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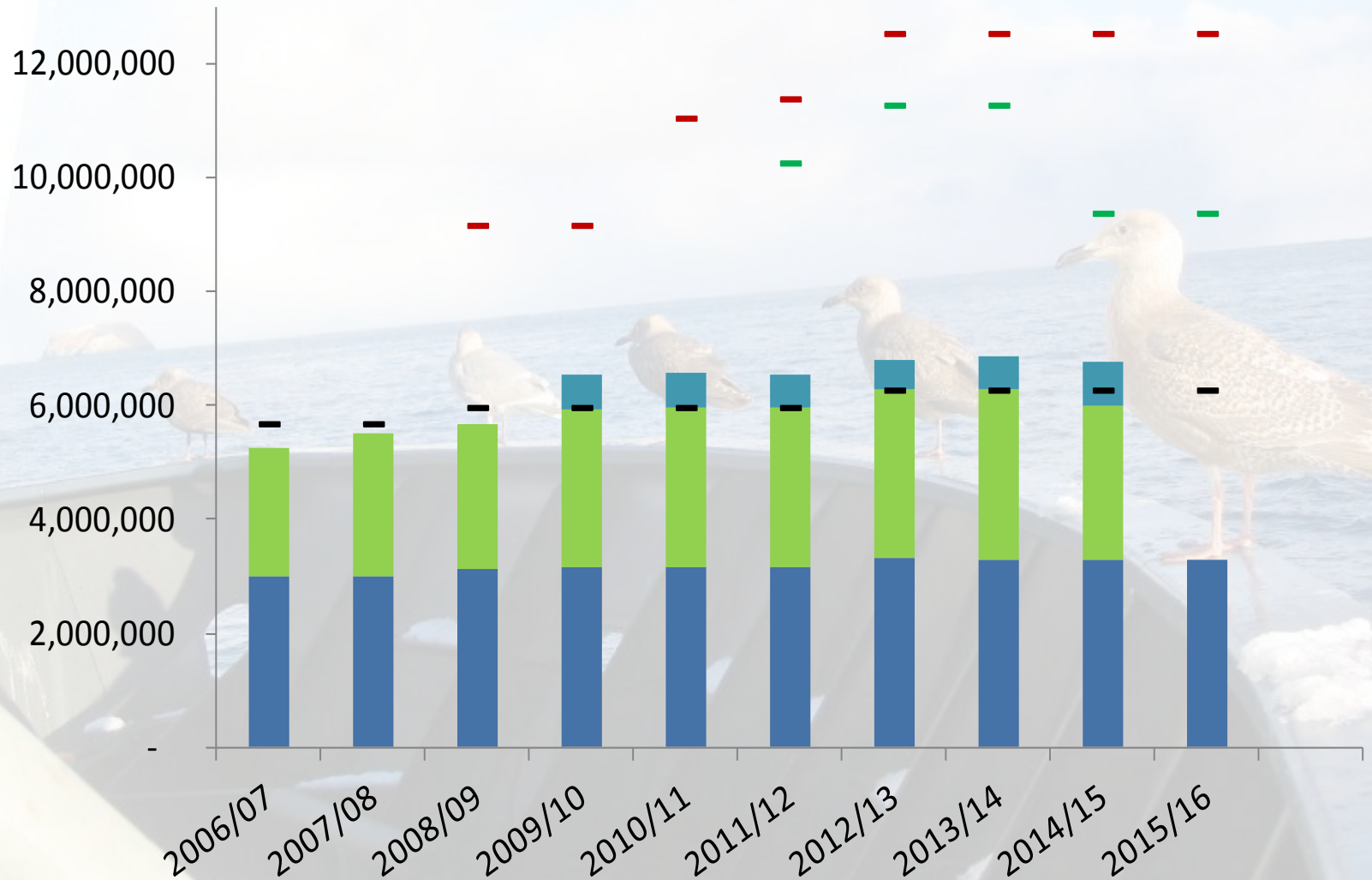## Agenda Item B-3

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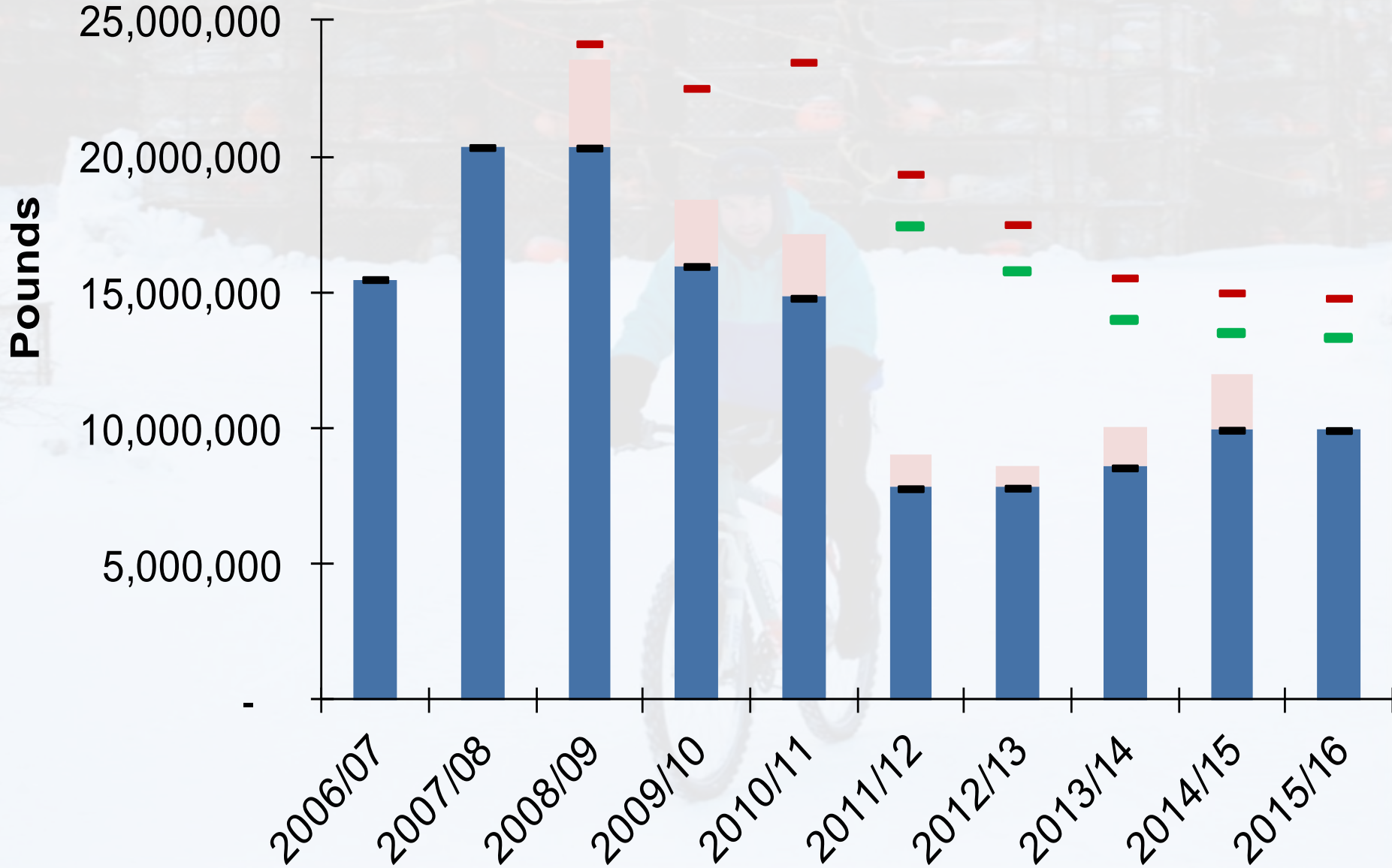
Aleutian Islands Golden King Crab

Bristol Bay Red King Crab

Legend: Total IFQ/CDQ catch · Other removals · OFL · ABC · TAC

Y-axis (Pounds): -, 5,000,000, 10,000,000, 15,000,000, 20,000,000, 25,000,000

X-axis: 2006/07, 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

St. Matthew Blue King Crab

Legend:
- Other removals (orange)
- CDQ Harvest (green)
- IFQ Harvest (yellow)
- TAC (black)
- OFL (red)
- ABC (green)

Y-axis: Pounds — 0, 500,000, 1,000,000, 1,500,000, 2,000,000, 2,500,000, 3,000,000, 3,500,000, 4,000,000

X-axis: 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16

Bering Sea Tanner Crab

Legend:
- Total West Catch
- Total East Catch
- TAC
- OFL
- ABC
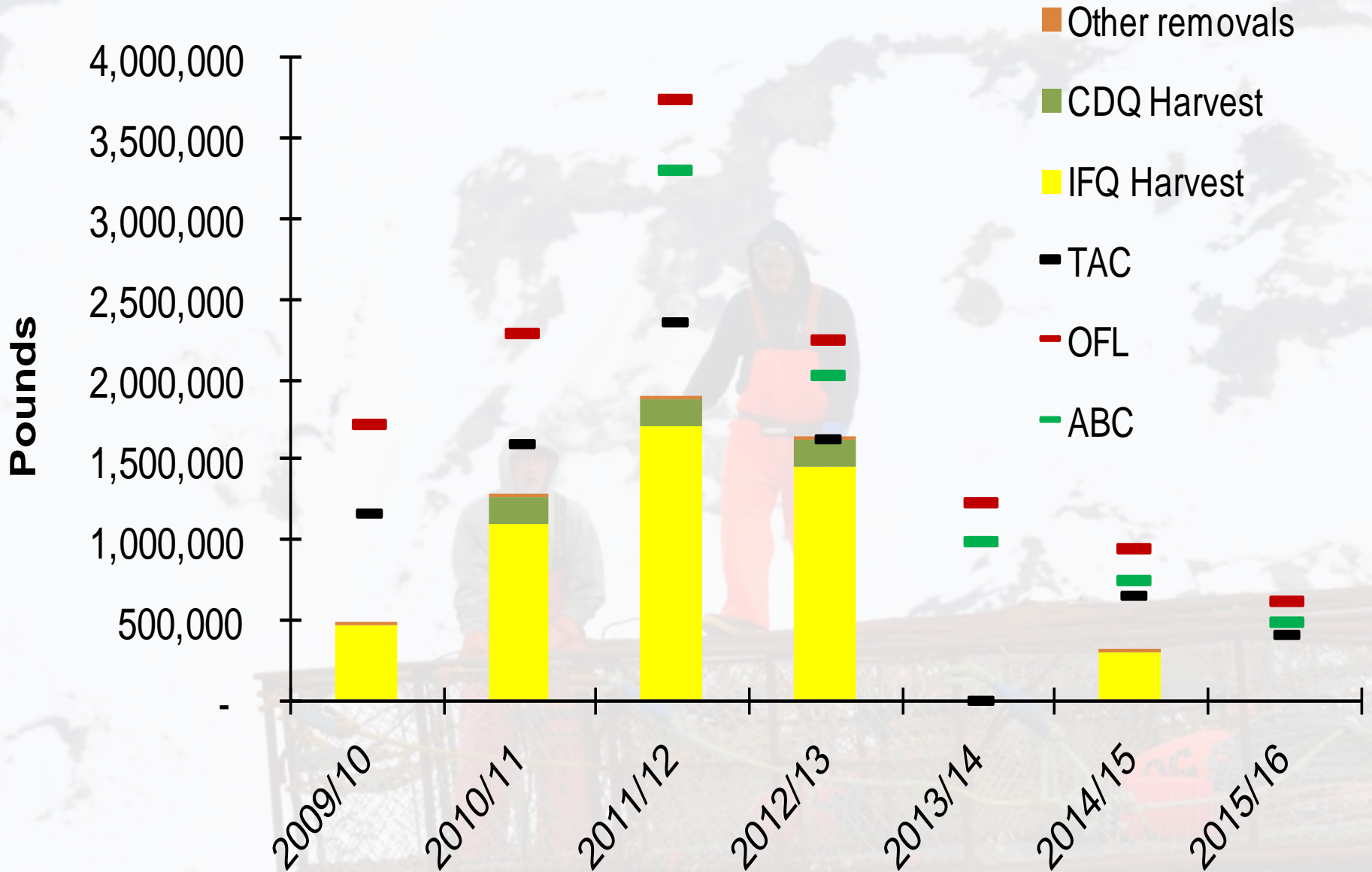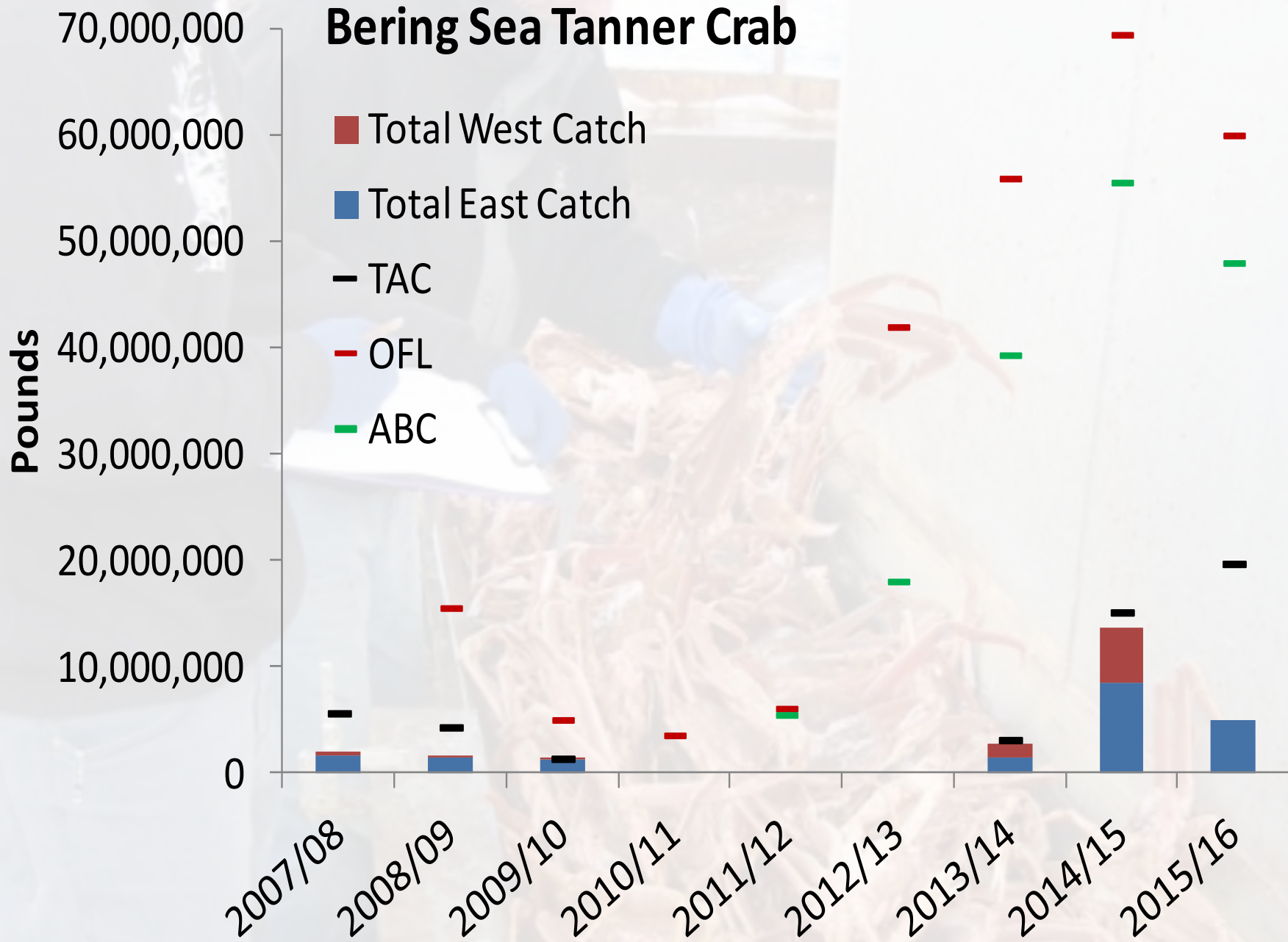
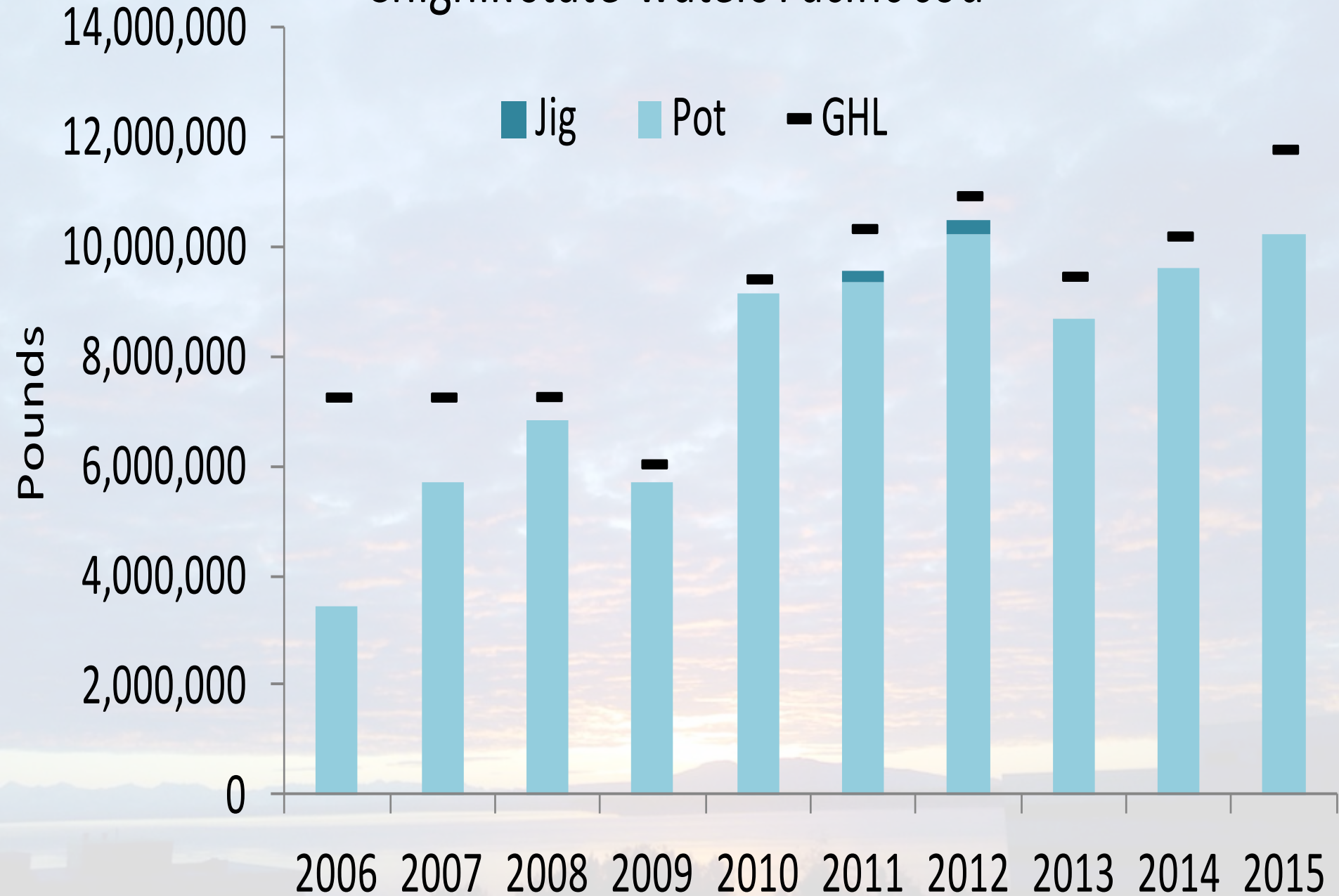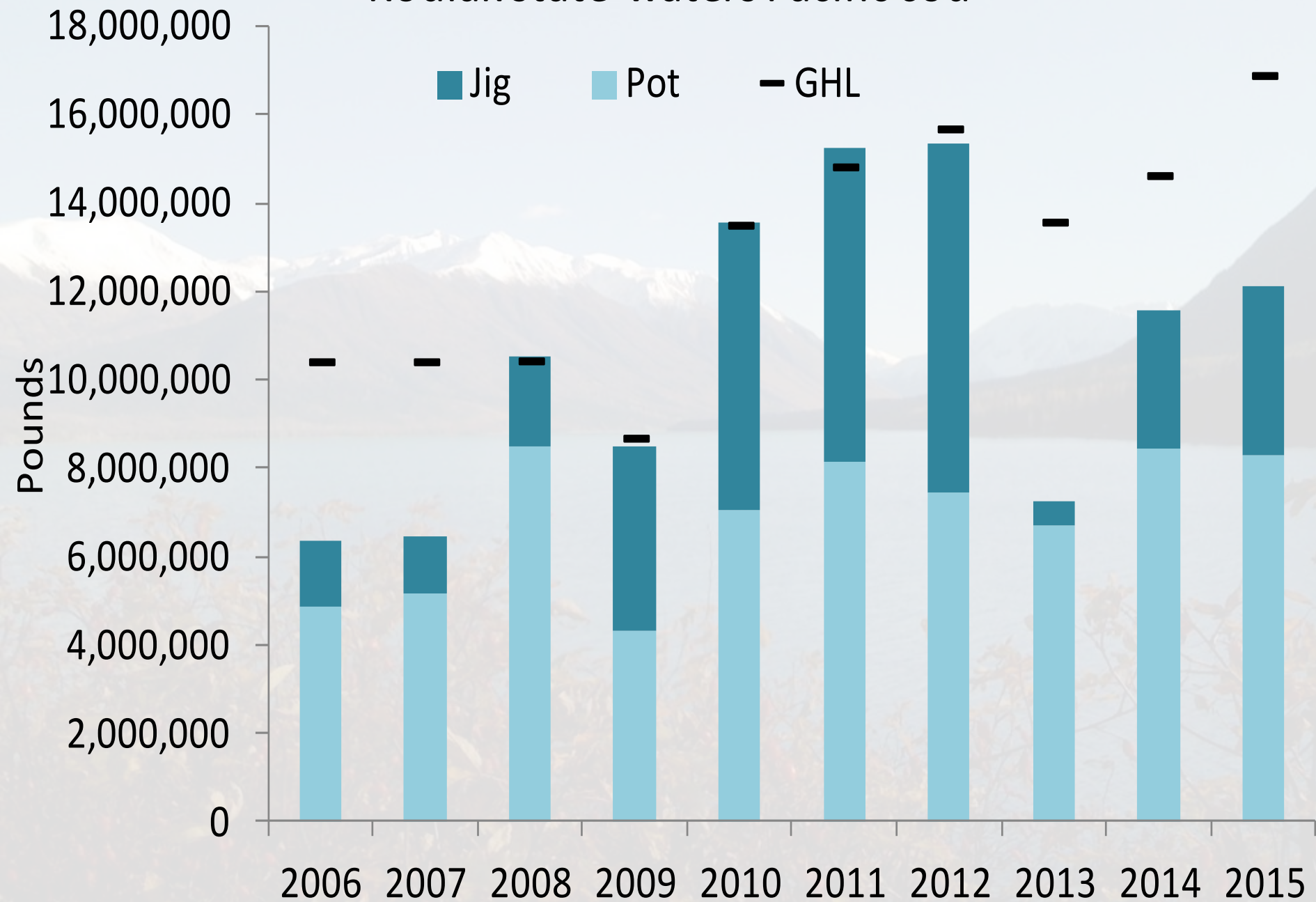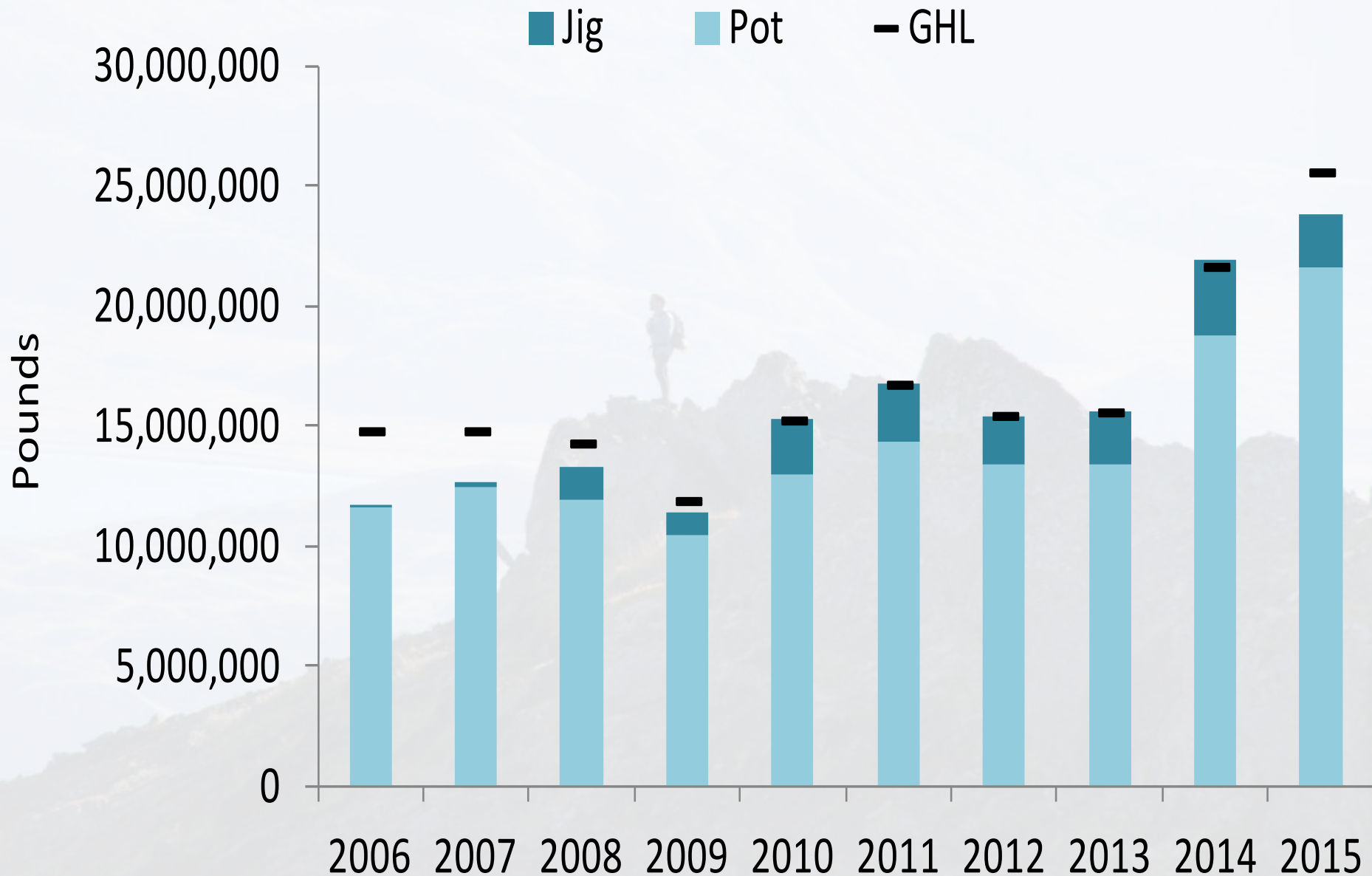Bering Sea Snow Crab Harvest
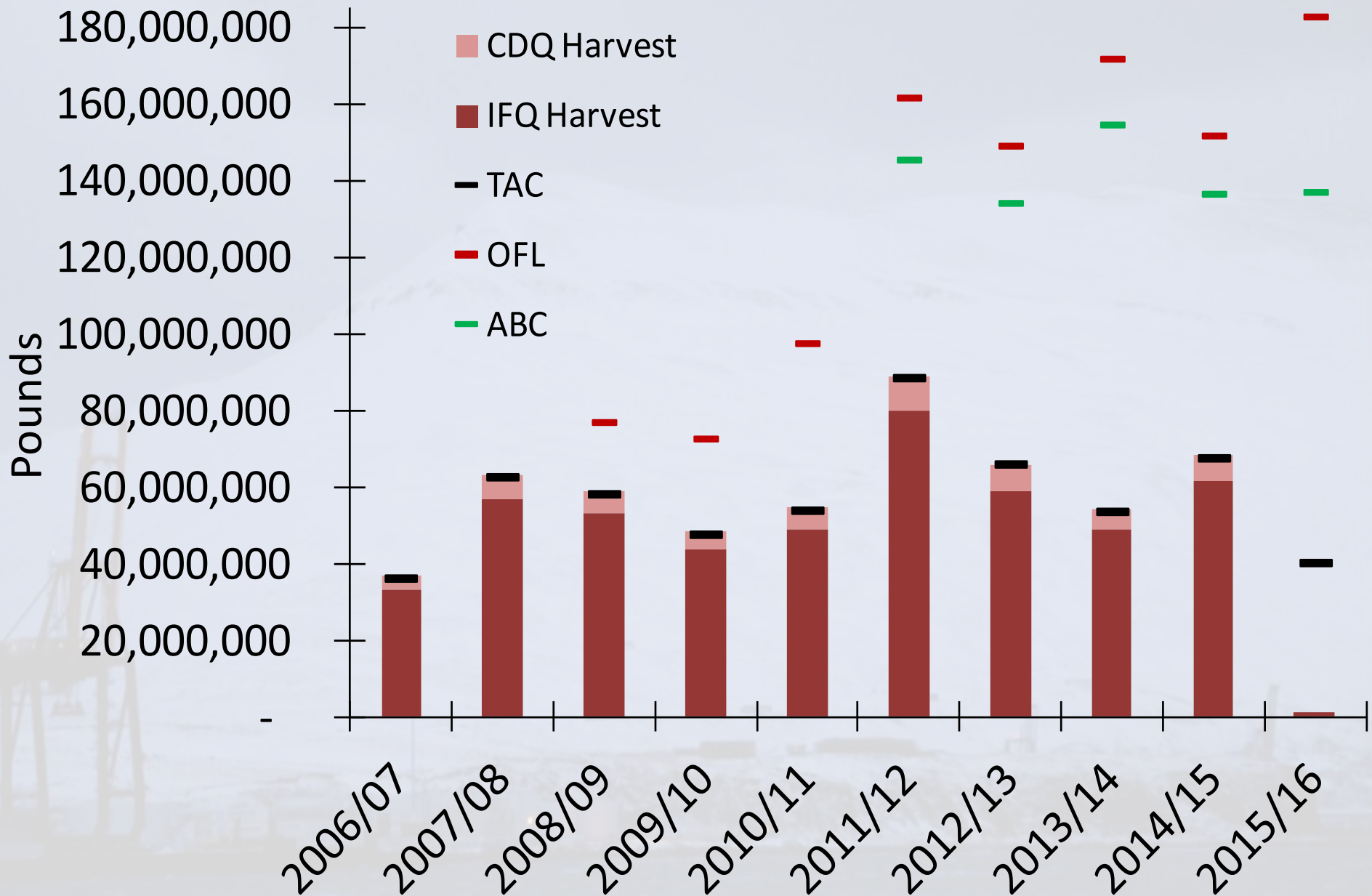
Chignik state-waters Pacific cod

Kodiak state-waters Pacific cod

South Alaska Peninsula state-waters Pacific cod

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Agenda Change Requests (ACRs)

One crab ACR was accepted:

ACR 4 – Proposal 223; scheduled for the A-Y-K meeting, Fairbanks, January 12-16, 2016. 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).

Three crab ACRs were denied:

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).

ALASKA PENINSULA / CHIGNIK / ALEUTIAN ISLANDS- BERING SEA PACIFIC COD
November 30 – December 1, 2015, Anchorage.

Chignik Pacific Cod (9 proposals considered)

8   Failed.

9   Tabled; the Board will consider this proposal pursuant to determining the impacts of a Section 7 consultation with NMFS; see RC 30 for description of action.

South Alaska Peninsula Pacific Cod (4 proposals considered)

10   Failed.

11   No action.

Bering Sea-Aleutian Islands Pacific Cod (8 proposals considered)

14   Passed; set GHL as 27% of AI subarea ABC and removed A/B season. Included step-up provisions to 39% of AI ABC and capped maximum GHL at 15 million pounds.

15   Passed; revised proposal to set GHL as 6.4% of BS subarea ABC and expanded the western fishing boundary to 170° W long., with the exception of 'no fishing areas' as established in 50 CFR 679 – Table 12, and 3 nm haul out closures in Table 5 as well as closed waters in western portion of area.

16   No action.

17   Failed.

18   Passed.

19   No action.

20   Passed.

21   Passed; see RC 27

Groundfish (7 proposals to be considered)

213   Clarify possession and landing requirements for Pacific cod and walleye pollock.

214   Specify that bycatch in excess of the allowable amount will be surrendered to the state and donated to charity and establish fines for bycatch in excess of the allowable amount.

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?