2021 NOF #1 Commercial Breakout Session Mar 16th, 2021

Washington Department of
FISH AND WILDLIFE

NOF#1: Agenda

- Introduction:
  - Zoom etiquette
  - Staff on call
  - State's Objectives for 2021
- 2020 Treaty Catch Summary
  - By Region,
- 2021 NT Season Planning
  - Preliminary fishery proposals
  - SS and HC Consideration: Limited Entry, Trip Limits, other
- Q and A's

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ZOOM MEET/ CALL LOGISTICS / GROUND RULES

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NOF#1: Introductions

WDFW staff today:

- Kwasi Addae:
  - Commercial Biologist
- Dr. Mickey Agha:
  - Pink, Chum, Sockeye Specialist
- Dave Low
  - Commercial Manager
- Other:

NOF#1: WDFW Mission

- State's Commercial Objectives for 2021:
  - 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 2021 fisheries.
  - Thinking "outside-the-box", taking different ideas into consideration.
  - Soliciting input from the fishers.

NOF#1: 2019/2020 Treaty Catch Summary

- Preliminary WAFT data:
  - Most Tribal catch has been reported.

- 2019/2020 comparison by region:
  - SJI/PR
  - B'ham/Samm
  - Tul/Stilli
  - South Sound
  - Hood Canal
  - Area 9

- 2019/2020 T v NT comparison by Area:
  - 6D
  - 7/7A
  - 7B,C,D
  - 9A
  - 10/11
  - 12, 12A-H

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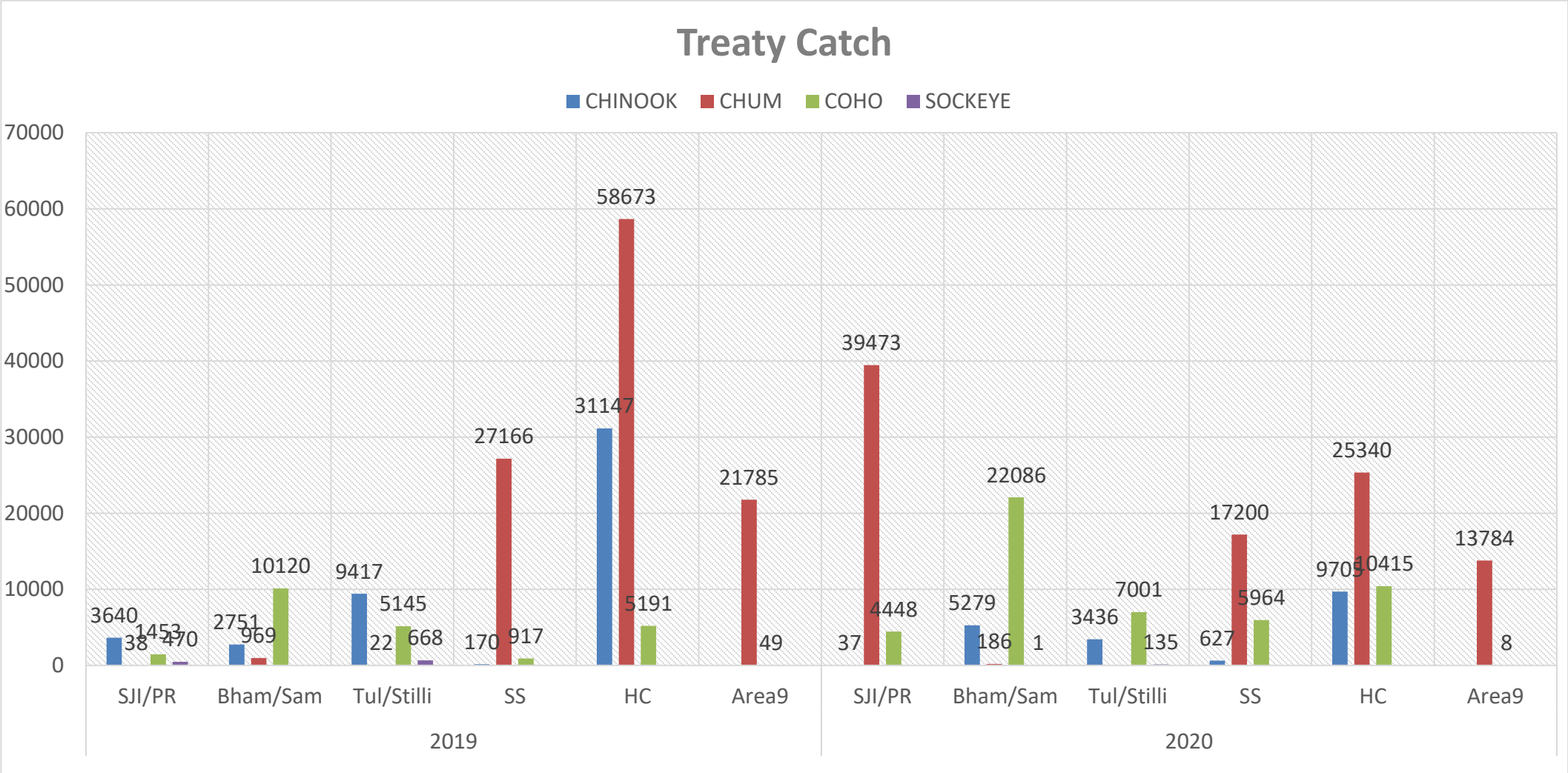

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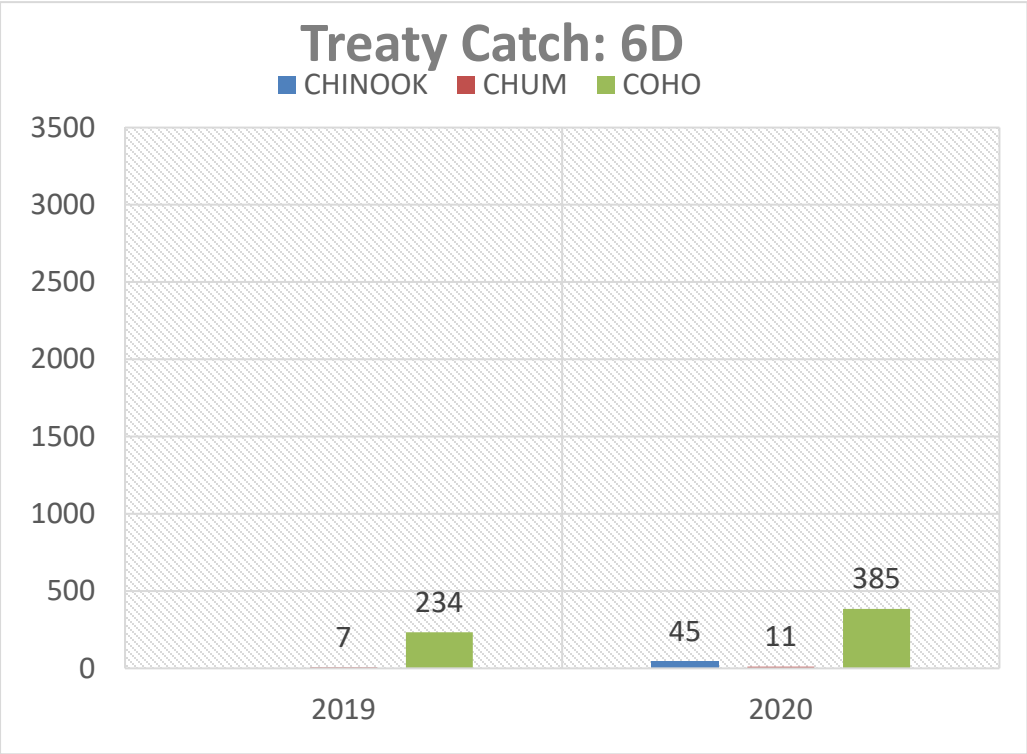

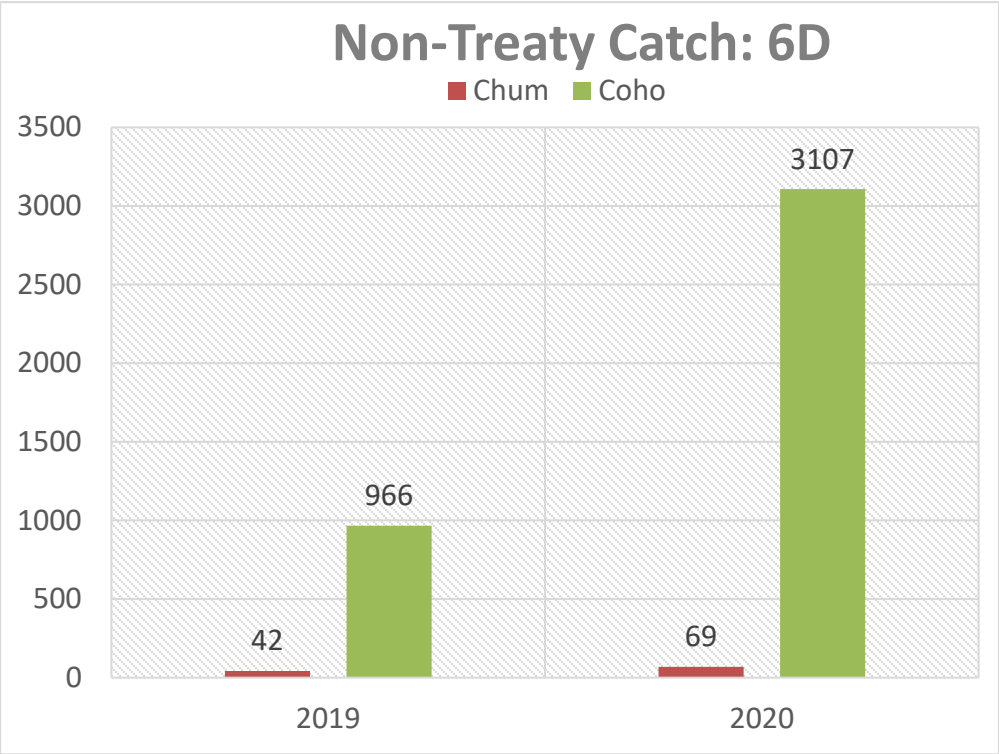

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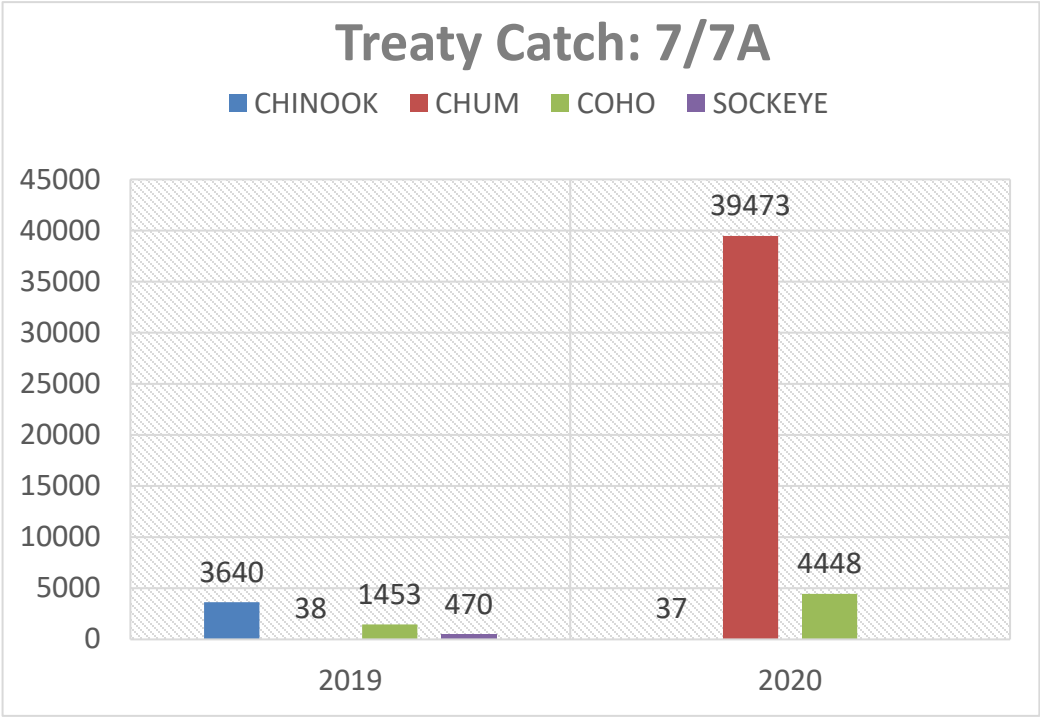

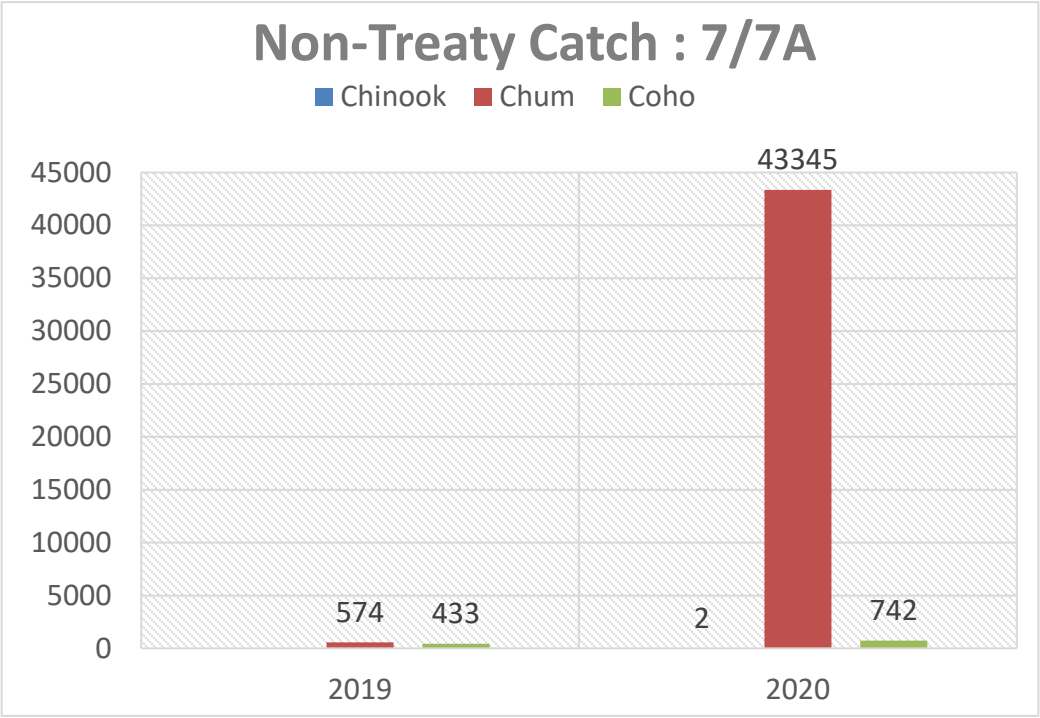

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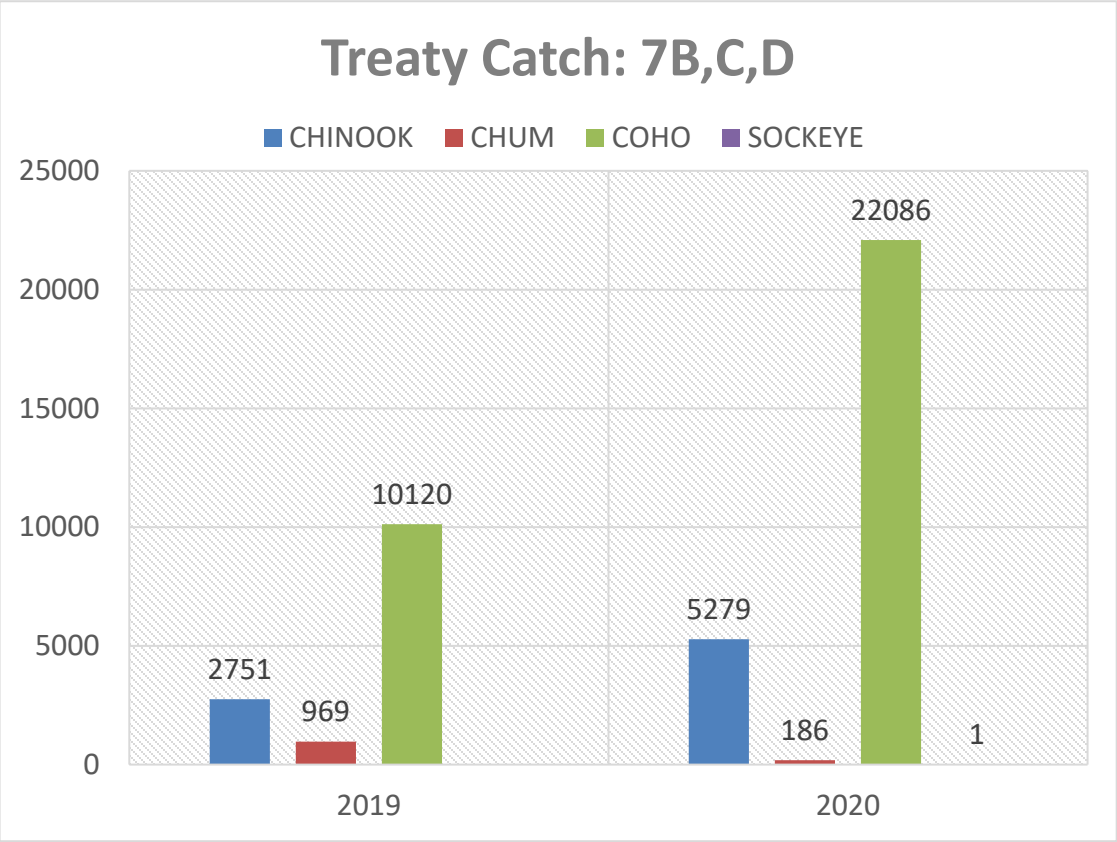

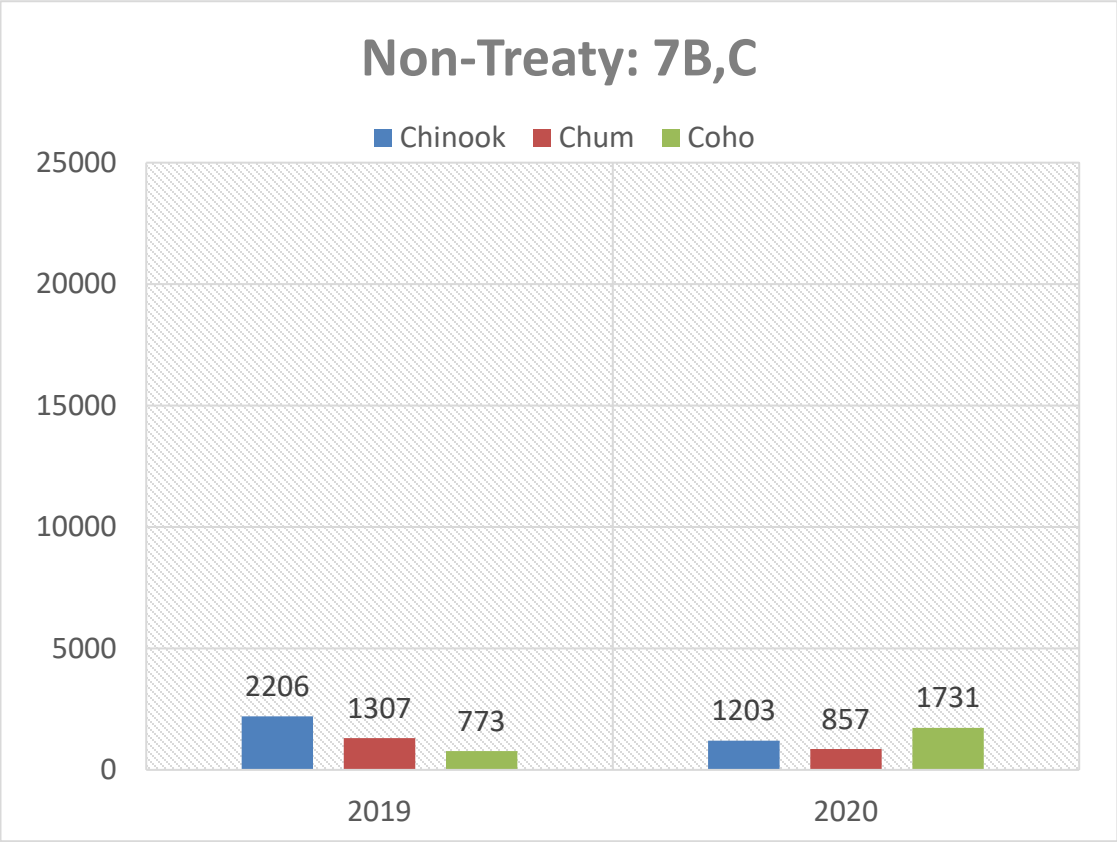

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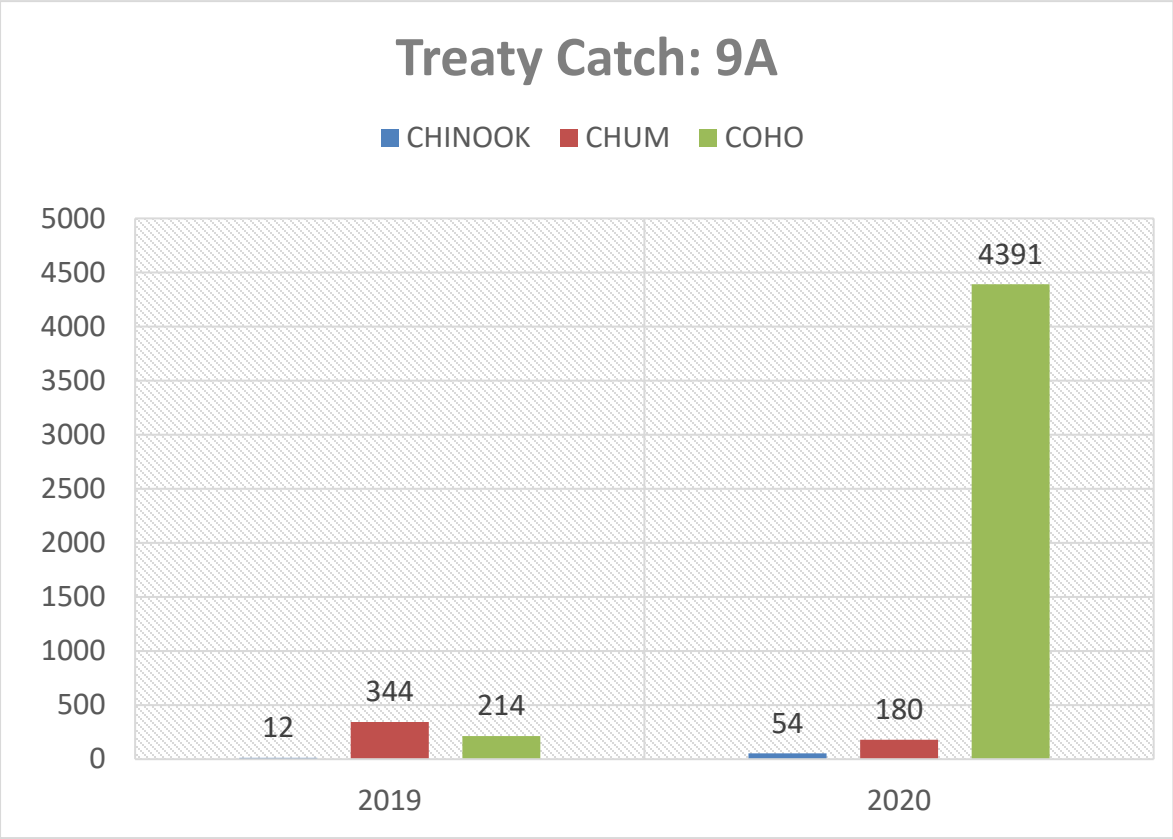

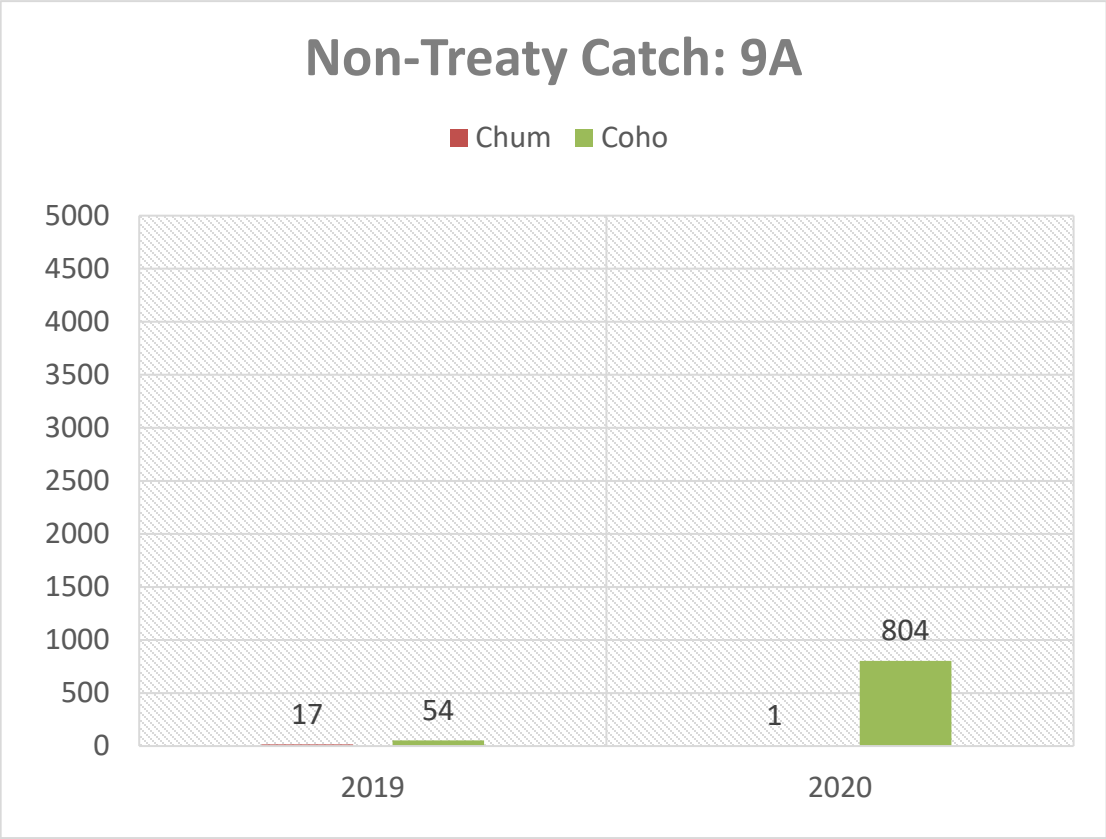

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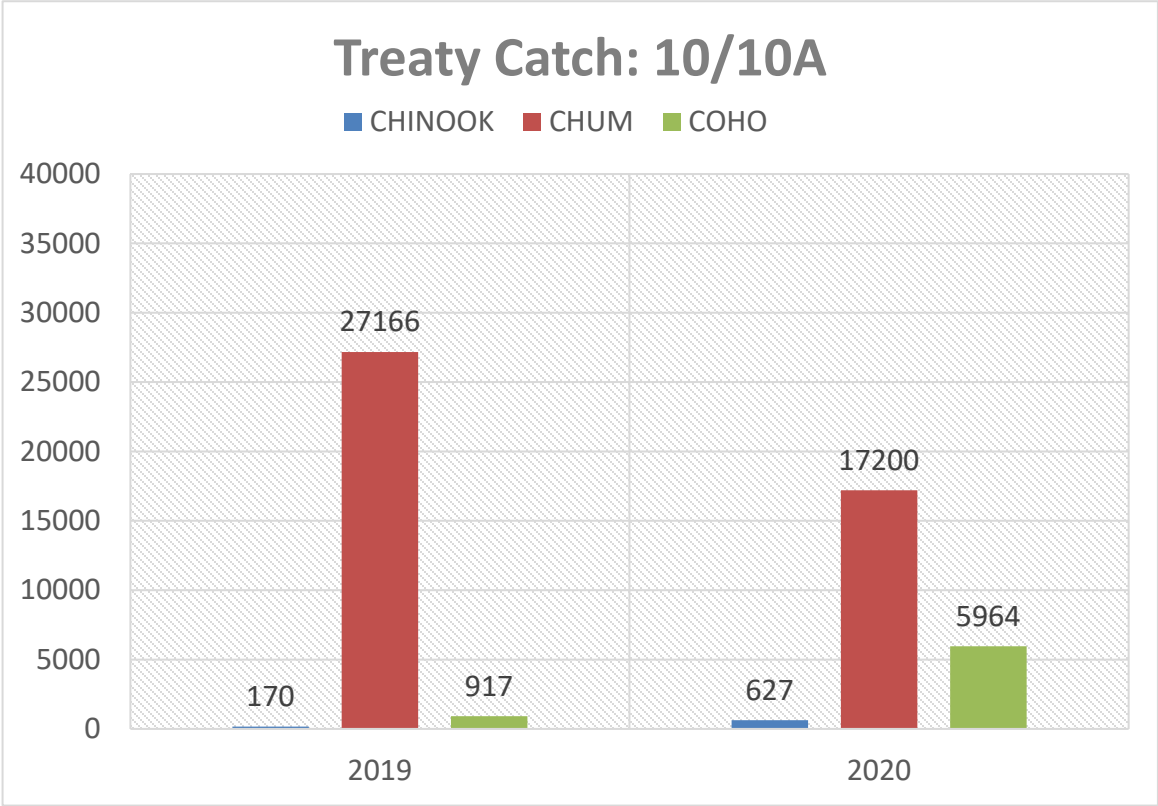

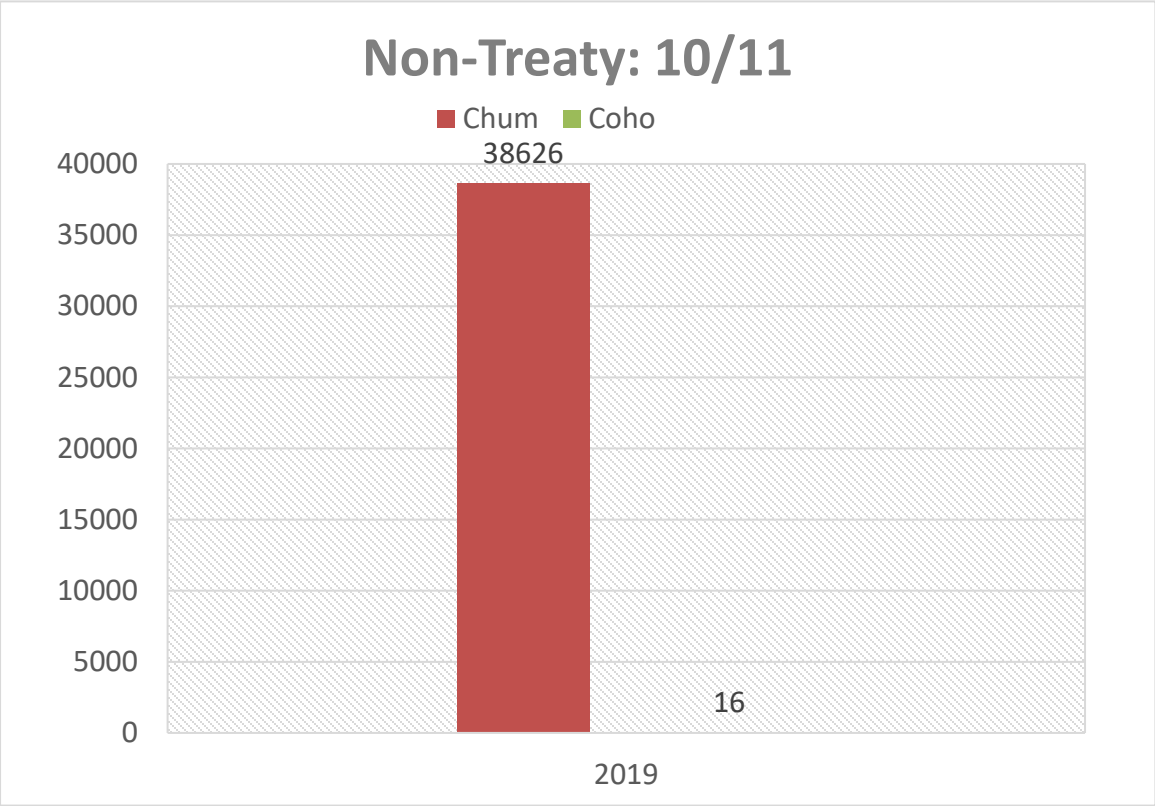

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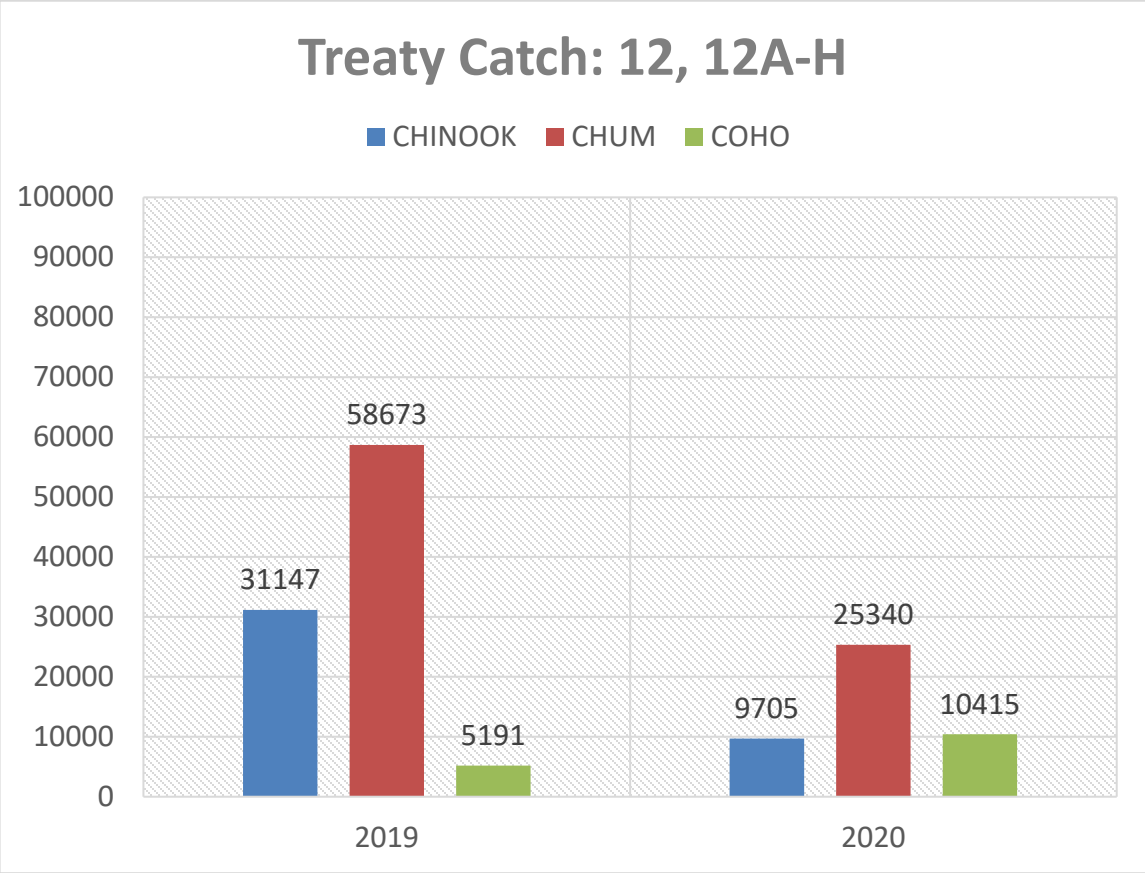

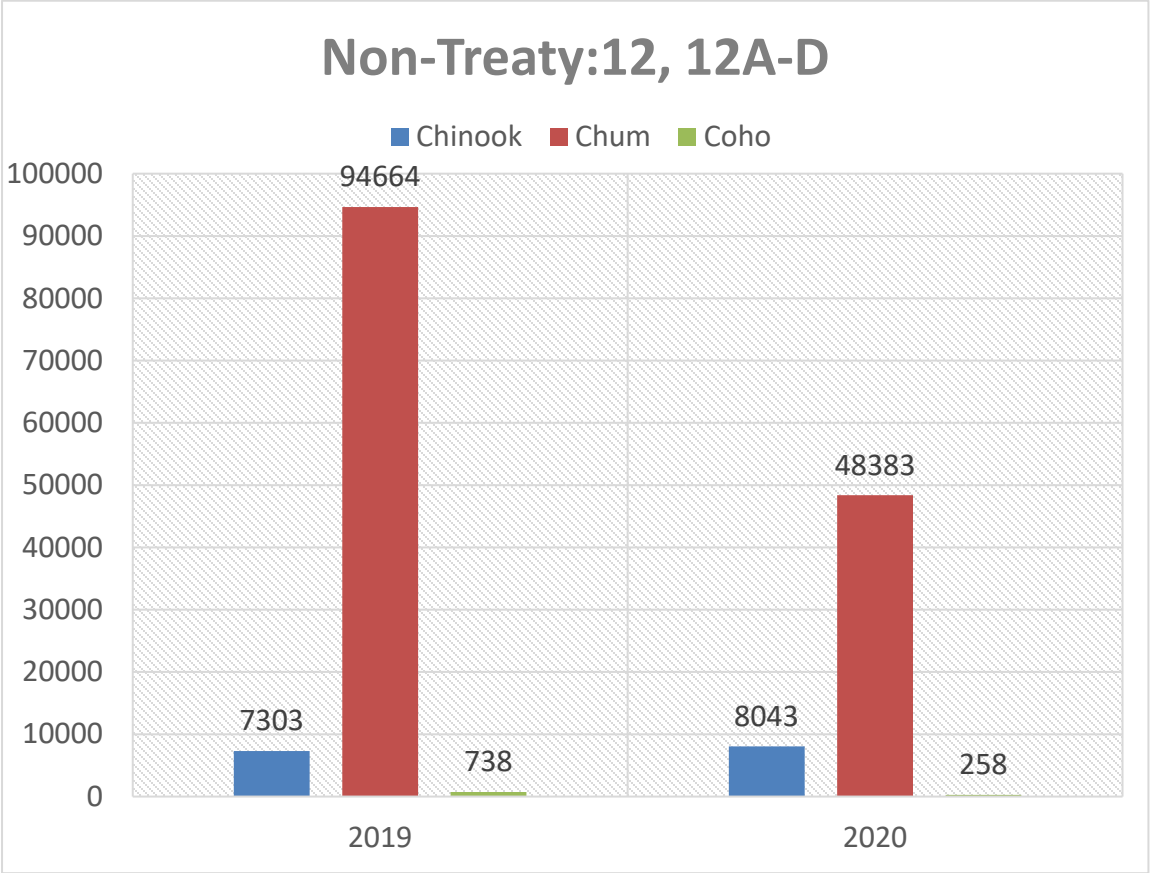

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- 2021 Preliminary Expectations by Area:
  - 6D: Start wk 39. No expected issues. Maintain closure for Meadow Creek and Dungeness River.
  - 7/7A: Pinks (Fraser) TBD, Proposed chum start Sun, Oct 10th wk 42.
  - 7B/7C: Forecast should allow for full schedule. Proposing Chinook mesh size continuation through wk 37.
  - 8/8A Pinks: Area 8 only. Drafted pink proposal wk 34-36: 2,2,2 w/ Coho retention, short soak, recovery box. Pinks forecasted below escarpment for Stillaguamish. Summer/Fall CK concerns for Skagit. Area 8A CLOSED
  - 8D: CLOSED, no proposed fisheries.

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- 2021 Preliminary Expectations by Area:
  - 9A: Regional talks with PGSK to address removing closure areas. Proposed fisheries as full schedule.
  - 10&11 Pinks: Schedule and effort TBD, modeled as: wk 34 - 36: 2,2,2. Chum: Open per in-season run updated. No opening for wk 42 (ACP model would not have data to update with only wk 41 catch). Current forecast has 0 NT share. Any proposed openings would be Limited Entry, Tiered approach.
  - 12A: No issues, Full schedule proposed. Forecast is about 7k fewer than 2020 at 32k.
  - 12&12B/C: Low forecast. Current NT share is around 80k. Proposed Limited Entry, wk 42- 46. Tiered Approach.
  - 12C: Beach Seine, returning to Tues, Thurs schedule. Pre-season forecast of 68k chinook. 10k chinook quota in FRAM, though harvest rate conversation may happen.

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- WDFW is proposing moving forward with Limited Entry in both Hood Canal and South Sound
  - Potential commercial harvest on the low forecasted fall chum return requires adjusting preseason fisheries to accommodate different levels of effort with varying likelihoods.
  - WDFW created a modeling tool to analyze recent 3-year and 10-year harvest to design Tiers.
- ISU Tiered Approach
  - Based on the expected NT share at forecast or an in-season updated NT share for an ISU run size.
  - Tiers represent a range of NT Share (example 35k-50k)
  - Each Tier triggers a different level of effort, schedule, and outputs an estimated harvest that is no greater than 90% of the lower share range.

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- Proposed **South Sound** Tiers: NT Shares
  - Effort modeled to give 10% conservation buffer, due to recent year ISU performance.
  - Schedules reflect a wk 42- 45 plan, with no fishing in week 42, to allow for an ISU
  - All current Tiers represent effort from both gear types.

Tier	NT Share	Total est. Harvest
Tier 0	< 50k	30,921
Tier 1	51k-75k	45,855
Tier 2	76k – 100k	68,088
Tier 3	>101k	91,996

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- Proposed **Hood Canal** Tiers: NT Shares
  - Effort modeled to give 10% conservation buffer, due to recent year ISU performance.
  - Schedules reflect a wk 42- 46 plan
  - All current Tier represent effort from both gear types.
  - * Alternative T1, is 51-100k

Tier	NT Share	Total est. Harvest
Tier 0	< 50k	30,480
Tier 1*	51k-75k	45,719
Tier 2	76k – 100k	67,358
Tier 3	101k – 150k	88,392
Tier 4	>150k	137,793

NOF#1: NT Season Planning – Working on

- Limited Entry selection:
  - Lottery
  - Registration
  - Registration by Area
  - Enforceability
- Trip Limits:
  - As an option to Limited Entry
  - Or in combination with Limited Entry

NOF#1: Questions