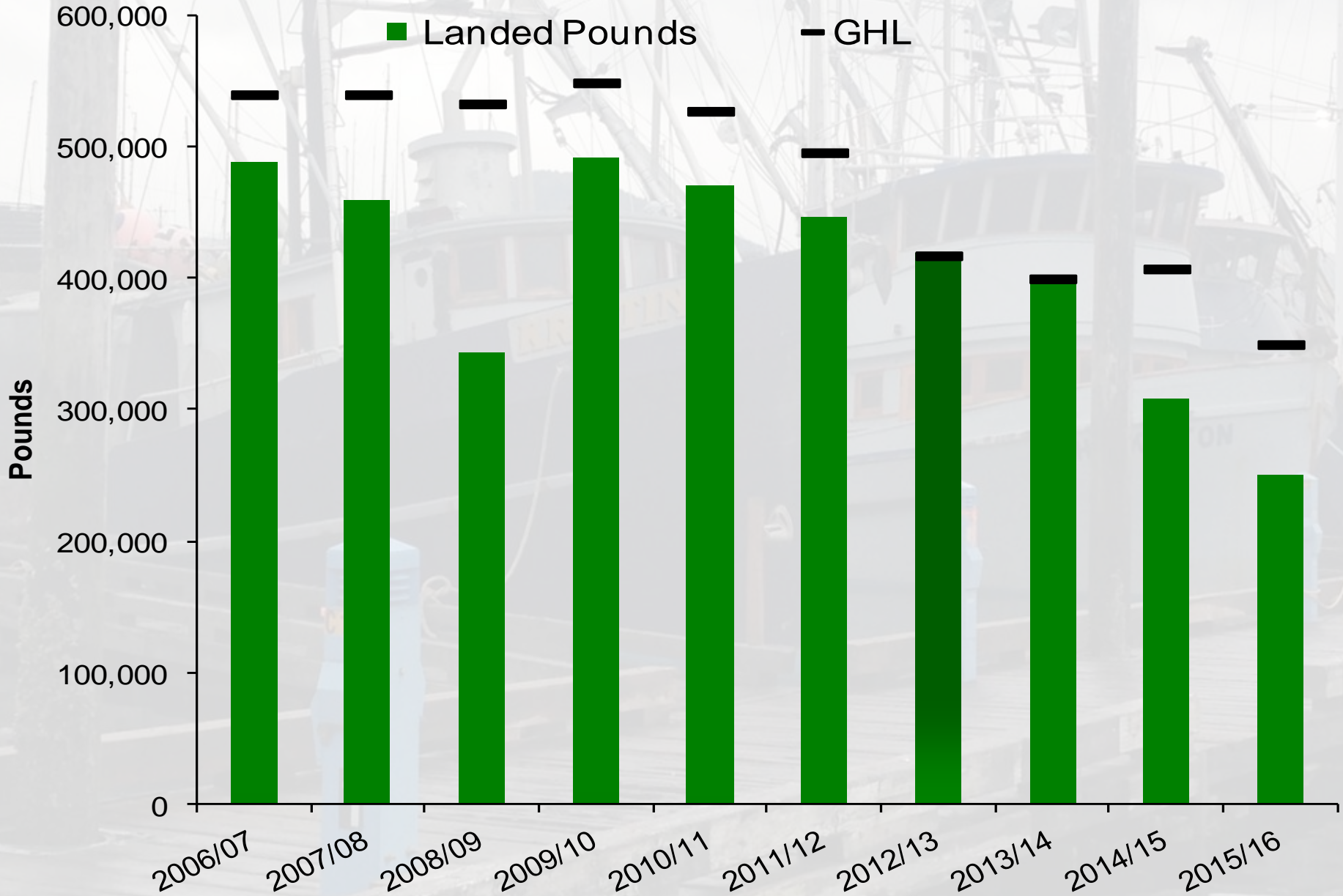


Registration Area		GHL (pounds of shucked meat)	Bycatch Limits (number of crab)	
			Tanner Crab	King Crab
YAKUTAT	Area D	120,000	N/A	N/A
	District 16	25,000	N/A	N/A
PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND (East Kayak)		<i>Closed for the 2015/16 season</i>		
COOK INLET		10,000	3,933	30
KODIAK	Northeast District	55,000	93,929	25
	Shelikof District	75,000	19,107	50
	Southwest District ¹	25,000	12,000	50
	Semidi District ¹	<i>Exploratory Area (Commissioner's Permit)</i>		
ALASKA	160° to 161° W. long	7,500	<i>monitored inseason</i>	
PENINSULA	Unimak Bight ¹	15,000	12,000	50
DUTCH HARBOR	Bering Sea waters	5,000	5,000	10
	Pacific Ocean waters	5,000	5,000	10
BERING SEA		7,500	260,000	500

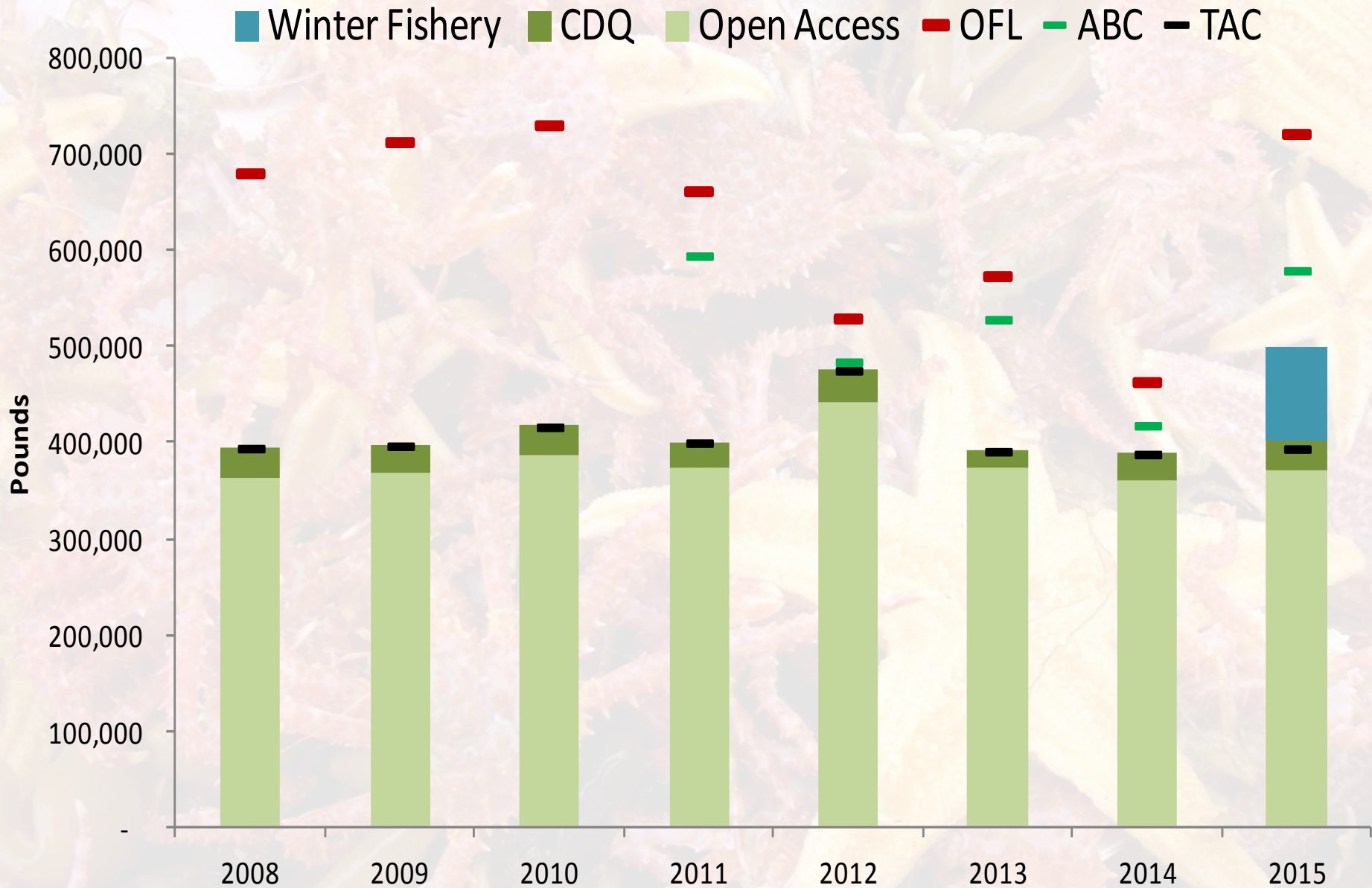
¹ Commissioner's Permit required to harvest scallops in these areas.



Alaska Weathervane Scallop Catch

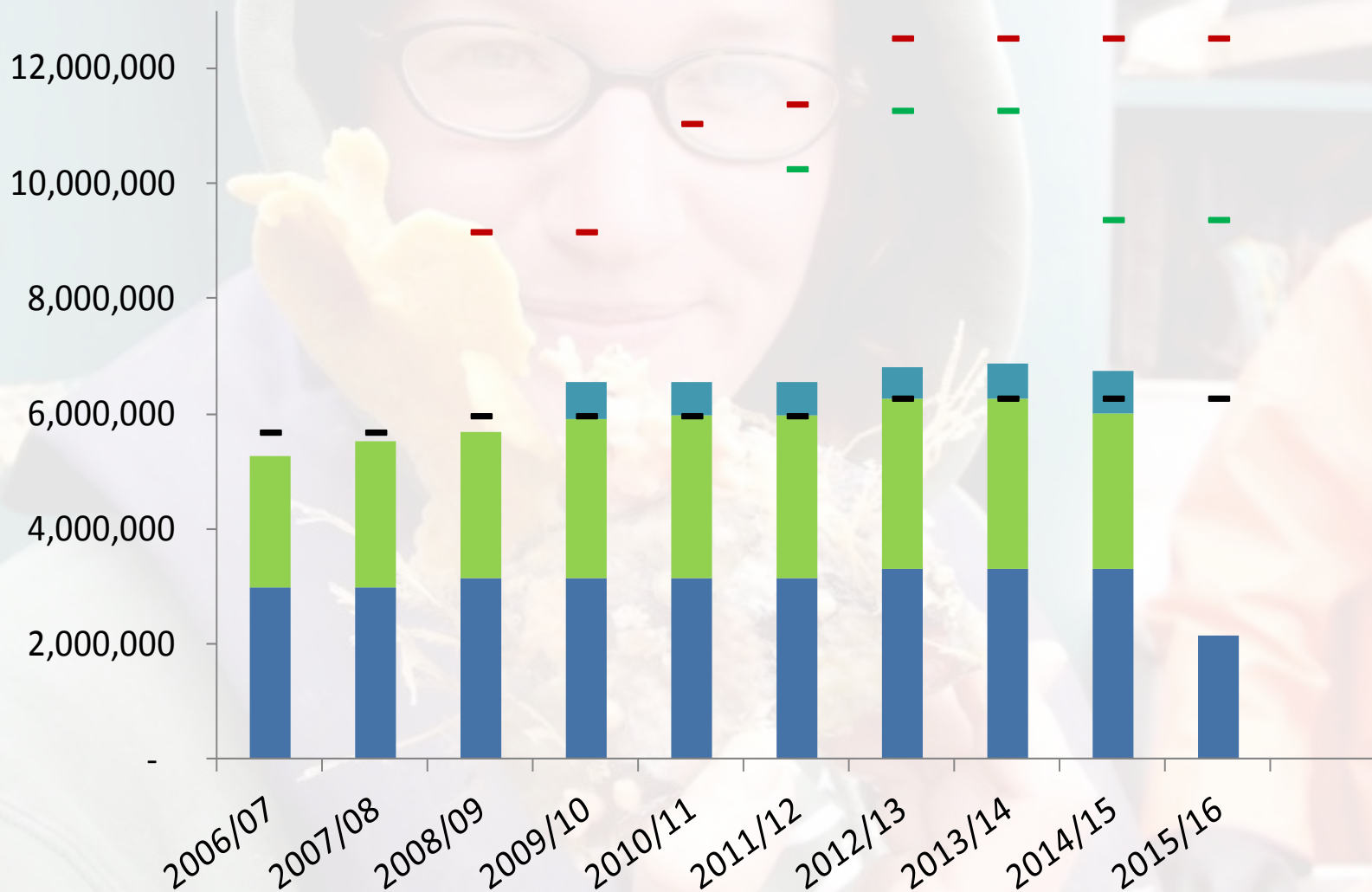


Norton Sound open access and CDQ summer fishery

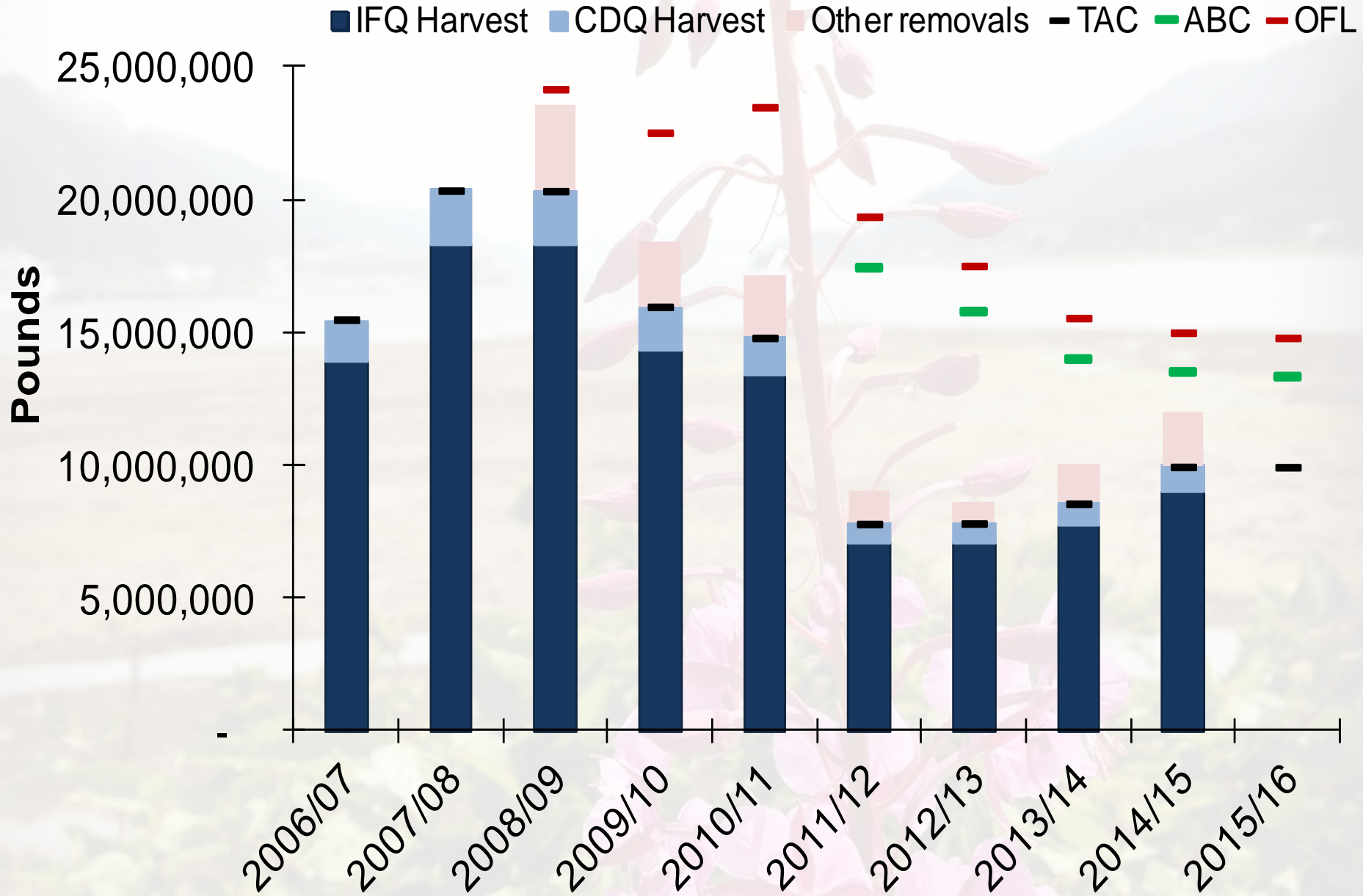


Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab

■ East IFQ/CDQ ■ West IFQ/ACA ■ Other removals — TAC — ABC — OFL

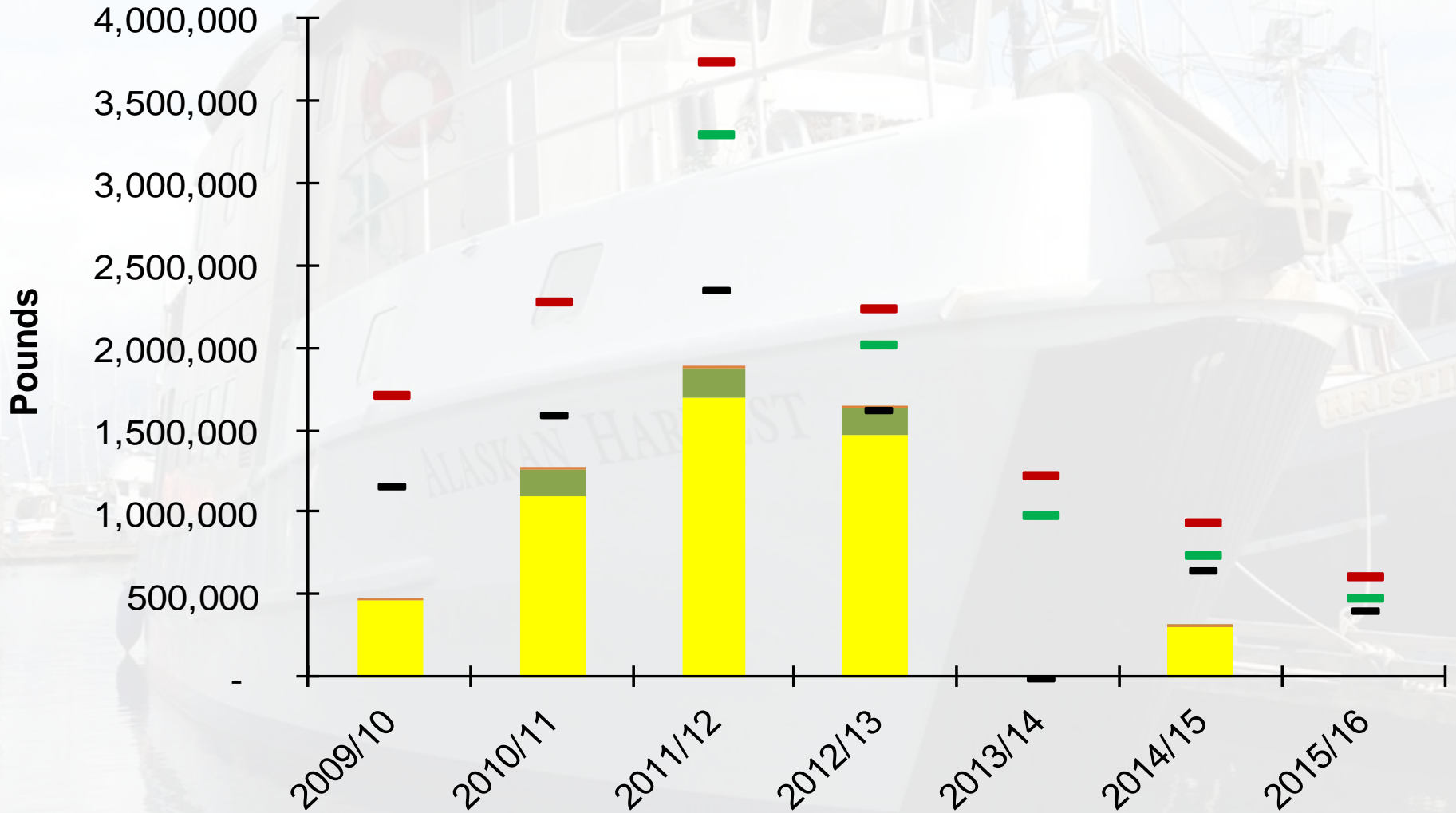


Bristol Bay Red King Crab

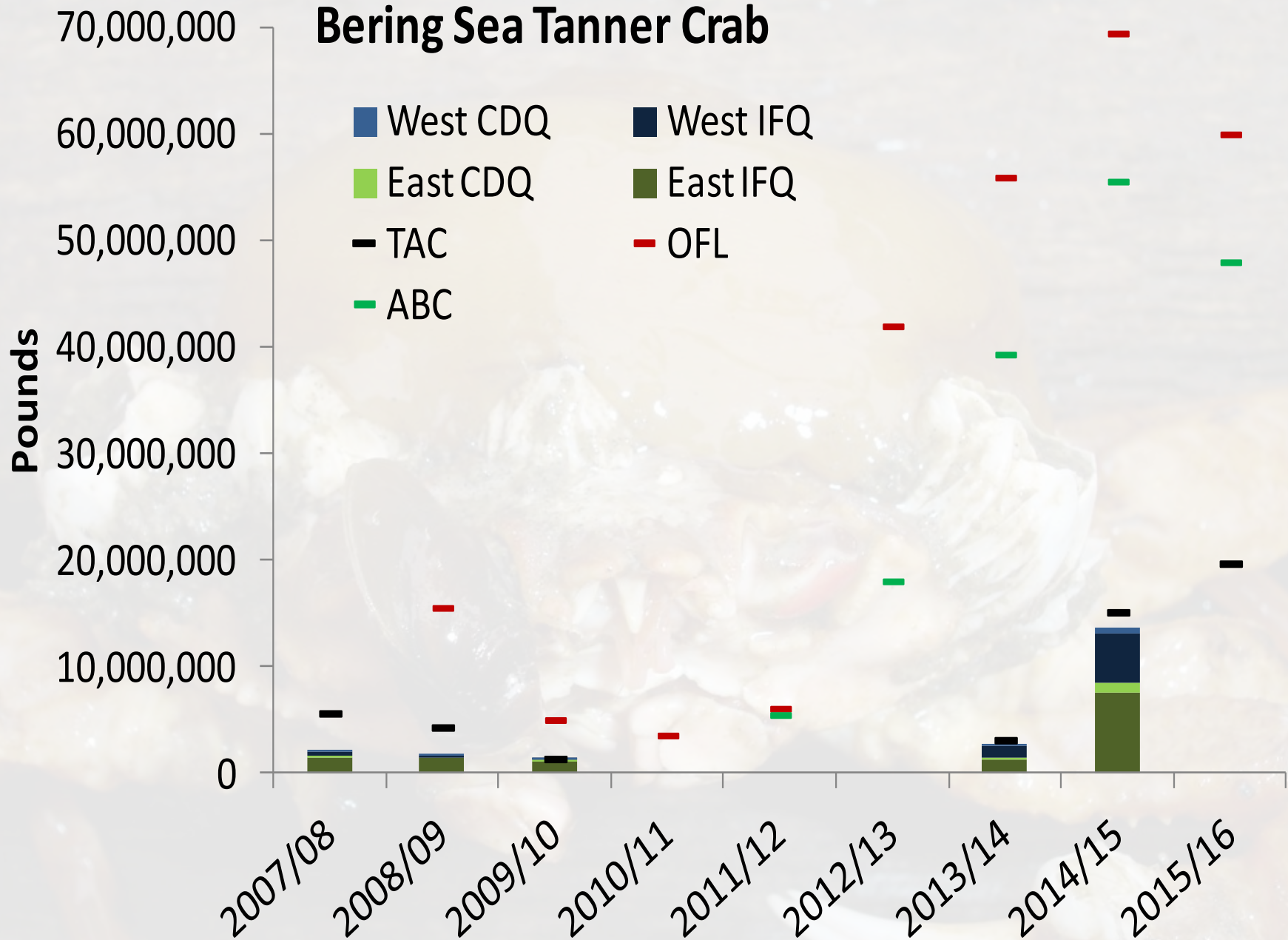


St. Matthew Blue King Crab

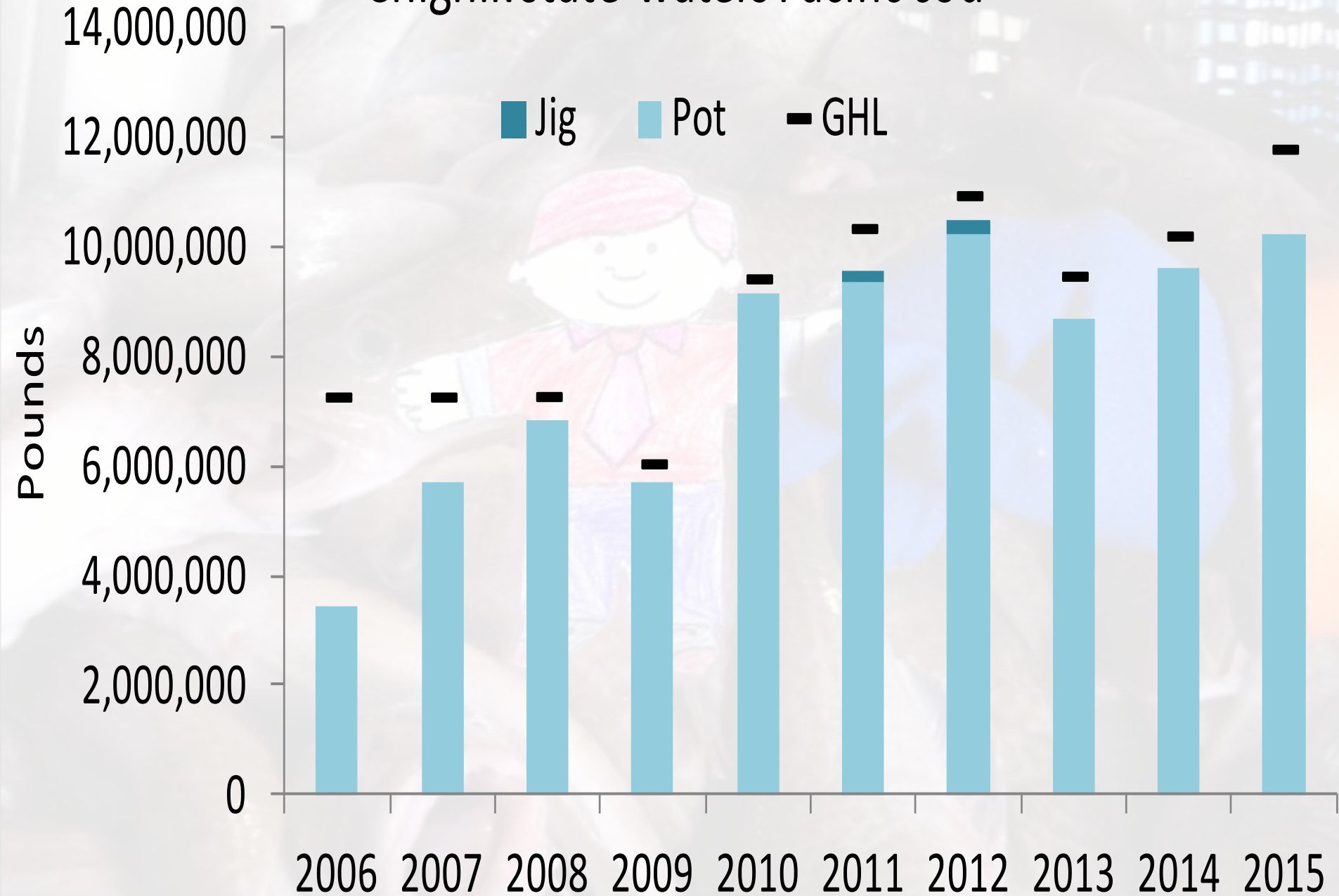
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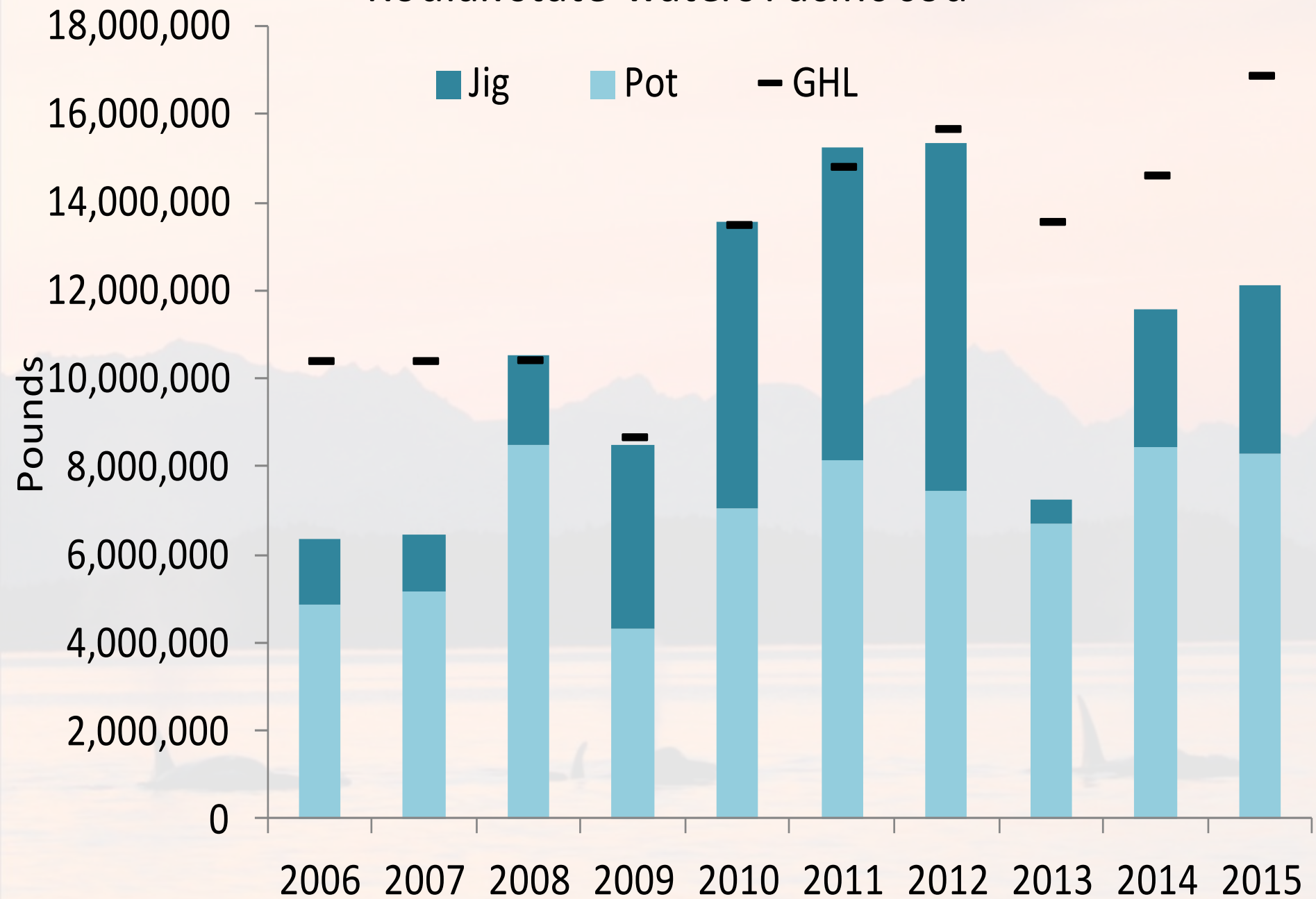
Bering Sea Tanner Crab



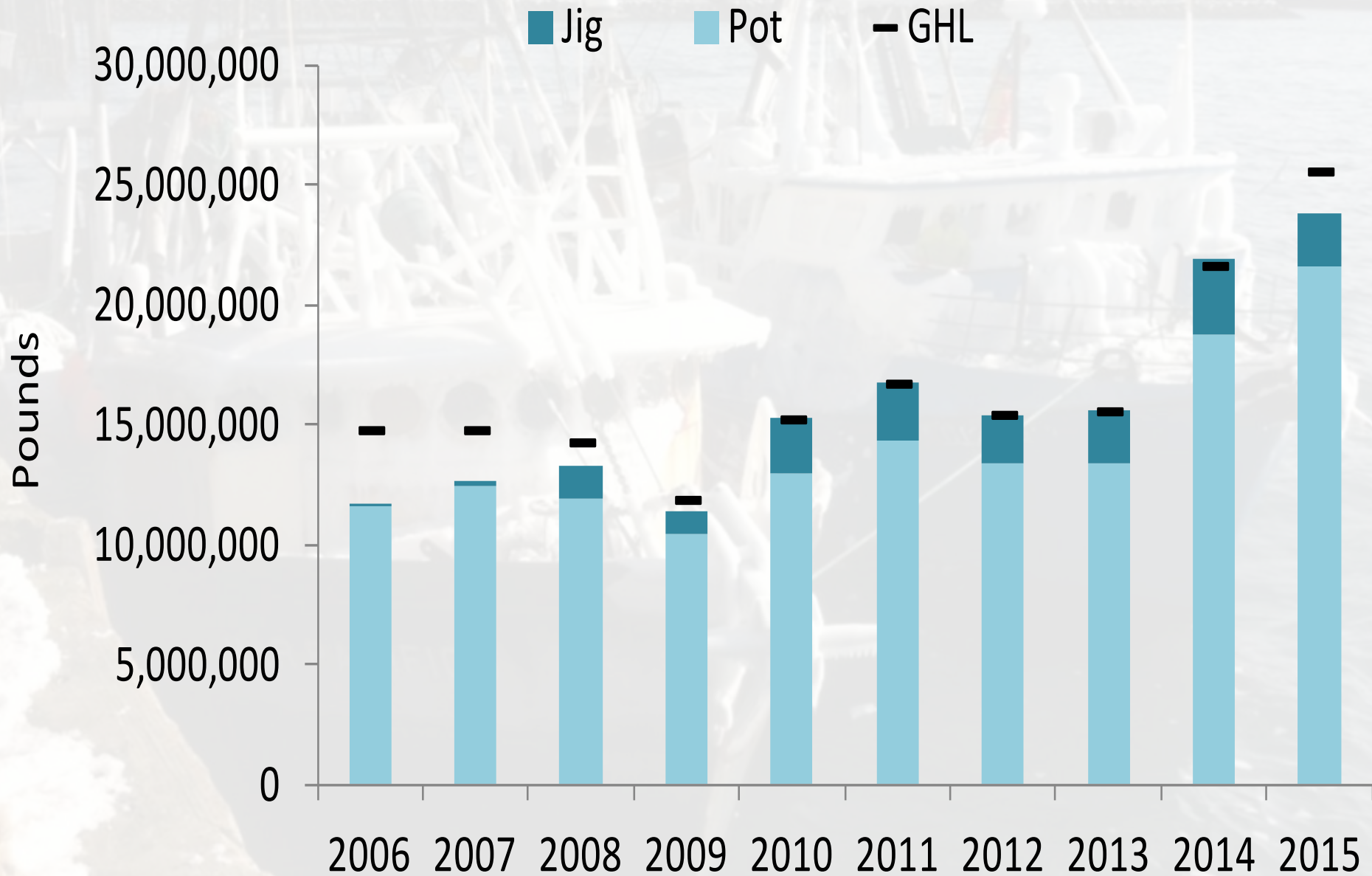
Chignik state-waters Pacific cod



Kodiak state-waters Pacific cod



South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod



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- ACR 1** – Increase the allowable level of incidental harvest of *C. bairdi* crab from 5% to 40% of the weight of red king crab onboard while directed fishing for Bristol Bay red king crab east of 166° W longitude (5 AAC 35.506).
- ACR 2** – Increase the allowable level of incidental harvest of *C. opilio* crab from 5% to 40% of the weight of *C. Bairdi* crab onboard while directed fishing for Bering Sea *C. bairdi* crab west of 166° W longitude (5 AAC 35.506).
- ACR 3** – Amend the *Bering Sea / Aleutian Islands Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Crab Fisheries Management Plan* to allow a vessel operator to deploy baited pots in another Bering Sea rationalized crab fishery, for which the vessel is not registered, while the vessel operator delivers crab from another Bering Sea rationalized crab fishery (5 AAC 39.670).
- ACR 4** – Establish an aggregate pot limit of no more than 20 pots per permit holder for the Norton Sound Section winter through the ice commercial fishery (5 AAC 34.925).

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ALASKA PENINSULA / CHIGNIK / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS- BERING SEA PACIFIC COD

November 30–December 1, 2015, in Anchorage.

Comment Deadline: November 19, 2015.

- 8 Limit the number of pots in the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area to 60 per vessel.
- 9 Reduce waters closed for the protection of Steller sea lions during the parallel Pacific cod fishery in the Chignik Area.
- 10 Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 35 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.
- 11 Increase the South Alaska Peninsula Area state-waters Pacific cod fishery guideline harvest level from 30 percent to 40 percent of the Western Gulf of Alaska acceptable biological catch.
- 14 Calculate guideline harvest levels for Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands state-waters Pacific cod fisheries based on federal acceptable biological catch for subareas of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands area.
- 15 Expand the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery boundaries and increase the state-waters fishery guideline harvest level from three percent to nine percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch.
- 16 Increase guideline harvest level for the Dutch Harbor Subdistrict state-waters Pacific cod fishery from three percent to seven percent of the federal Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands acceptable biological catch.
- 18 Align Aleutian Islands District state-waters Pacific cod season opening and closing dates with recent changes to federal Pacific cod management.

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STATEWIDE FINFISH AND SUPPLEMENTAL ISSUES

March 8–12, 2016, Anchorage

- 215 Establish a 58' overall length limit for vessels participating in South Alaska Peninsula parallel walleye pollock fishery using trawl gear.
- 194 Close all waters of Unalaska Bay to commercial fishing for groundfish with pelagic trawl gear. *(This proposal will be heard at the Alaska Peninsula / Chignik / Aleutian Islands Finfish meeting, and be heard and deliberated on at the Statewide Finfish meeting)*
- 216 Establish a state waters walleye pollock purse seine fishery in Southeast Alaska.
- 217 Establish fishing season for walleye pollock that does not conflict with salmon season.
- 218 Establish state-waters walleye pollock jig fishery management plans with guideline harvest levels deducted from total allowable catch (TAC) for the Eastern Gulf of Alaska, Prince William Sound, Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Chignik, South Alaska Peninsula and Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands.

Questions?

