

**2024 NOF #1
Commercial
Breakout Session
March 13, 2024**



Washington Department of
FISH & WILDLIFE



NOF #1 Agenda

- Introduction
 - State's objectives for 2024
- 2023 catch summary
 - By area
- 2024 NT season planning
 - Preliminary fishery proposals
 - Gill net inquiries
 - Reefnet inquires
- Continuing 2024 NOF schedule
- Questions and comments



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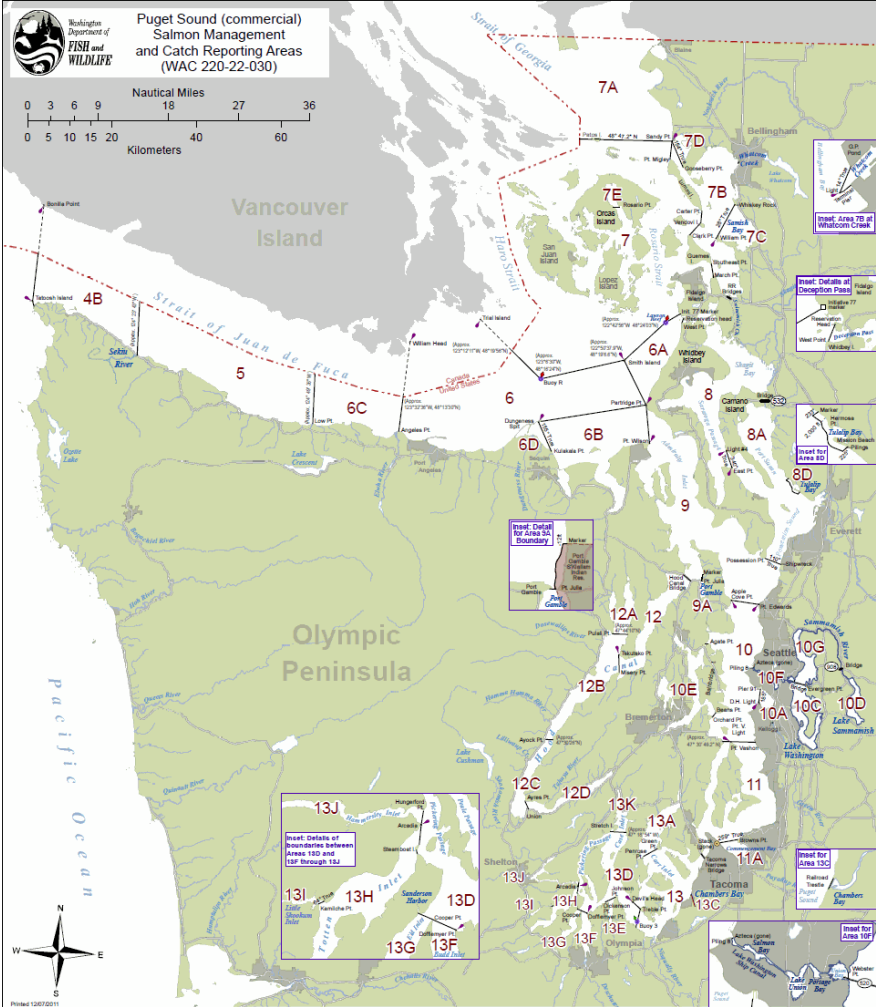
NOF #1: WDFW Mission

- State's Commercial Objectives for 2024:
 - Understand precautions due to low abundance.
 - Craft fisheries when/where conservation measures can be attained.
- WDFW commitment:
 - Using all data and tools at our disposal investigate the most prudent path to 2024 fisheries.
 - Thinking outside the box; taking different ideas into consideration.
 - Soliciting input from the fishers.



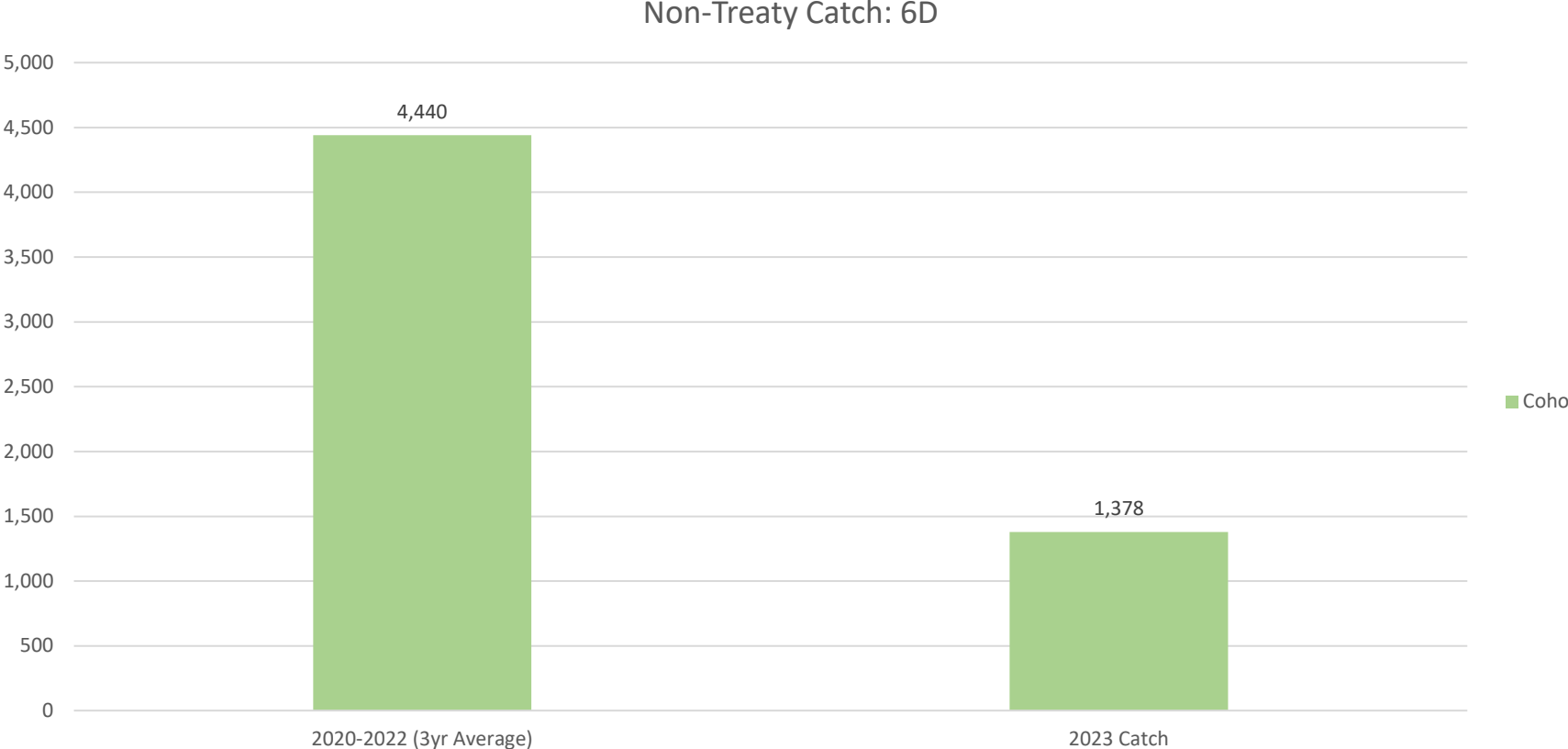
NOF #1: 2023 Catch Summary

3-year average catch versus 2023



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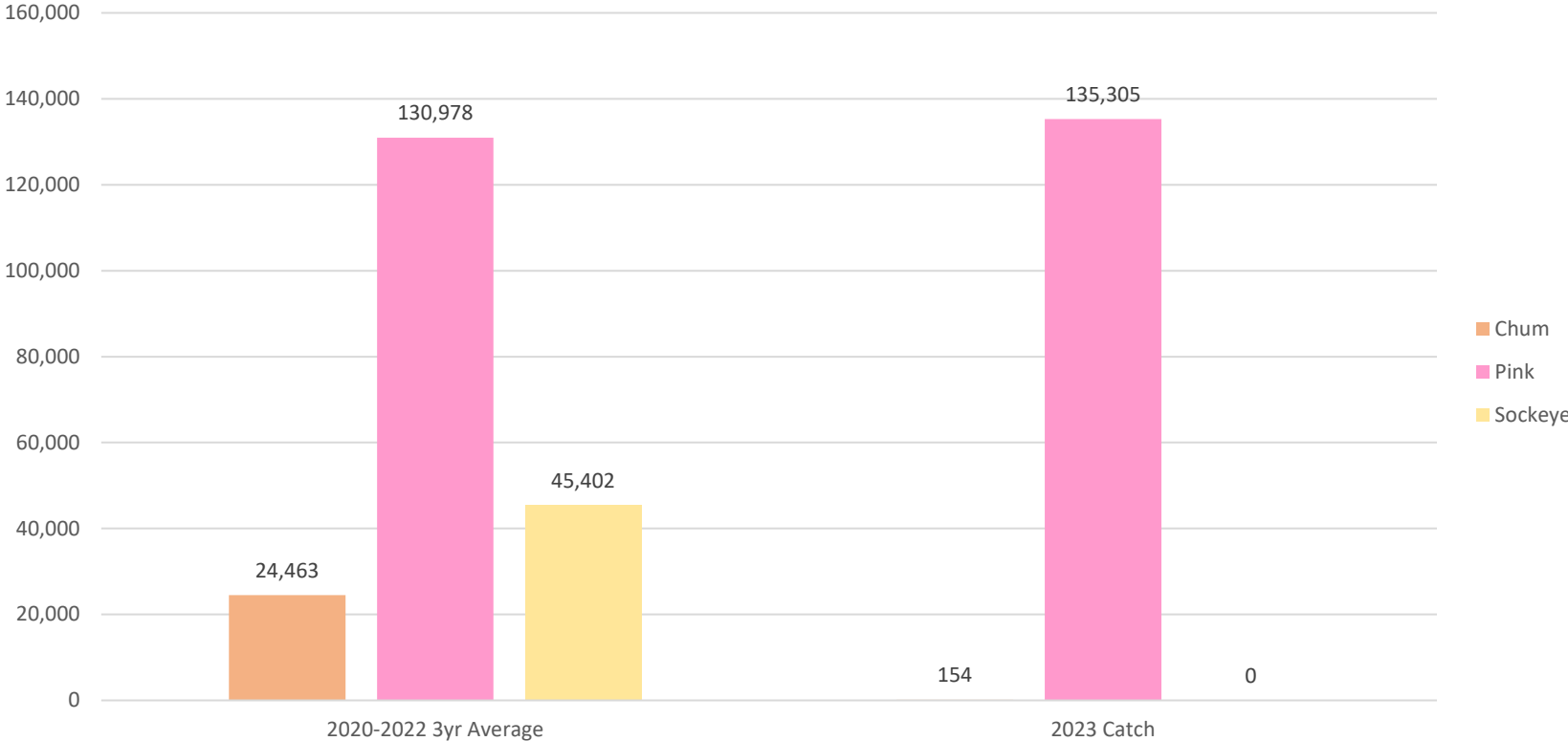
Area 6D: Dungeness Bay



NOF #1: 2023 Catch Summary

Area 7/7A: San Juans/Point Roberts

Non-Treaty Catch: 7/7A



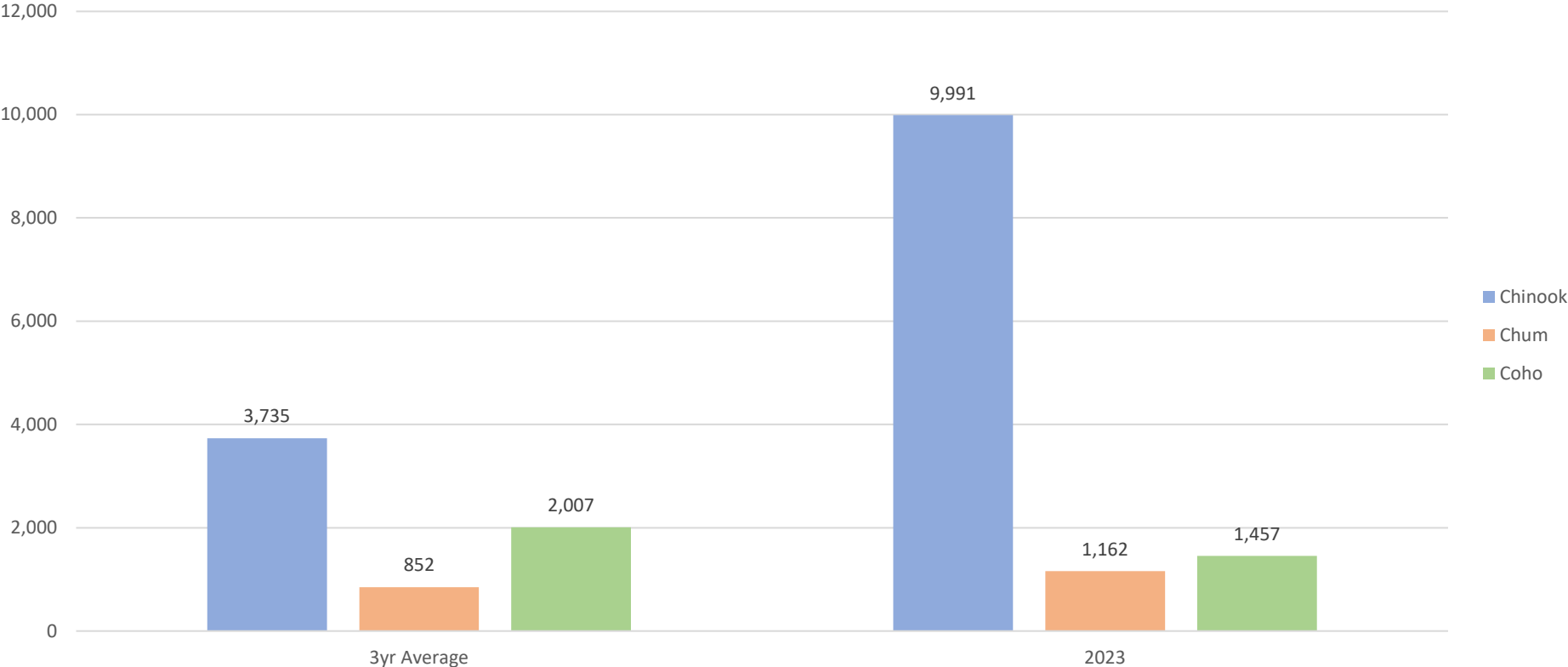
— DFO indicates average to below-average chum return for 2024



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Area 7B/C: Bellingham Bay Samish Bay

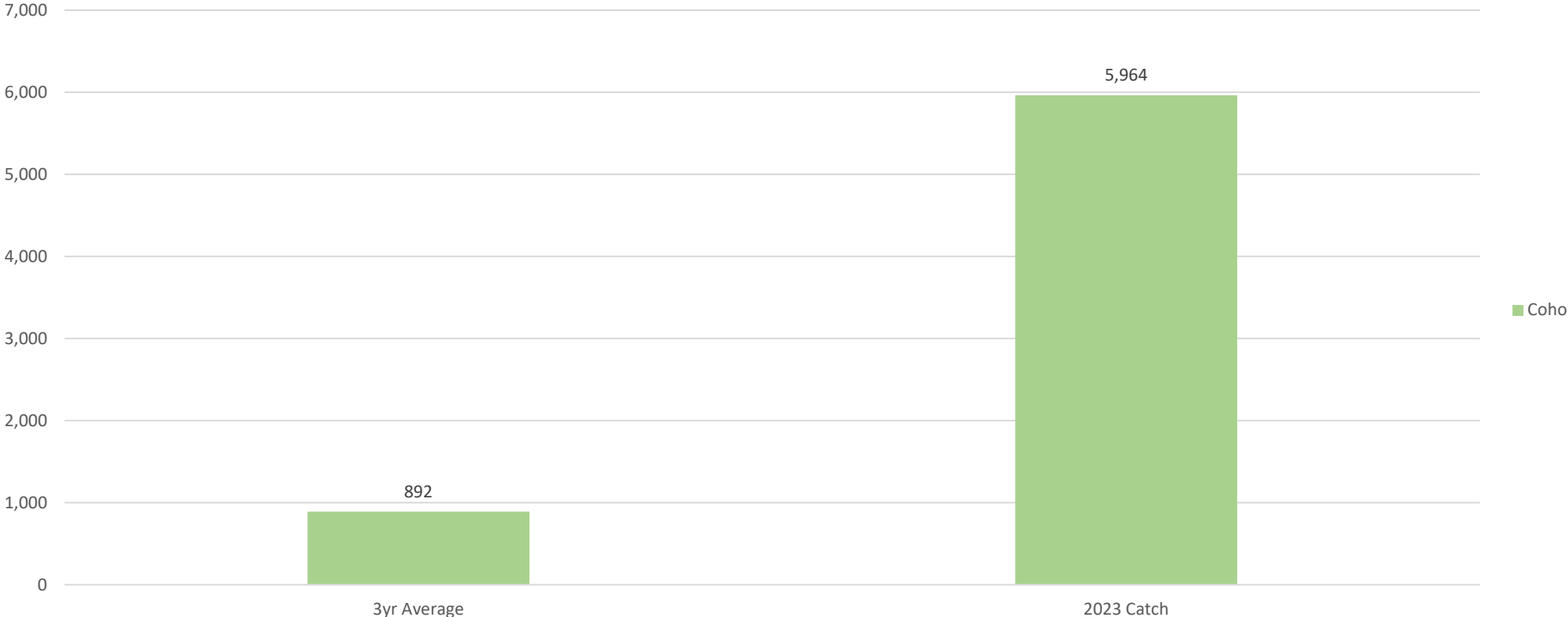
Non-Treaty Catch: 7B/7C



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Area 9A: Port Gamble

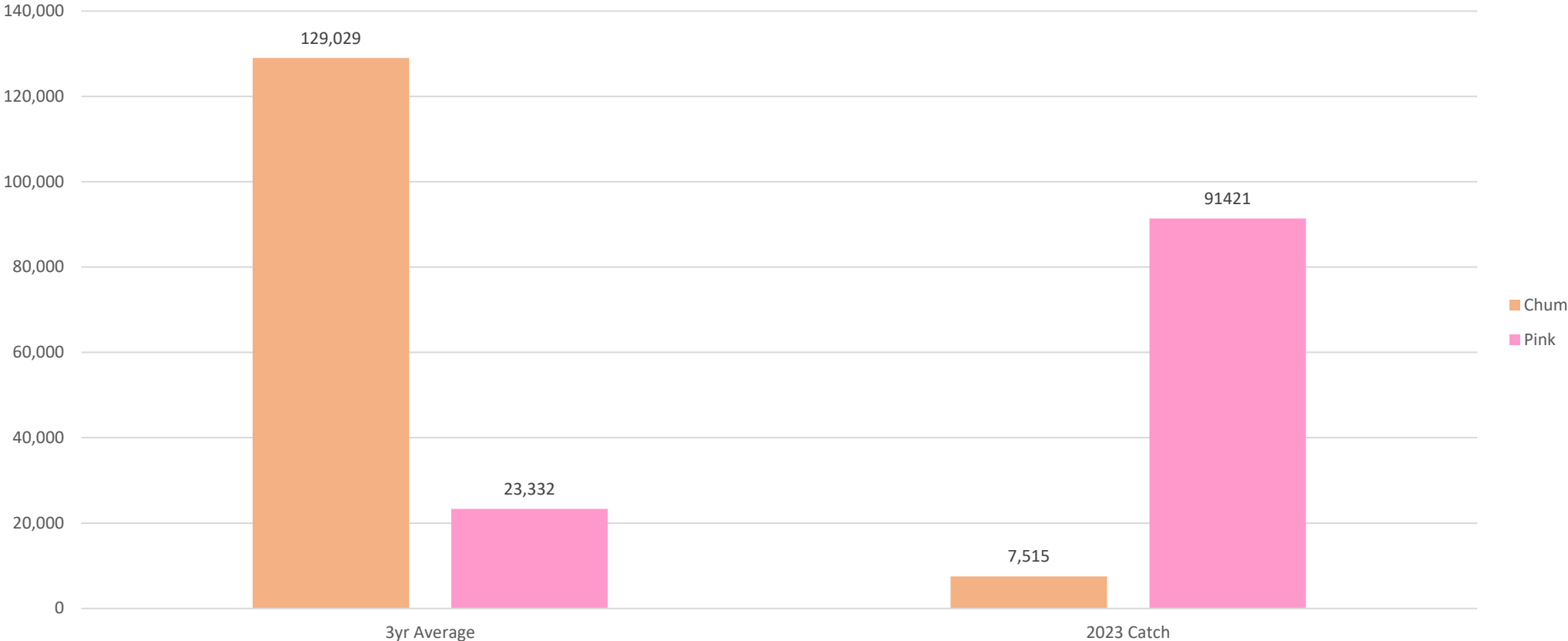
Non-Treaty Catch: 9A



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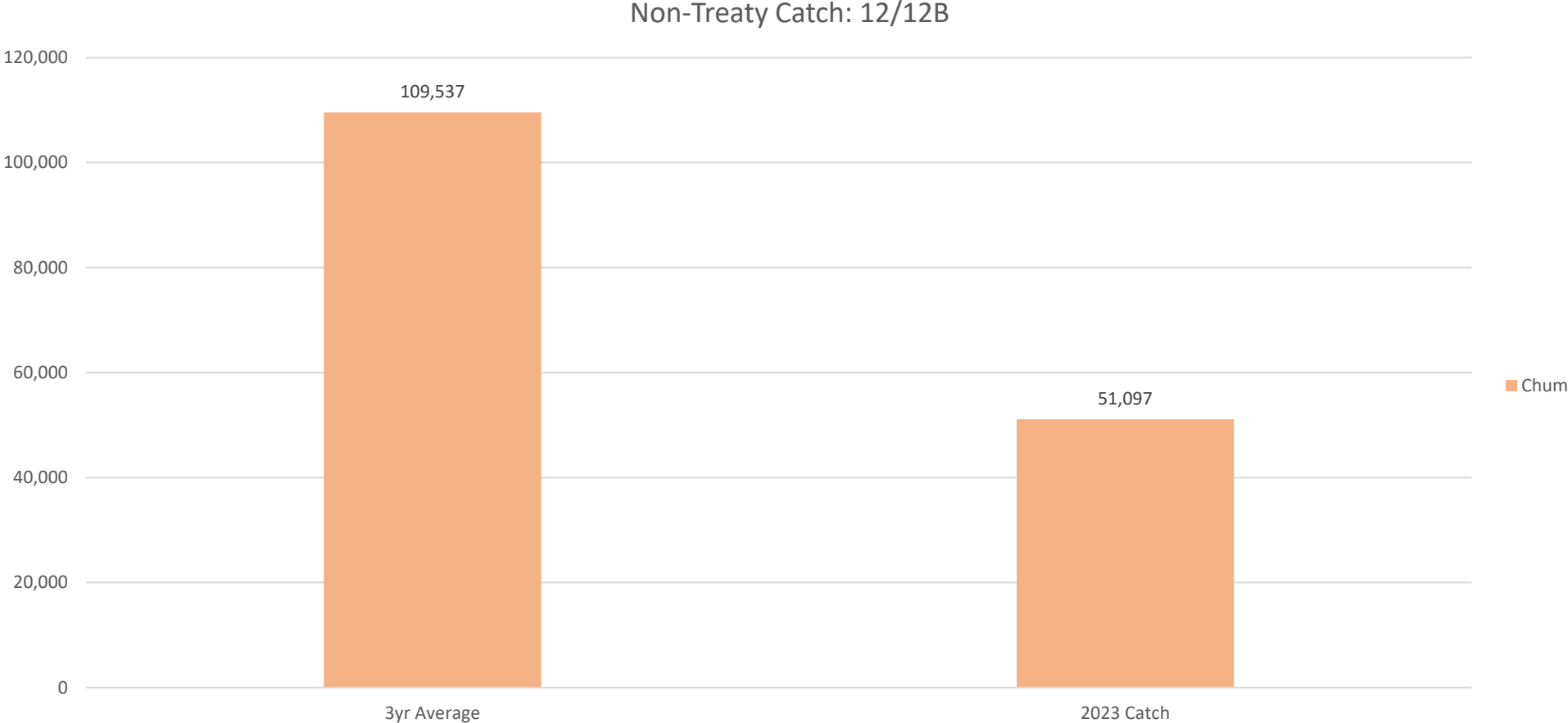
Area 10/11: South Sound

Non-Treaty Catch: 10/11



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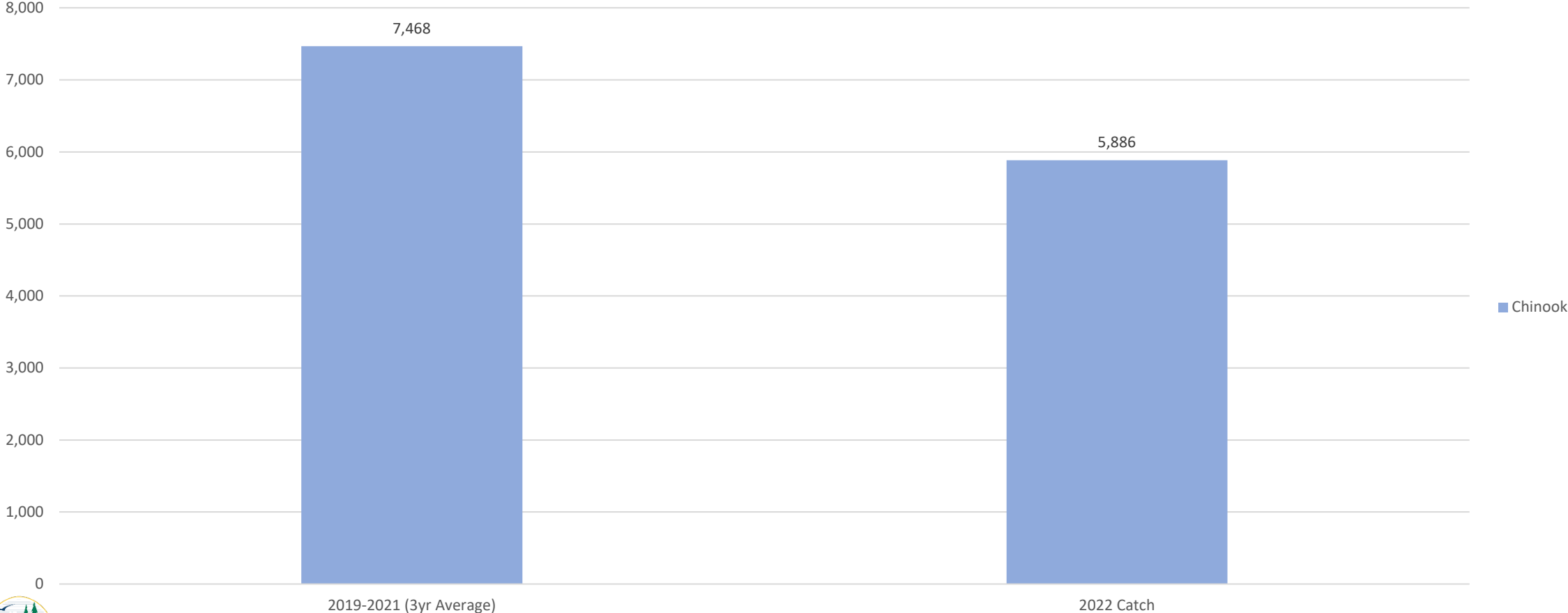
Area 12/12B: Hood Canal



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Area 12C: Hoodsport

Non-Treaty Catch: 12C



NOF #1: NT Season Planning

2024 Preliminary Expectations by Area:

- **6D:** Start wk 39. No expected issues. Maintain closure areas.
- **7/7A:** Sockeye at P90. Similar Fall chum forecast may result in limited fisheries.
- **7B/7C:** Coho and Chum forecasts should allow for full schedule.
- **8/8A/8D:** No proposed fisheries at the as of NOF #1.



NOF #1: NT Season Planning

2024 Preliminary Expectations by Area:

- **9A:** Proposed fisheries as full schedule. Closure areas to be discussed. Chum release requirement.
- **10 & 11:** Above the 460k trigger to propose full feet fishery in week 42. Schedule to be determined upon discussion with co-managers.
- **12A:** Full schedule proposed.
- **12 & 12B:** Similar forecast to 2023. Schedule dependent on Areas 10/11 fishery. Coho concerns, 2022 9% over ER cap from net fisheries
- **12C:** Beach Seine single day schedule.



GN Schedule Proposals Received March 8 and March 11, 2024

March 8 – Proposal from Puget Sound Harvesters

- Area 10 openings Sun.-Tues. 5 p.m. to 9 a.m., starting week 42
- Area 12 openings Mon.-Tues. daytime hours, starting week 42

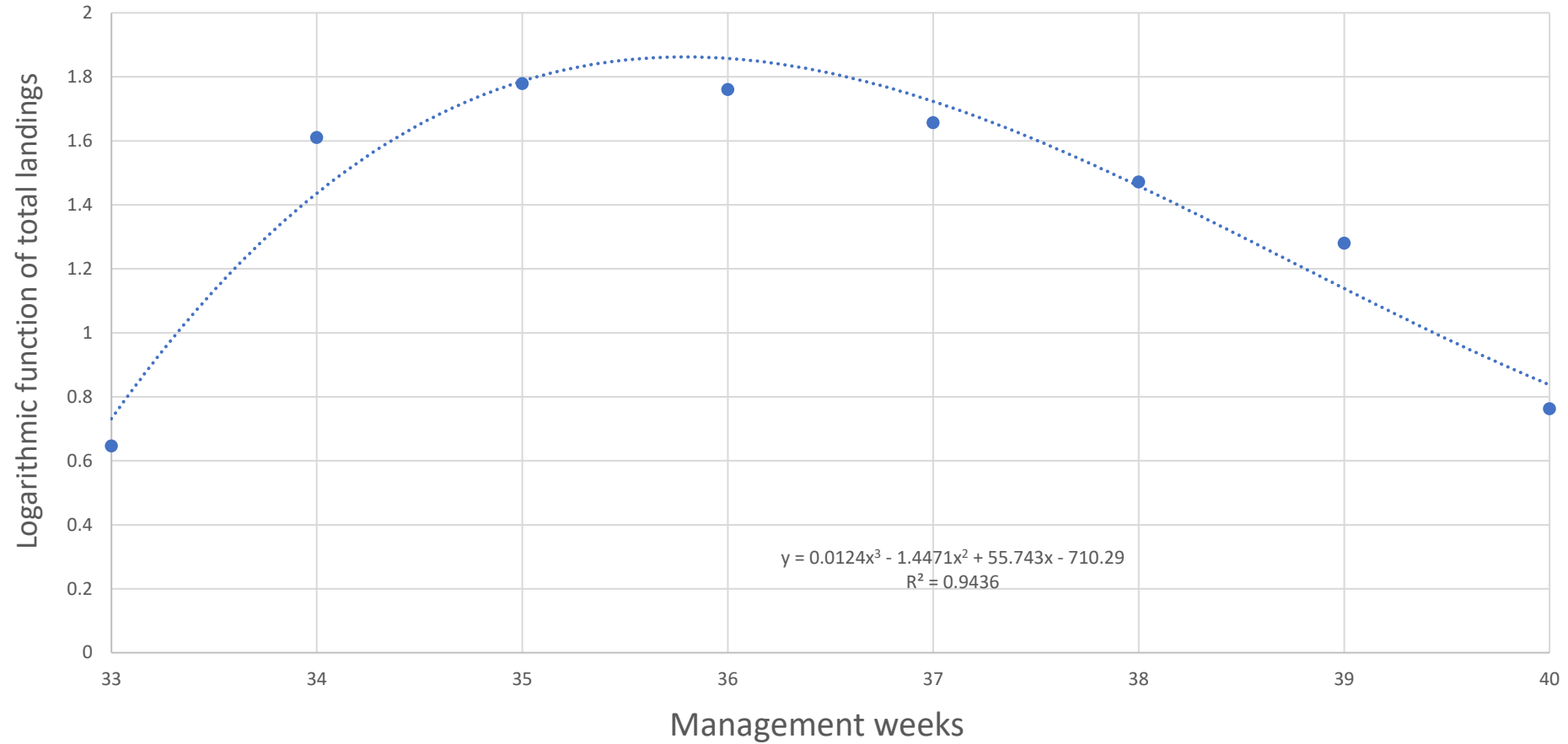
March 11 – Proposal from Puget Sound GNs

- 7B/C start date
- 7B daylight fishery
- 12-A start date
- Terminal area chum



7B/C

Area 7B/C Log Landings



Reefnet Coho

- Evaluating inputs for September and October
- Adhering to tides
- Adjusting for effort



2024 North of Falcon Meetings

March 6

- Pacific Fisheries Management Council #1
- Fresno, CA

March 13

- North of Falcon #1 Public Meeting
- Olympia, WA

March 27

- North of Falcon #2 Public Meeting
- Lynnwood, WA - Lynnwood Embassy Suites

April 6-10

- Pacific Fisheries Management Council
- Seattle, WA - Westin Seattle



Questions or comments?

