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RE: Support for Proposal 70

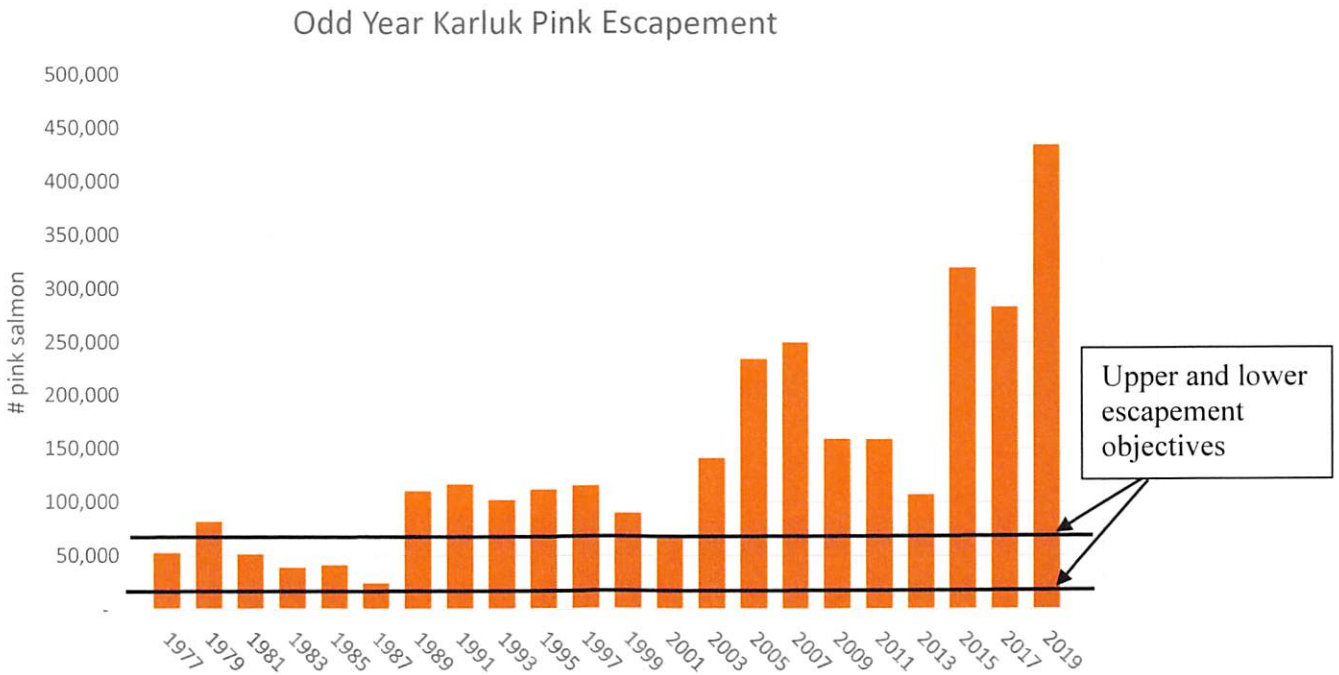


Figure 1. The Department asserts that “while this proposal may provide more harvest opportunity in the Central and North Cape sections on even year pink salmon returns to the Karluk system, it is unlikely to provide added opportunity on odd-year pink salmon returns due to run timing.” The concern of the NWSA is that we are currently experiencing tremendous ecological instability across the Gulf of Alaska. We want the Department to have the management tool to deal with the possibility that Karluk odd-year pink returns could be about to radically change, and we may even be facing and switch in even- odd-year dominance. In 2018 we saw 2.3 million pink salmon return from 360,000 spawners in 2016. What does the future hold?