
Abstract:

This report offers several views of unfished permits in the Bristol Bay drift gillnet salmon fishery. These permits are of interest to those pursuing fleet consolidation efforts in Alaska’s commercial salmon fisheries. The number of years unfished permits are inactive, the frequency and timing of transfers for fished versus unfished permits, and the average age and average relative earnings of holders of fished versus unfished permits are presented. Tables throughout the report show permits not fished are transferred in subsequent years at a higher rate than fished permits and permits not fished in a year are likely to become active in the short-term. Summary data are provided for years 1990 through 2005. Discussion is focused on 2001 through 2005: the start of this period is marked by dramatic declines in fishery-wide earnings and participation rates.