

Puget Sound Shrimp Fisheries



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Puget Sound Shrimp - Topics

- Policy C-3610 – Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery
- Shrimp Biology & Fisheries Management
- Fisheries Performance & Overview
 - Spot Shrimp
 - Non-spot Shrimp Species Complex
- Year in Review



Shrimp Species Harvested by Commercial and Recreational Fisheries



Species: *Pandalus eous*

Common Name: Northern Pink Shrimp

Size: Overall length 4 inches,

Fisheries: commercial trawl



Species: *Pandalus danae*

Common Name: Dock Shrimp, Coonstripe Shrimp

Size: Overall length 5 inches

Fisheries: recreational pot, commercial pot and trawl

Species: *Pandalus hypsinotus*

Common Name: Coonstripe, Humpies

Size: Overall length 7 inches

Fisheries: recreational pot fishery, commercial trawl and pot

Species: *Pandalus platyceros*

Common Name: Spot shrimp

Size: Overall length 10 inches,

Fisheries: recreational and commercial pot



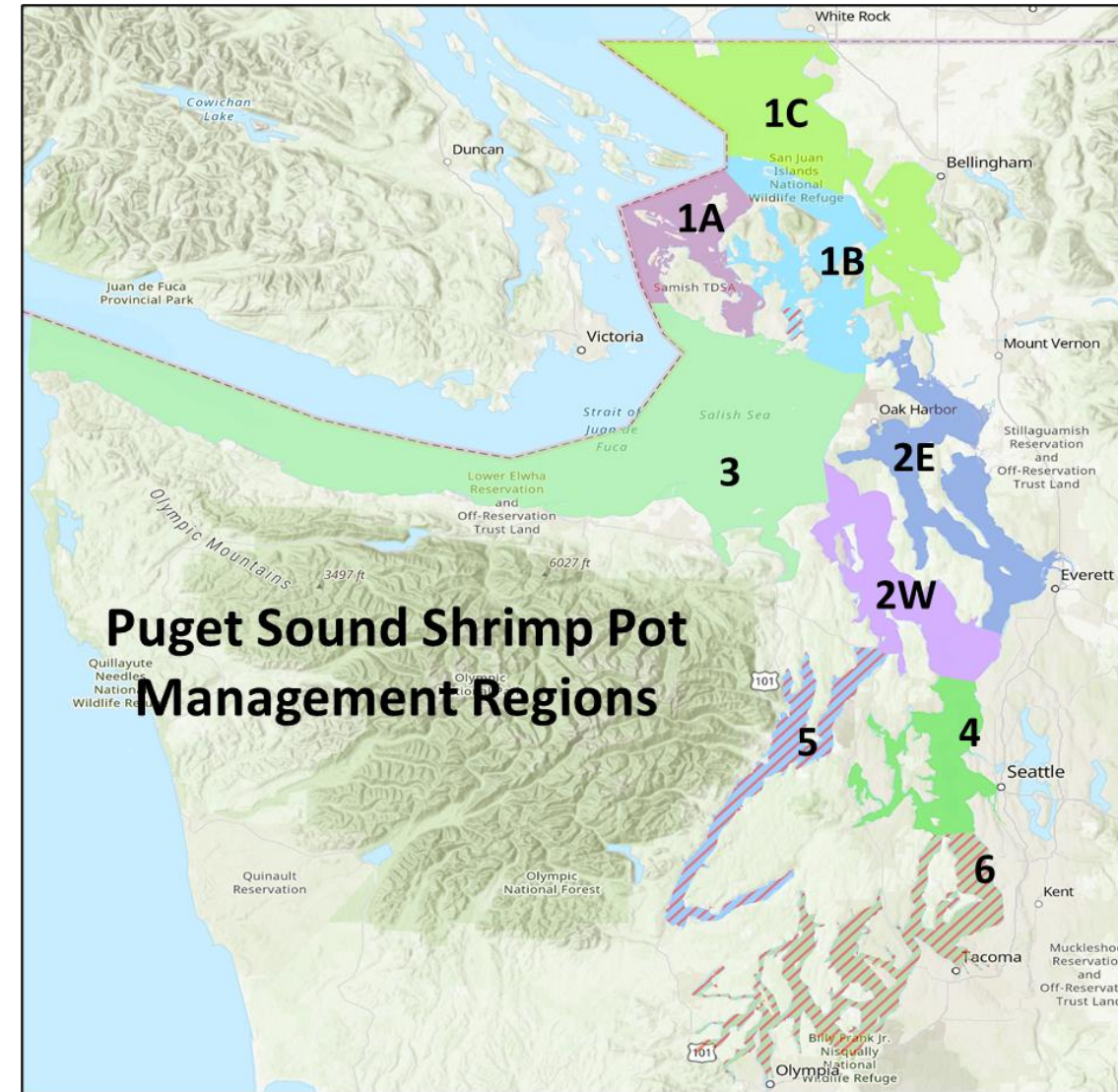
Puget Sound Shrimp Fishery Policy C-3610

- A revised Puget Sound shrimp fishery policy was adopted by the F&W Commission on December 15, 2012;
- The policy provides for recreational and commercial fisheries that are consistent with conservation goals;
- The allocation objective for Puget Sound spot shrimp harvest opportunity is 70% recreational and 30% commercial, taking into account regional differences;
- The management strategy for Puget Sound non-spot shrimp **pot** fisheries is at least 80% commercial and up to 20% recreational opportunity of the state share of the quota;
- The management strategy for Puget Sound non-spot shrimp **trawl** fishery is to restrict commercial fishing to Shrimp Regions 1 and 3.



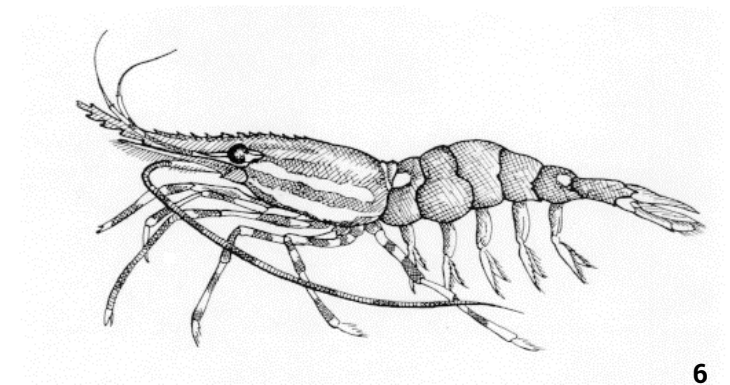
Puget Sound Spot Shrimp Management

- Six management regions
- Policy C-3610 provides commercial and recreational opportunity in Regions 1 and 3. Regions 2E, 2W, 4, 5, and 6 are reserved for recreational opportunity only.
- Annual harvest quotas and regional State/Tribal harvest shares are established annually through co-management agreements.

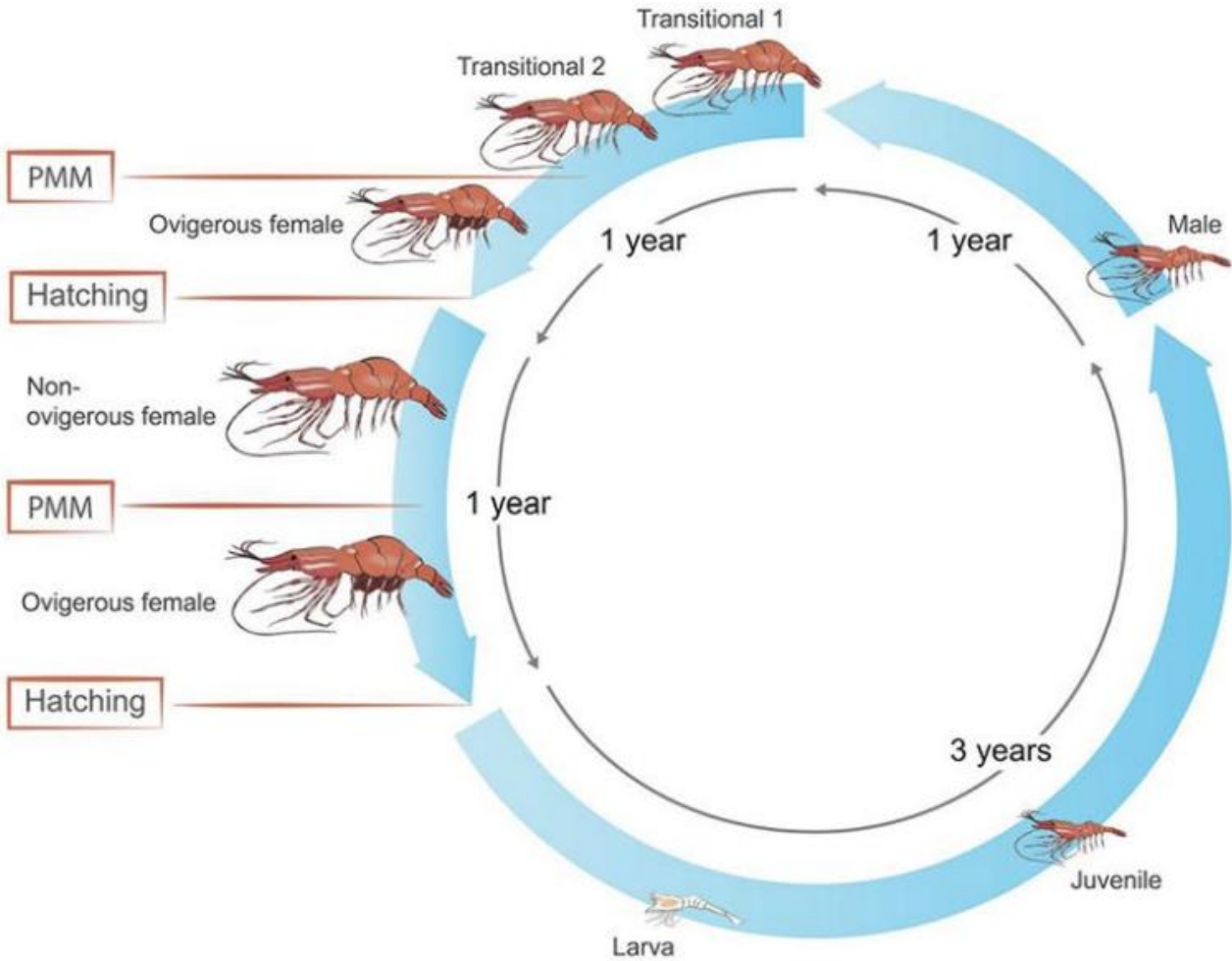




Population Assessment



SPOT SHRIMP LIFE CYCLE



*PMM = pre-mating molt
Levy et al. 2020*

- 5-6 yr lifespan
- Begin life as males
- Transition into females
- Move deeper as they grow

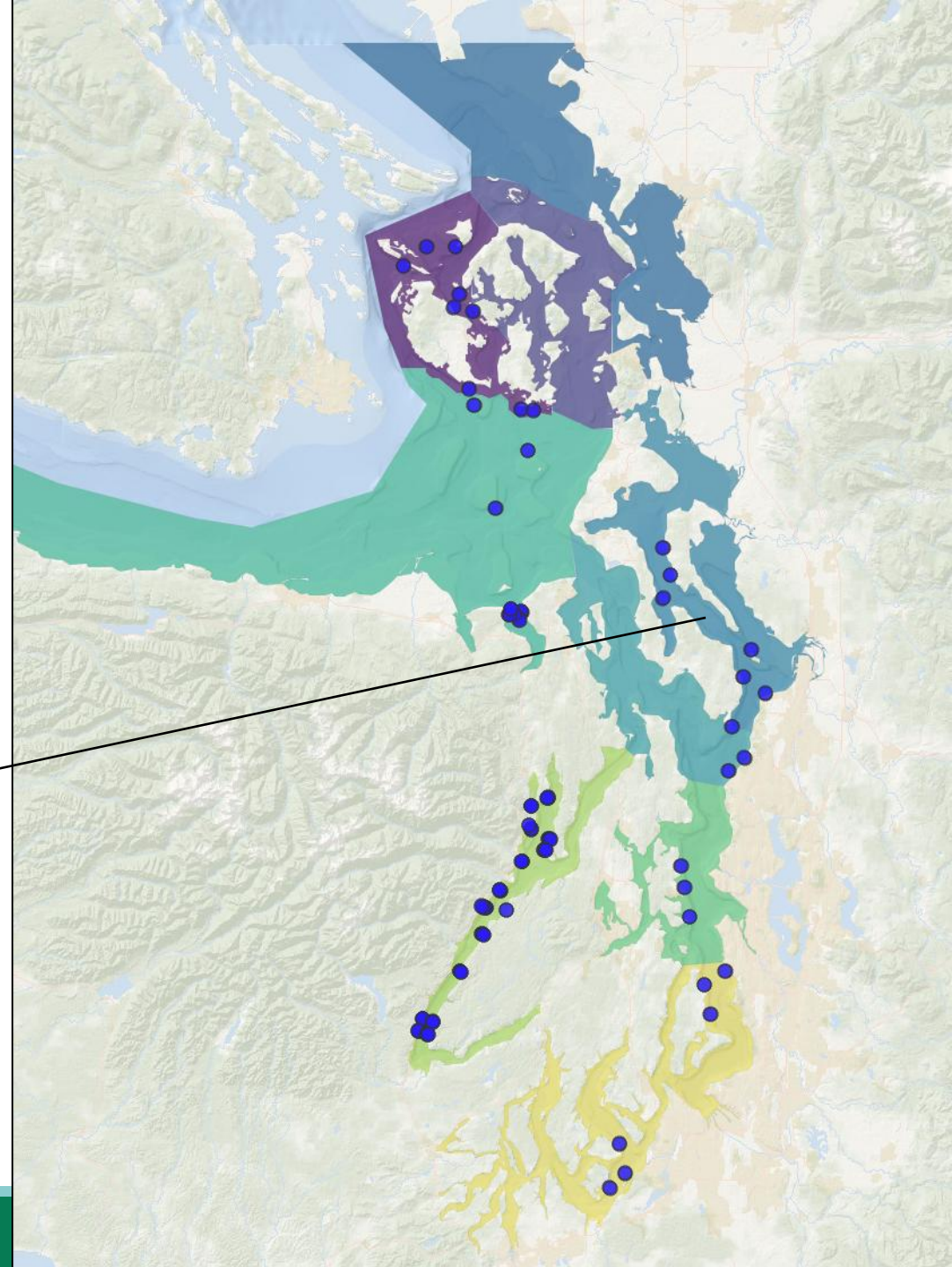
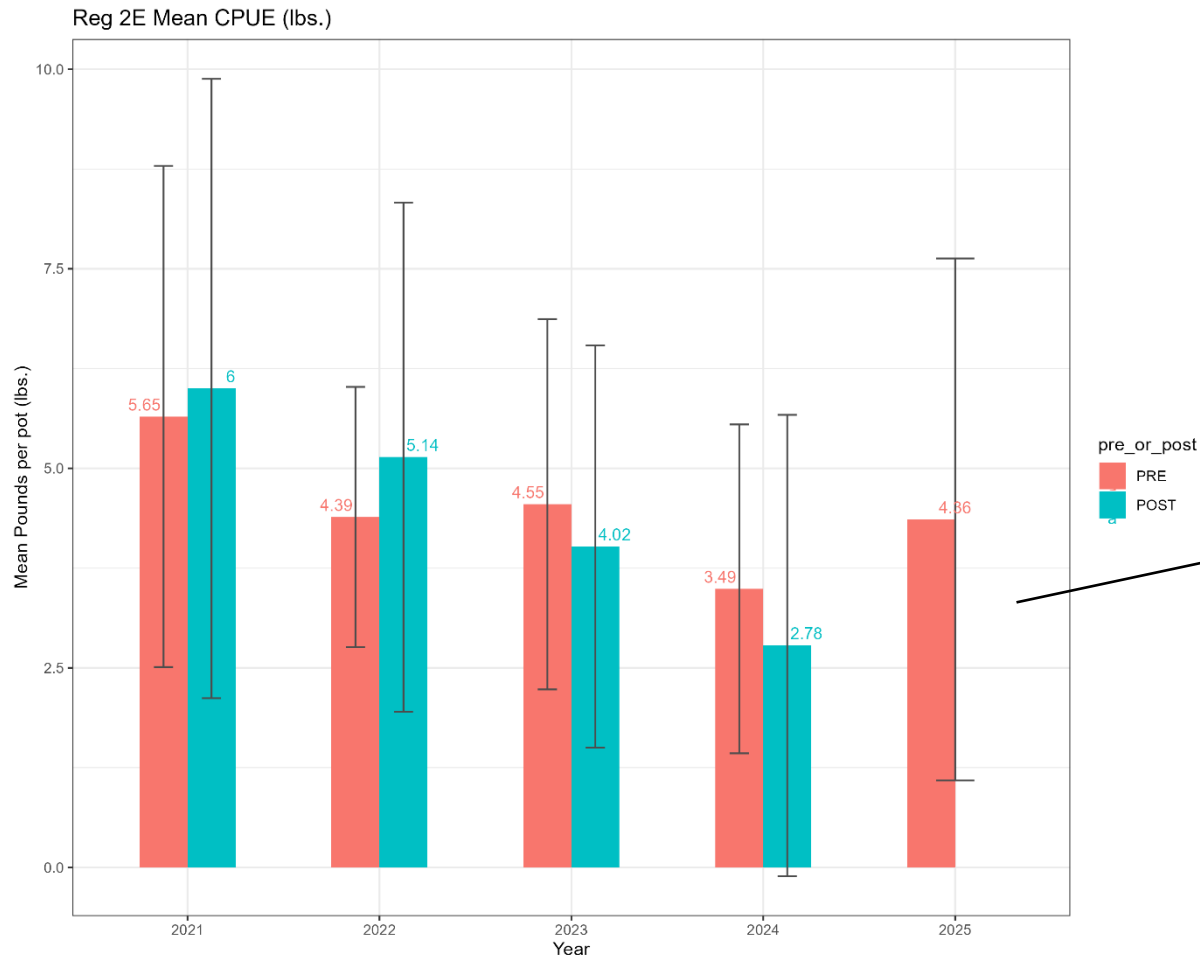


Puget Sound Shrimp Sampling

- Spot shrimp index sites are fished pre- and post-season ***in all marine areas.*** When possible – coordinate with tribal comanagers
- Data collected on catch per pot and bycatch in the field
- Data on shrimp size and sex composition is collected from lab-processed samples
- Until 2023, sampling focused on ***spot shrimp*** only
- Initiated sampling of ***non-spot*** shrimp in 2023

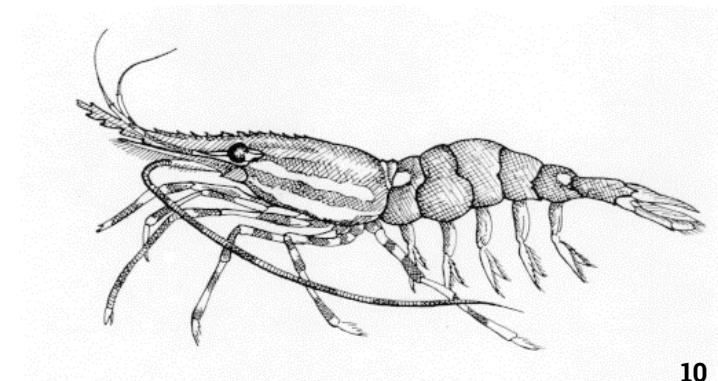


Survey results are used to inform the suitability of existing quotas and assess resource health



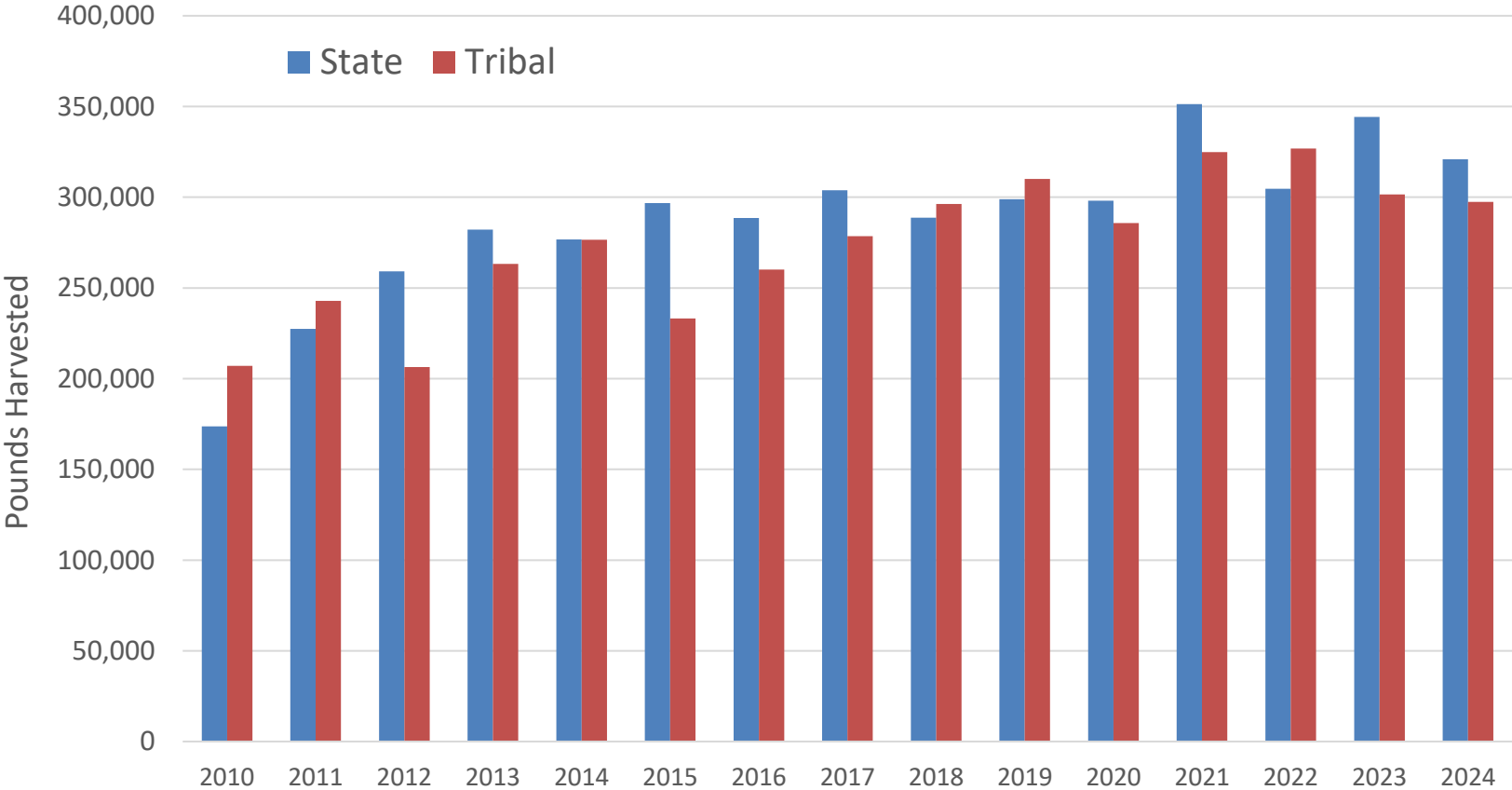


Fishery Performance



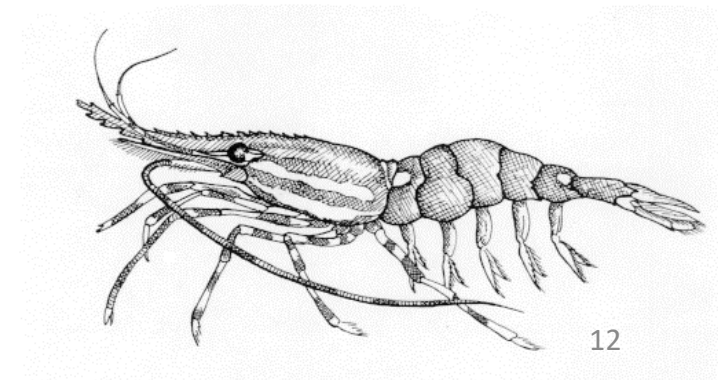
State and Tribal Spot Shrimp Harvest (2010-2024)

Puget Sound Wide Spot Shrimp Harvest (2010 - 2024)

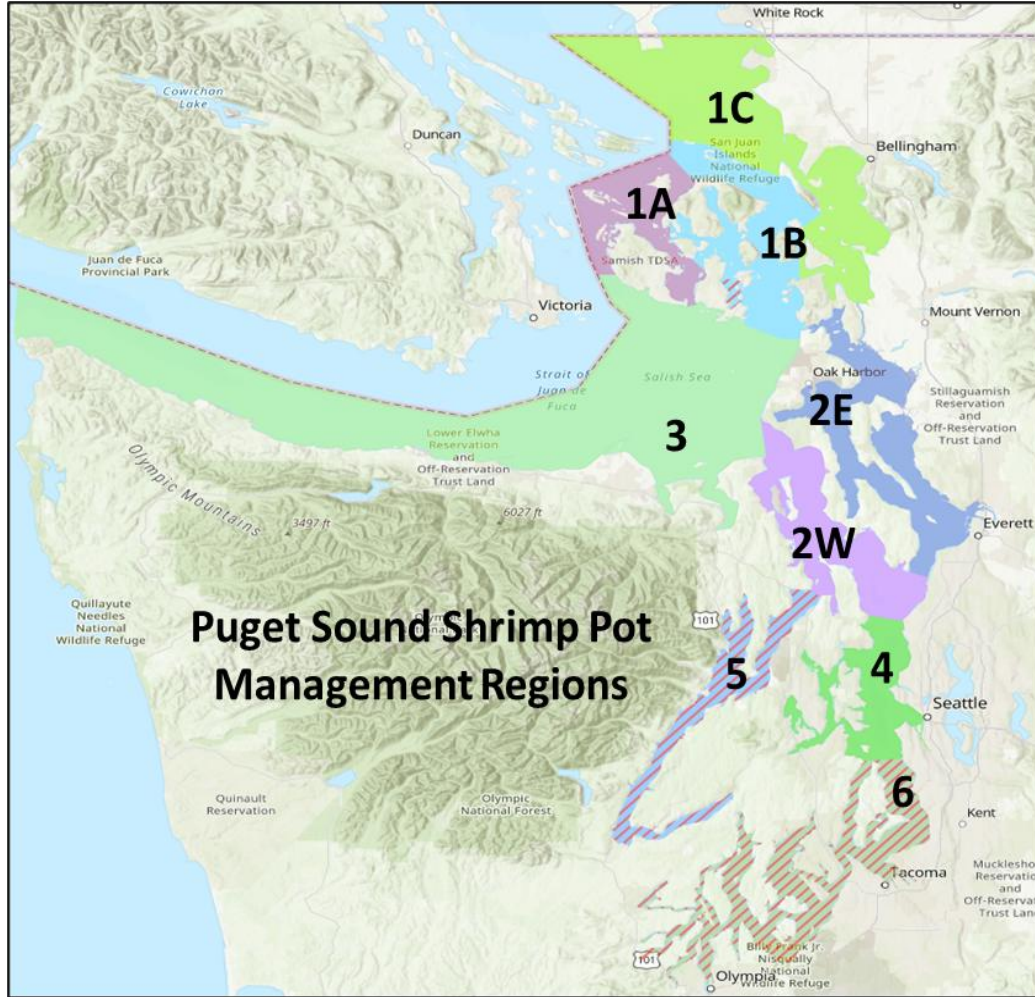




Recreational Spot Shrimp Fisheries



2018-2023 Recreational Spot Shrimp Harvest Allocation by Region

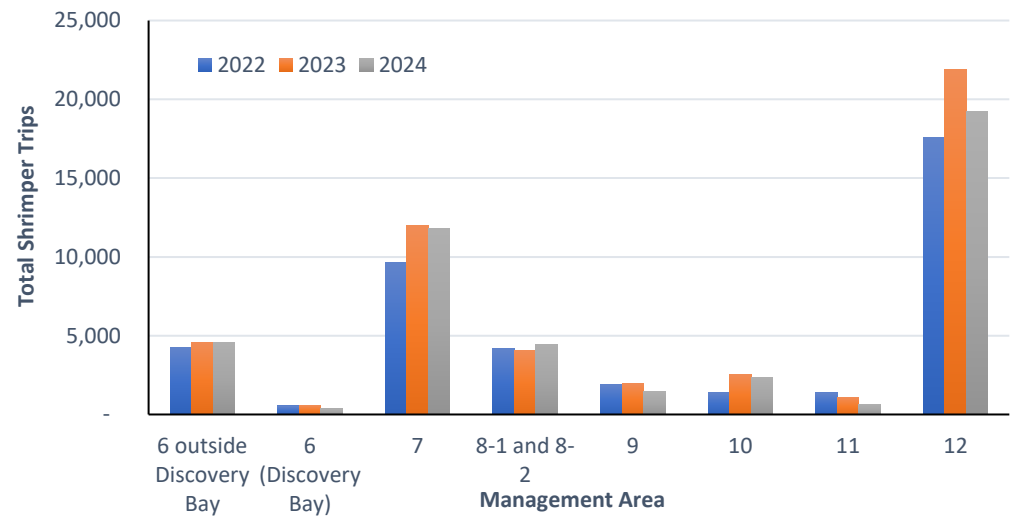


Region	Policy C-3610 Recreational Target %	Actual % Recreational Harvest from Total State Harvest				
		2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	80	76	86	77	80	87
2	100	96	95	94	91	96
3	22	25	32	29	32	36
4	100	100	97	74	93	88
5	100	100	100	95	95	96
6	100	99	88	89	97	100
All	70	66	71	63	66	69

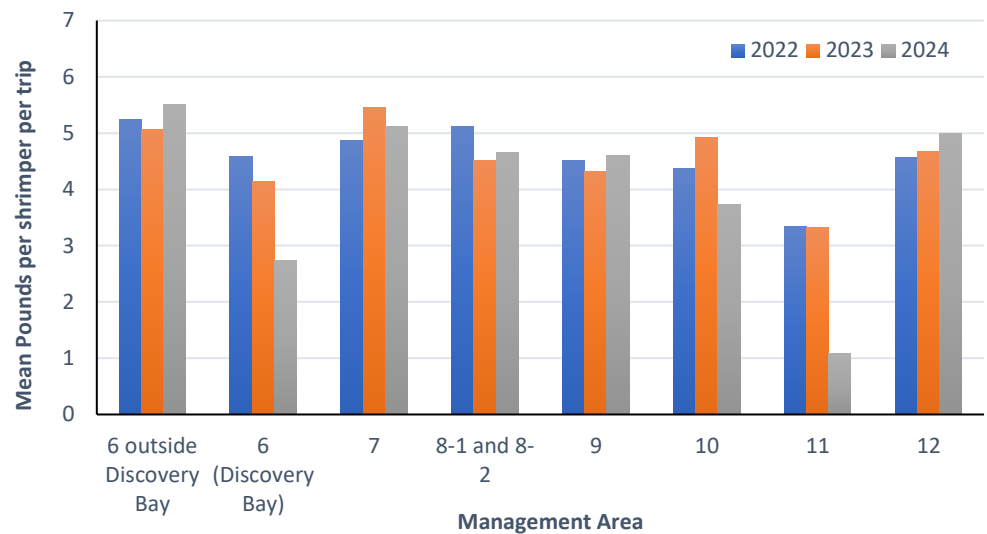


Recreational Spot Shrimp Fisher Trips by Marine Area

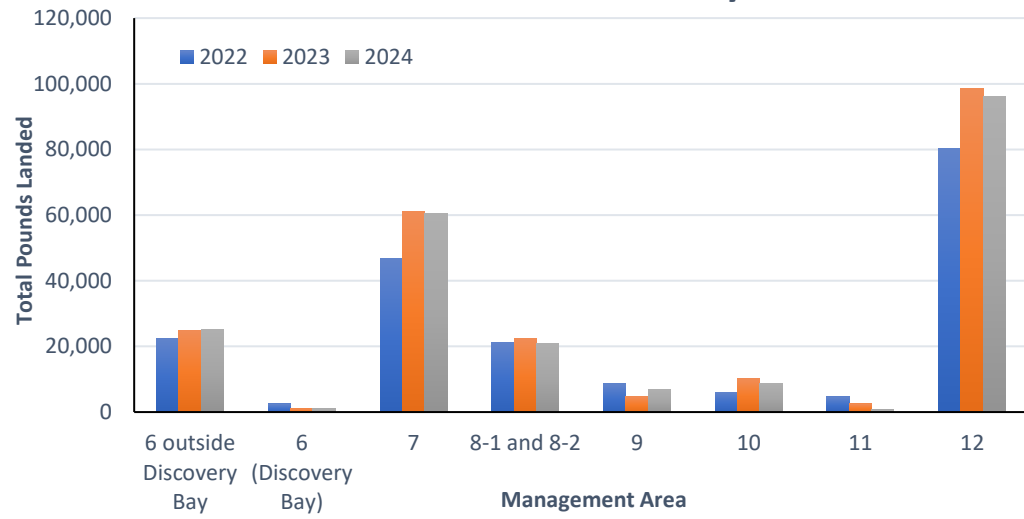
Shrimper Trips by Area



Catch per Unit Effort by Area

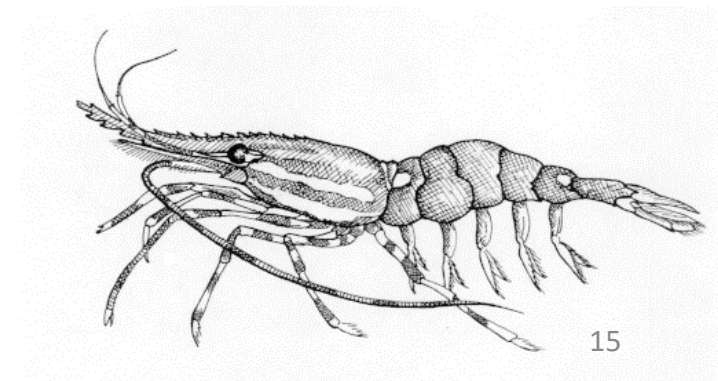


Total Recreational Harvest by Area





Commercial Shrimp Fisheries

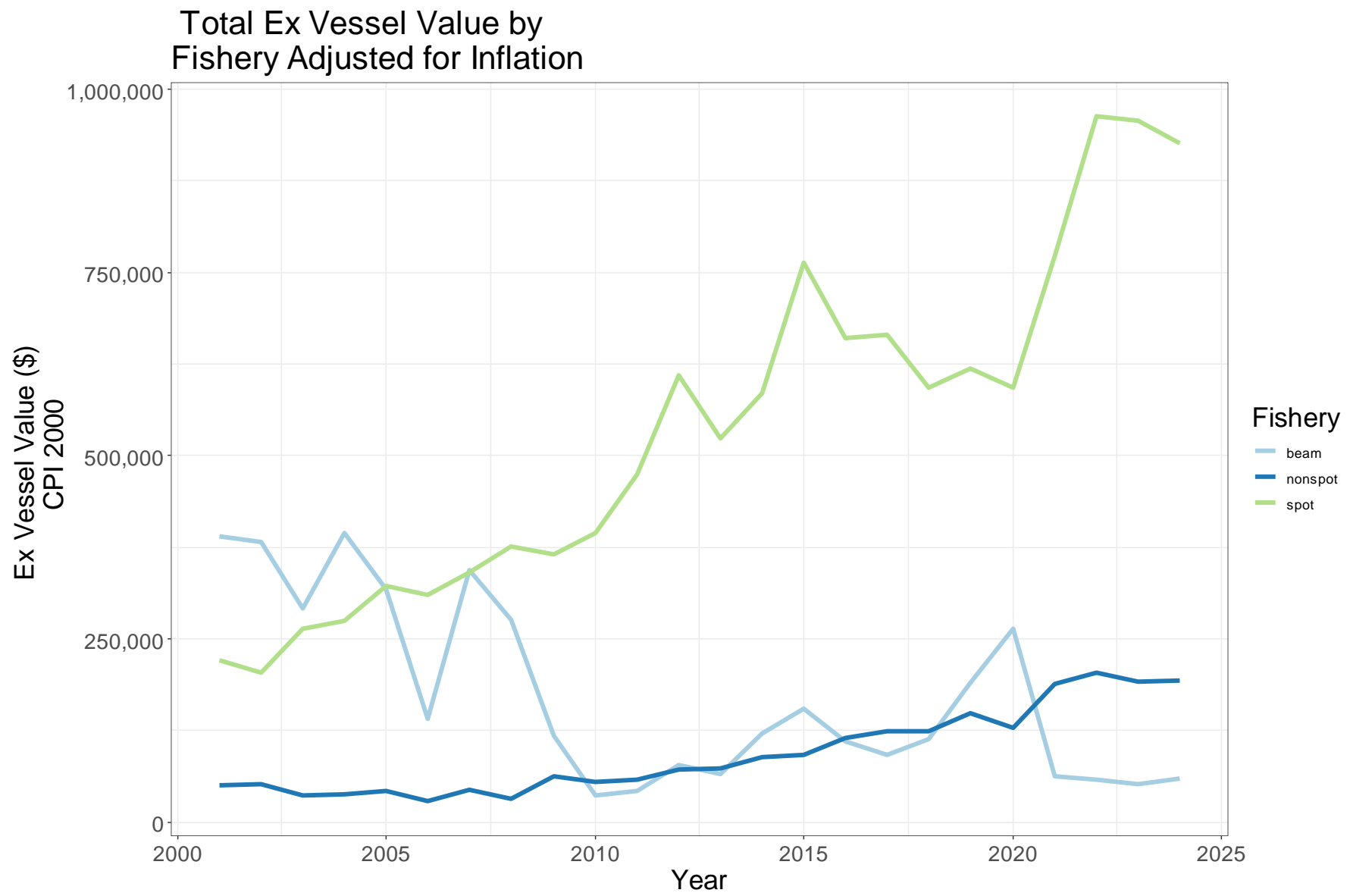


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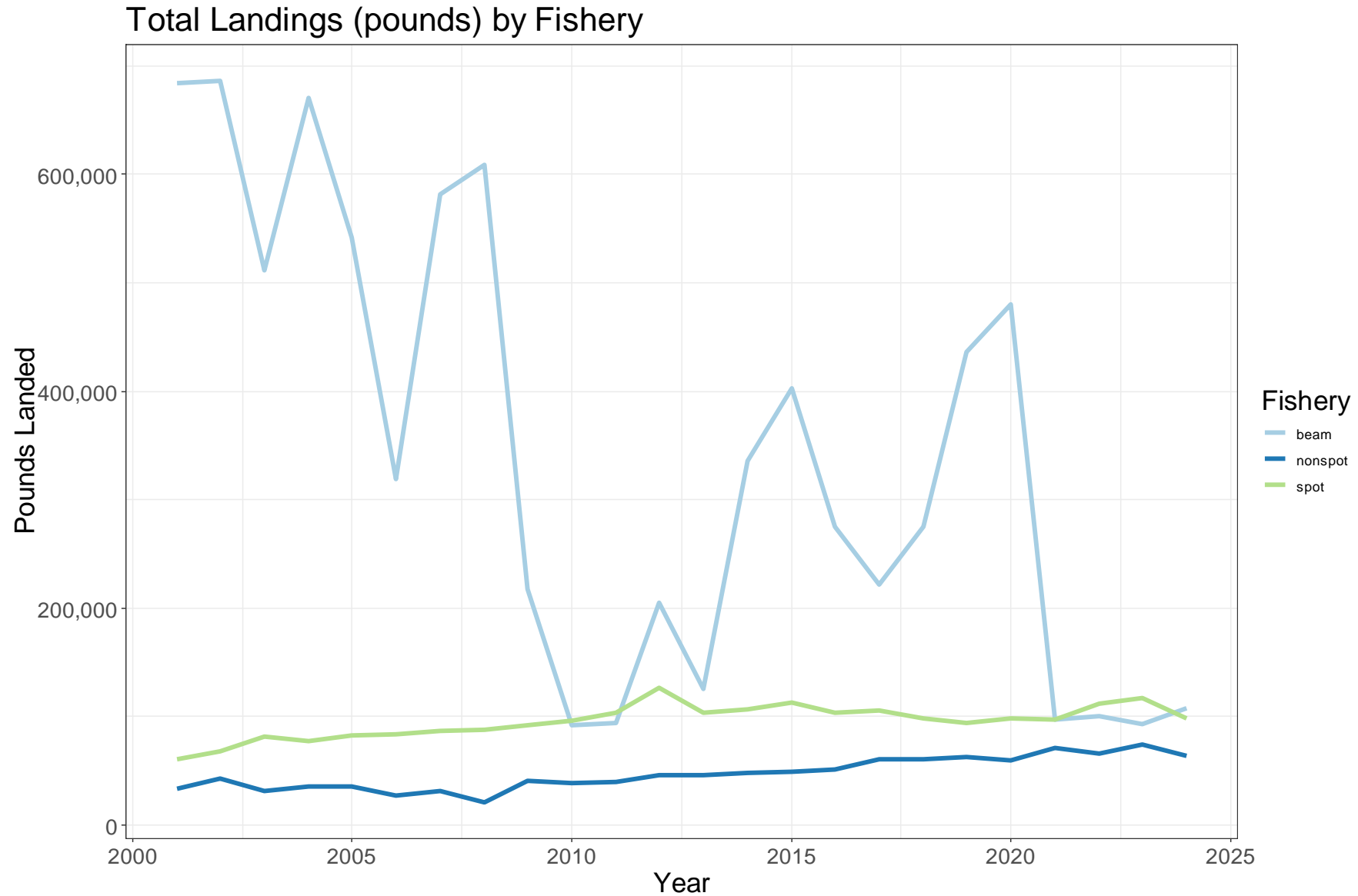
- Two limited-entry licenses:
 - Puget Sound Shrimp Pot
 - 18 licenses
 - Puget Sound Shrimp Trawl
 - 5 licenses
- Three shrimp fisheries:
 - Spot Shrimp (pot)
 - Non-spot shrimp (pot)
 - Non-spot shrimp (beam trawl)
- Season runs from May 1 through October 15
 - Varies by Region and Fishery.
- Mandatory electronic fish tickets



Puget Sound Commercial Shrimp Fishery *Ex Vessel* Since 2000

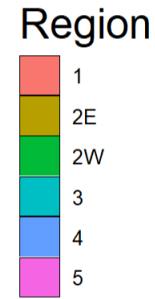
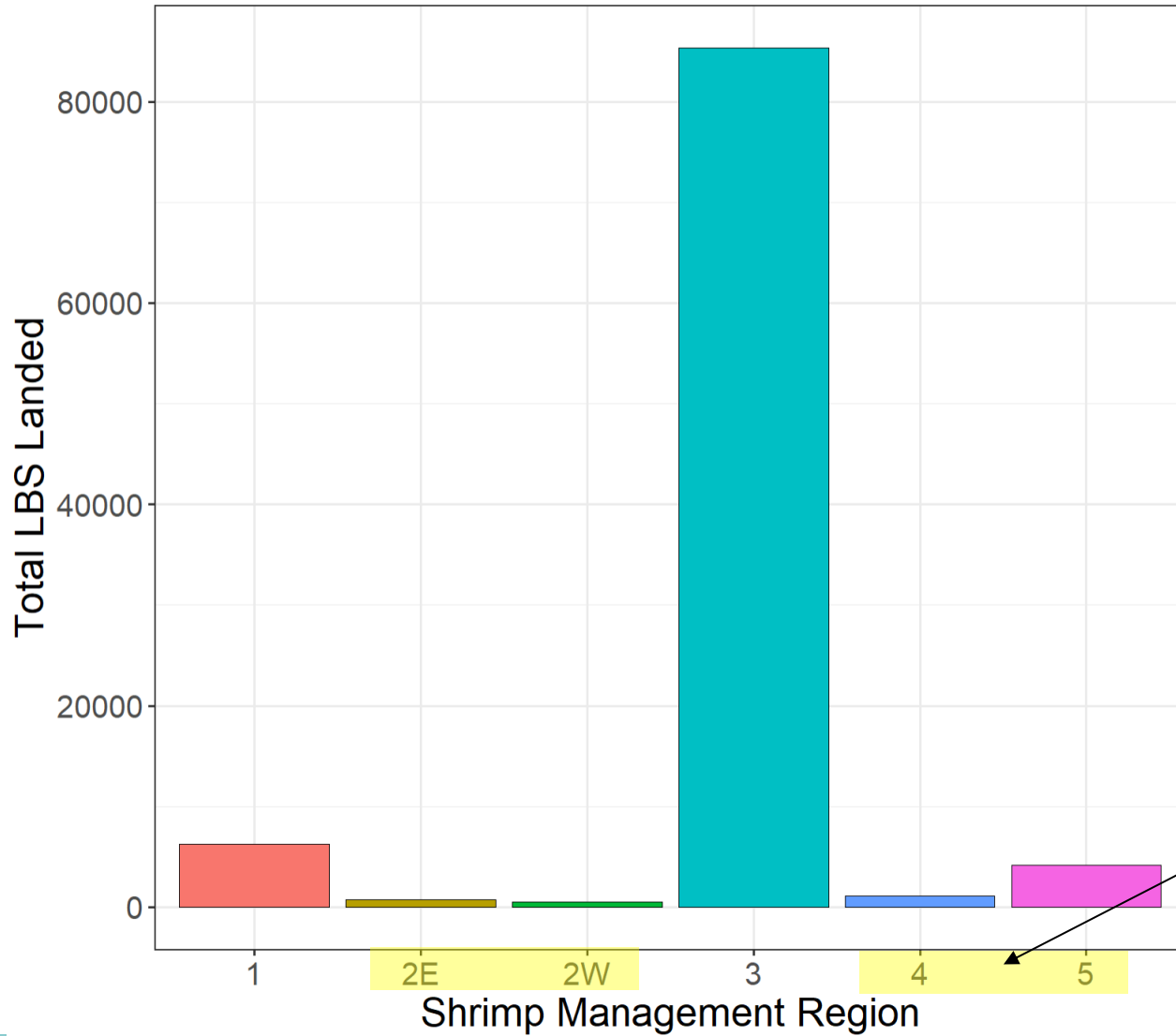


Puget Sound Commercial Shrimp Fishery Landings

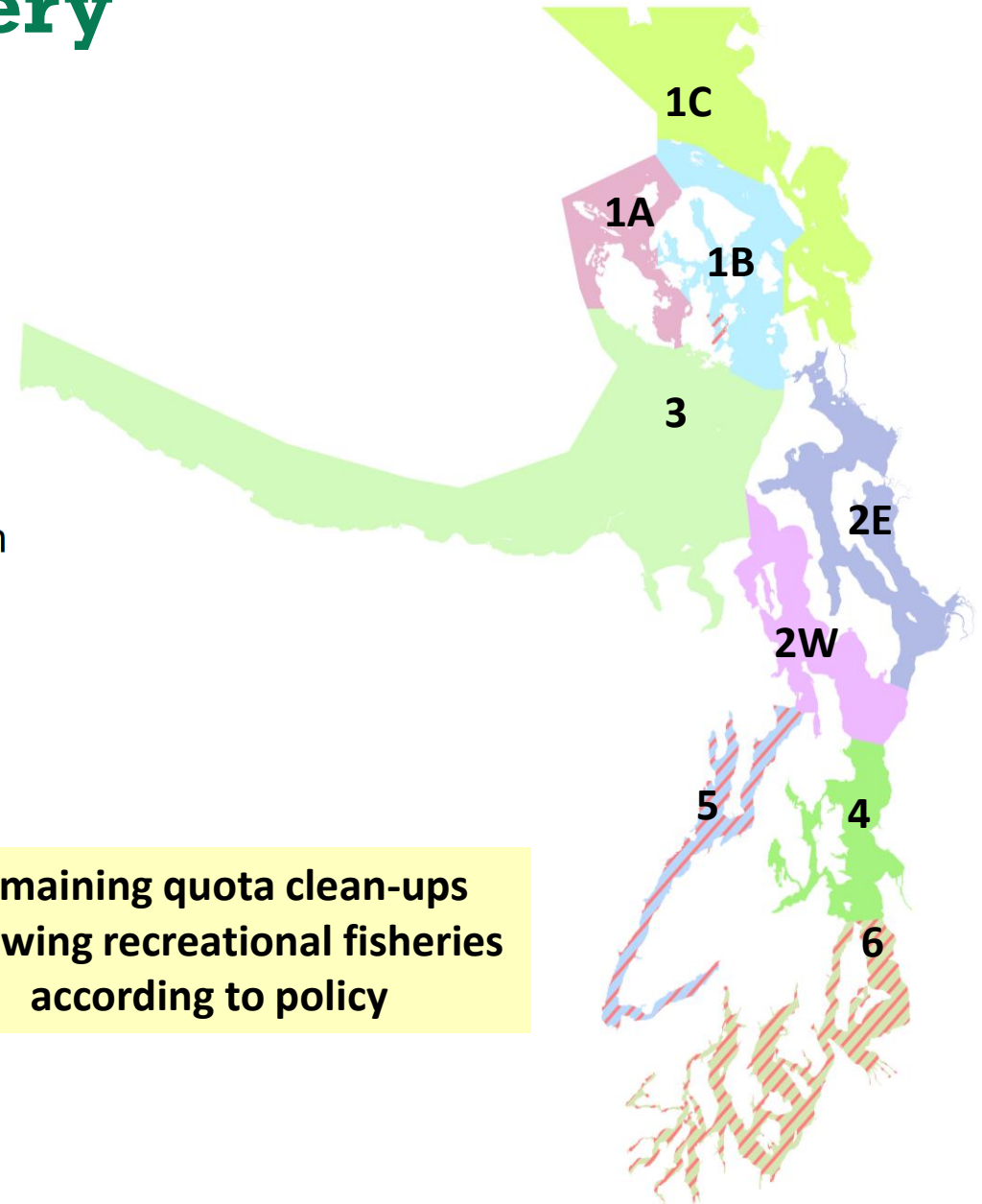


Commercial Spot Shrimp Pot Fishery

Total 2024 Spot Shrimp Landings by Region

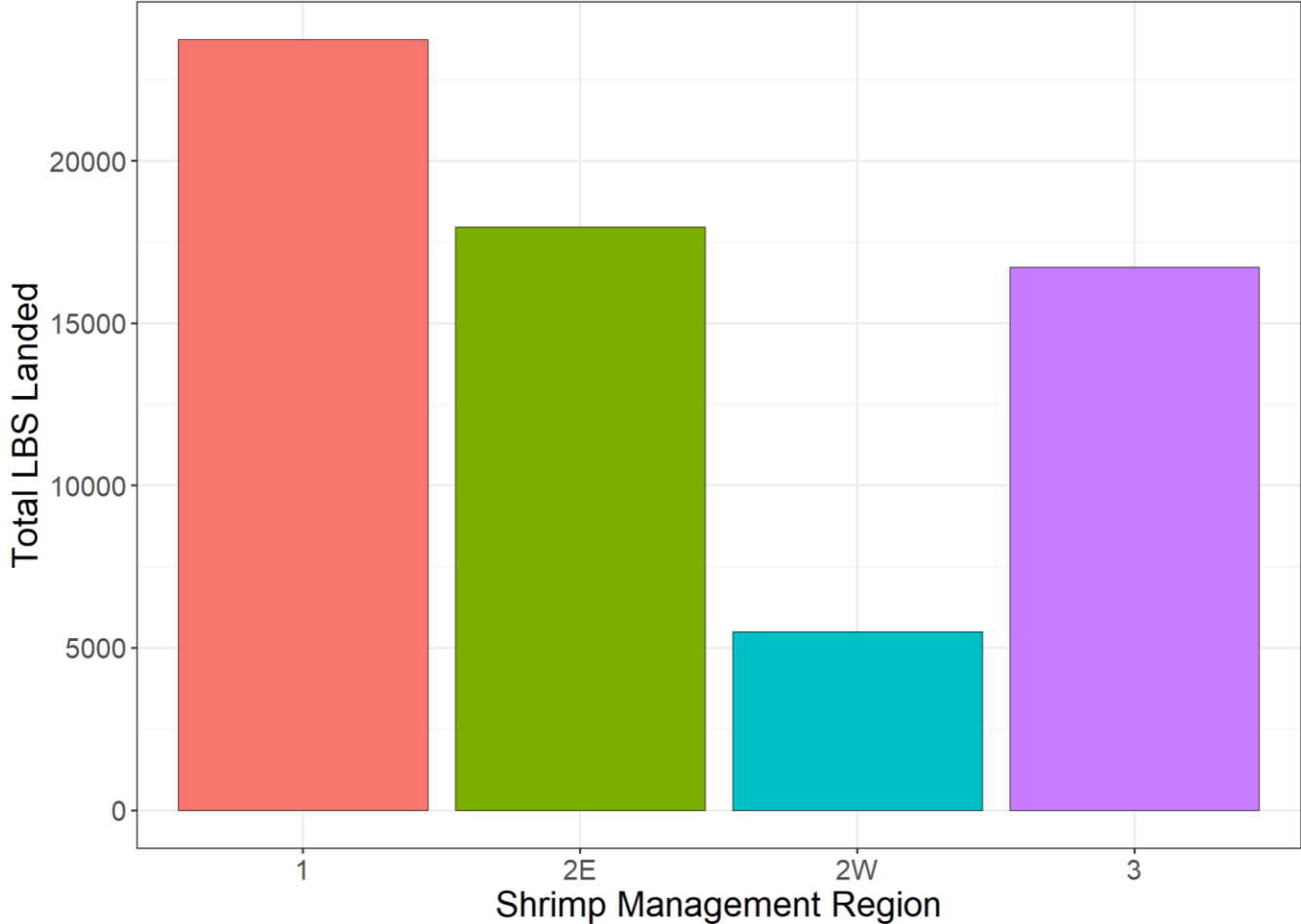


Remaining quota clean-ups following recreational fisheries according to policy

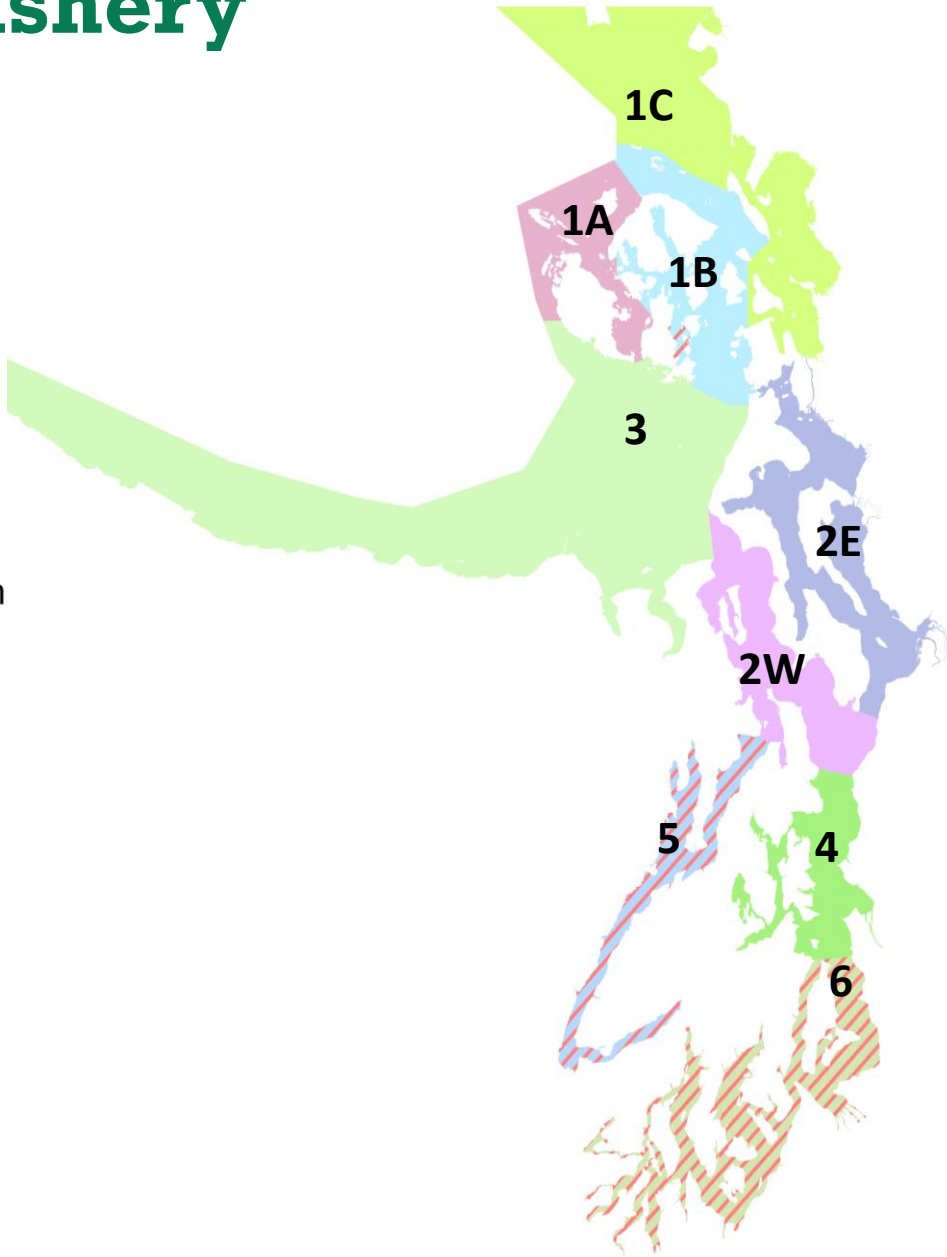


Commercial Non-Spot Shrimp Pot Fishery

Total 2024 Non Spot Shrimp Pot Landings by Region



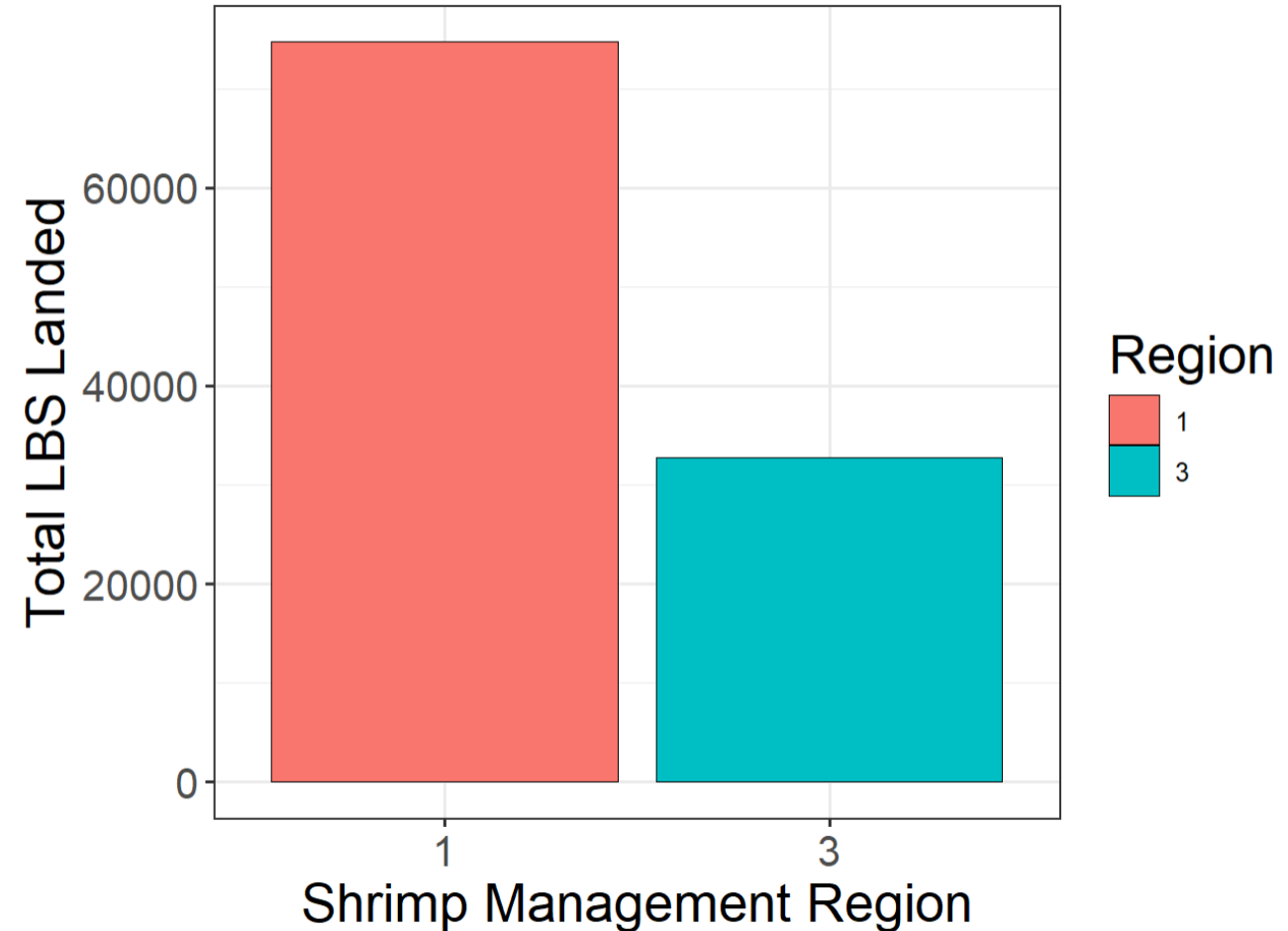
Region



Non-Spot Shrimp Trawl Fishery

- Fishery restricted to **portions of regions 1 and 3 only**
- Treaty tribes have not participated
- Not allowed to retain spot shrimp
- Bycatch observer program for ESA-listed species initiated in 2011
- *Current* trawl legislation – SSB 5076 provides voluntary conversion of a trawl license to a newly created non-spot shrimp pot license

Total 2024 Beam Trawl Landings by Region



2024 Year in Review

- Continuing to improve catch estimation methodology and documentation - comanager discussions
- Fishery monitoring - considerable effort into filling key recreational spot shrimp monitoring gaps in the MA6 fishery (Strait) to good success
- Expanded commercial fishery monitoring
 - Expanded non-spot observing program to monitor more areas
 - Refined market sampling design to evenly cover shrimp quota areas.
- Trawl Conversion Legislation – *if* trawl legislation passes, additional rulemaking is required to implement the bill



Questions?

