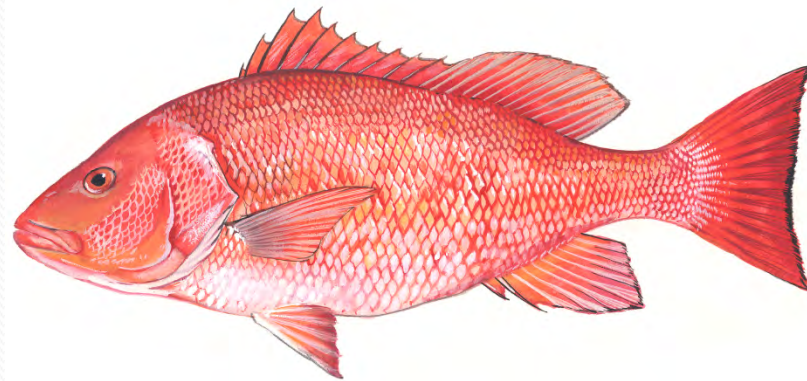




Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Revise ACLs for Red Snapper)



September 2017



Agenda Item 5: Amendment 43

- Last meeting
 - Revised alternatives.
 - Moved several actions into new amendment.
 - Approved for public hearings.



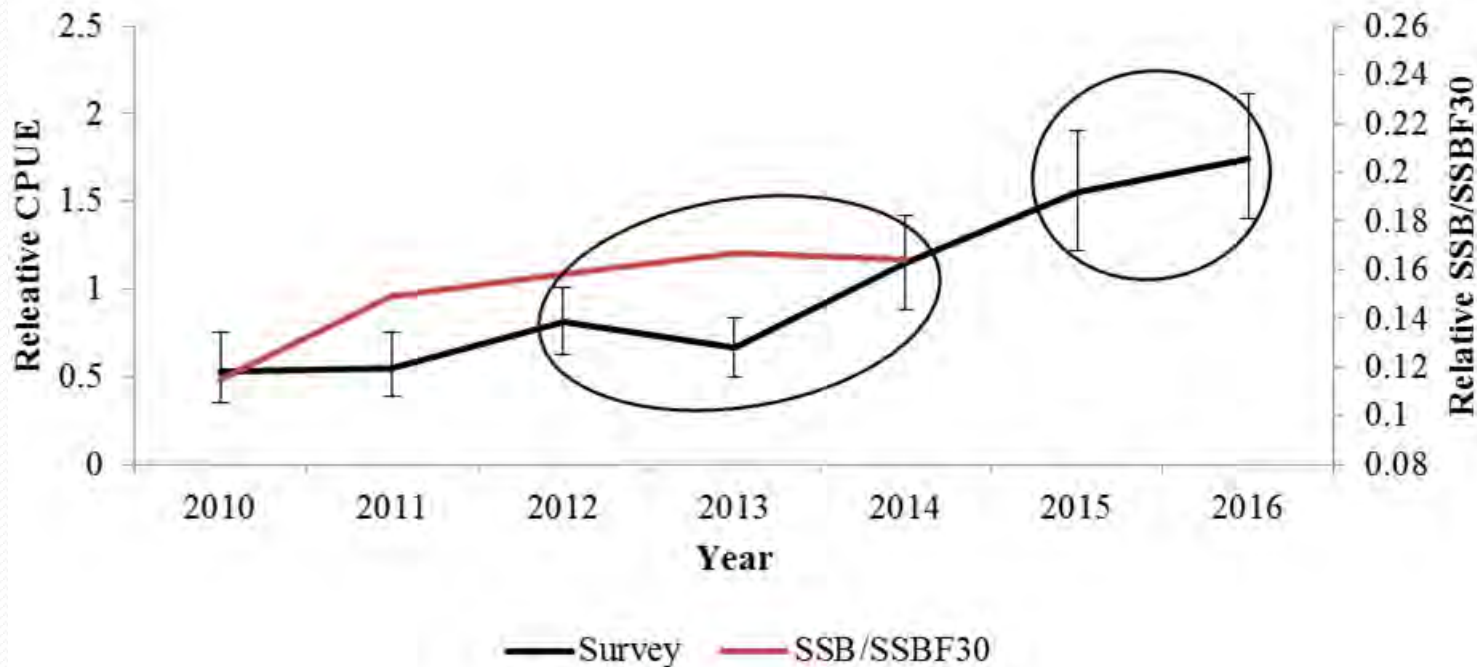
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- Amendment 43 public hearing webinars completed.
- Changes to document:
 - Provided additional analysis for action 1.
 - Revised the purpose and need and alternative language (**Alts 3 and 5**).
 - Completed most chapters but will need to complete some sections after preferred is selected.
 - Included comments from public hearings.



How is this amendment preventing overfishing?

- NMFS : “adequate management action has been taken to address overfishing and continue to rebuild the stock through a harvest prohibition in 2015 & 2016.”



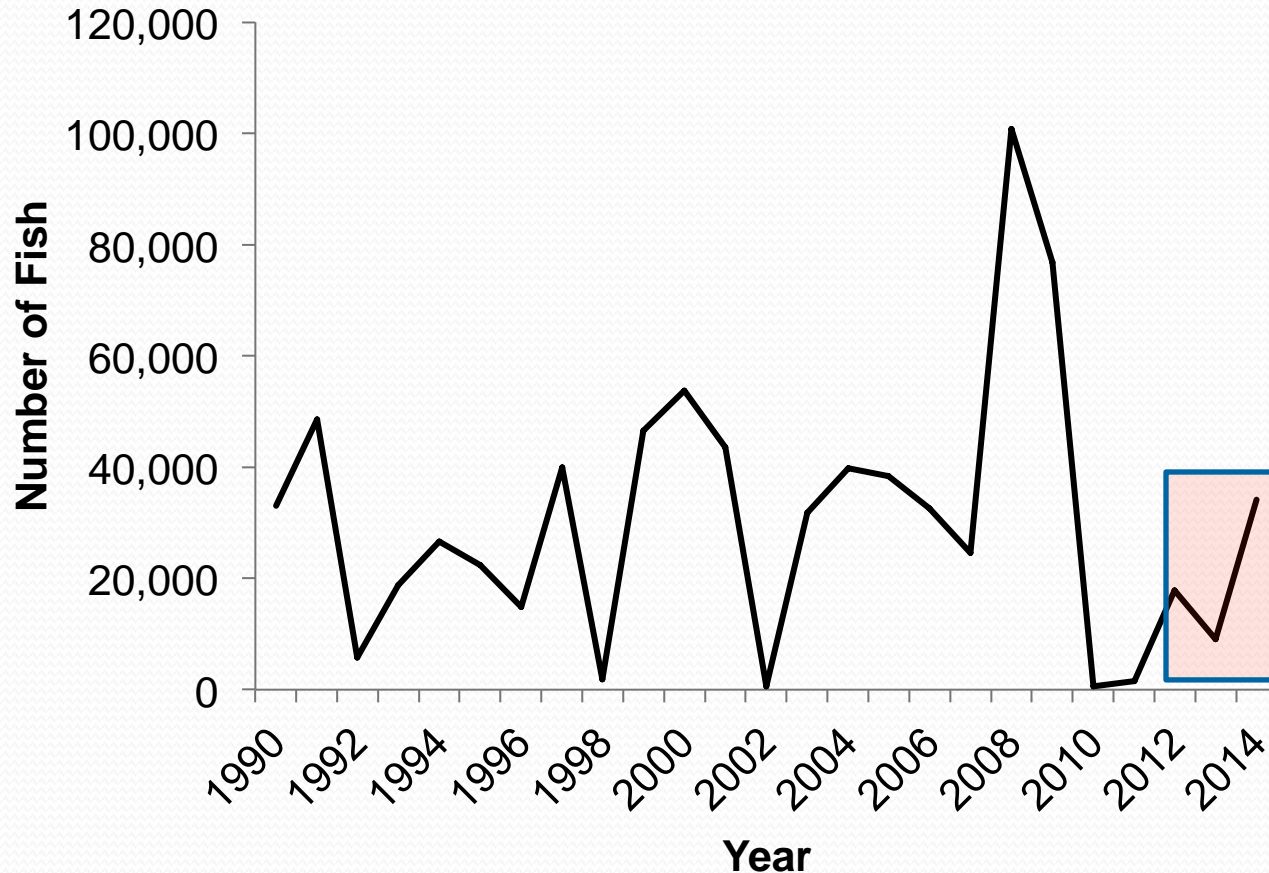


ABC and ACL

- ACL can't exceed the ABC.
- SEFSC unable to provide updated projections.
- SSC stated (April 2017): they cannot provide an updated ABC.
- ACL is a council decision.
- ACL selected must prevent overfishing and continue to rebuild the stock.
- In addition to ACL biological effects, the social and economics effects should also be considered.

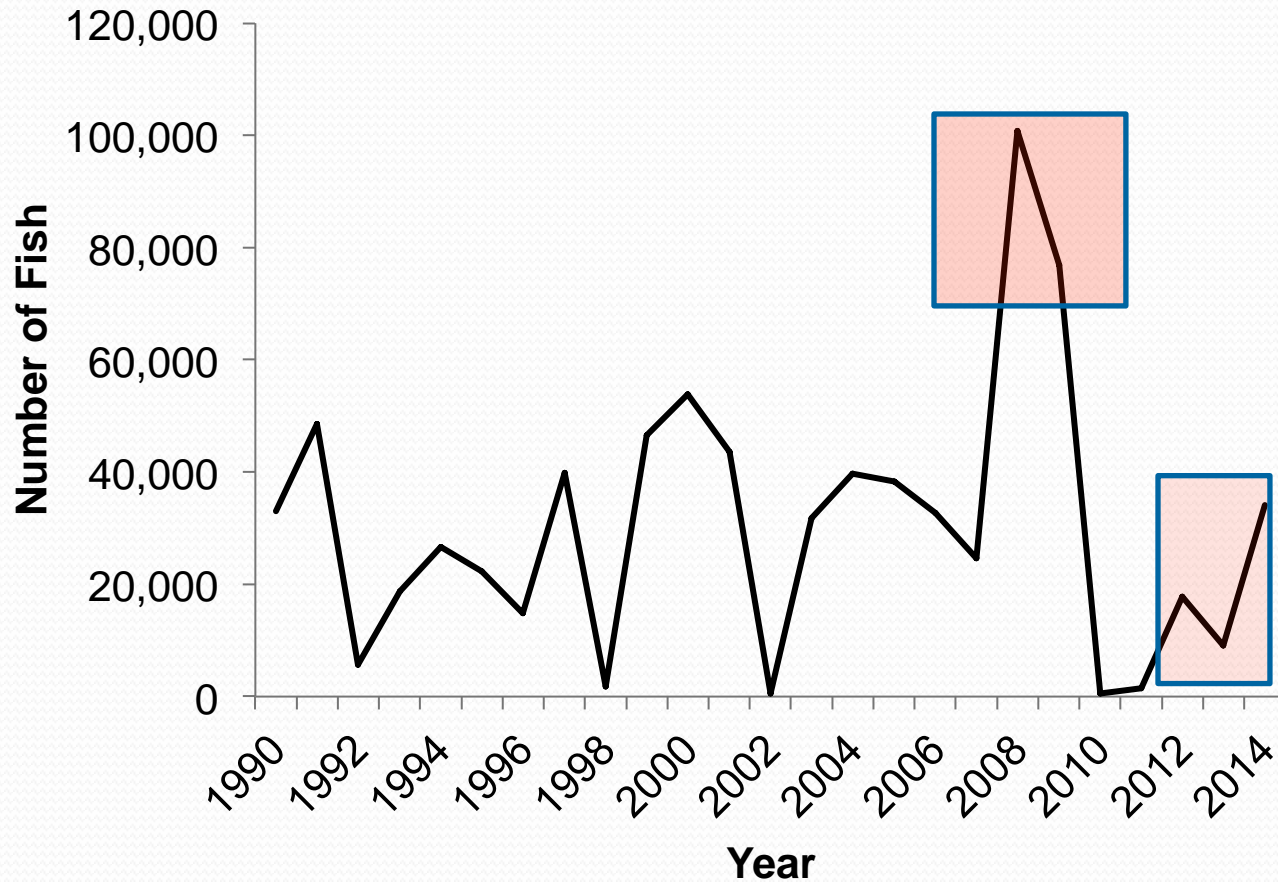


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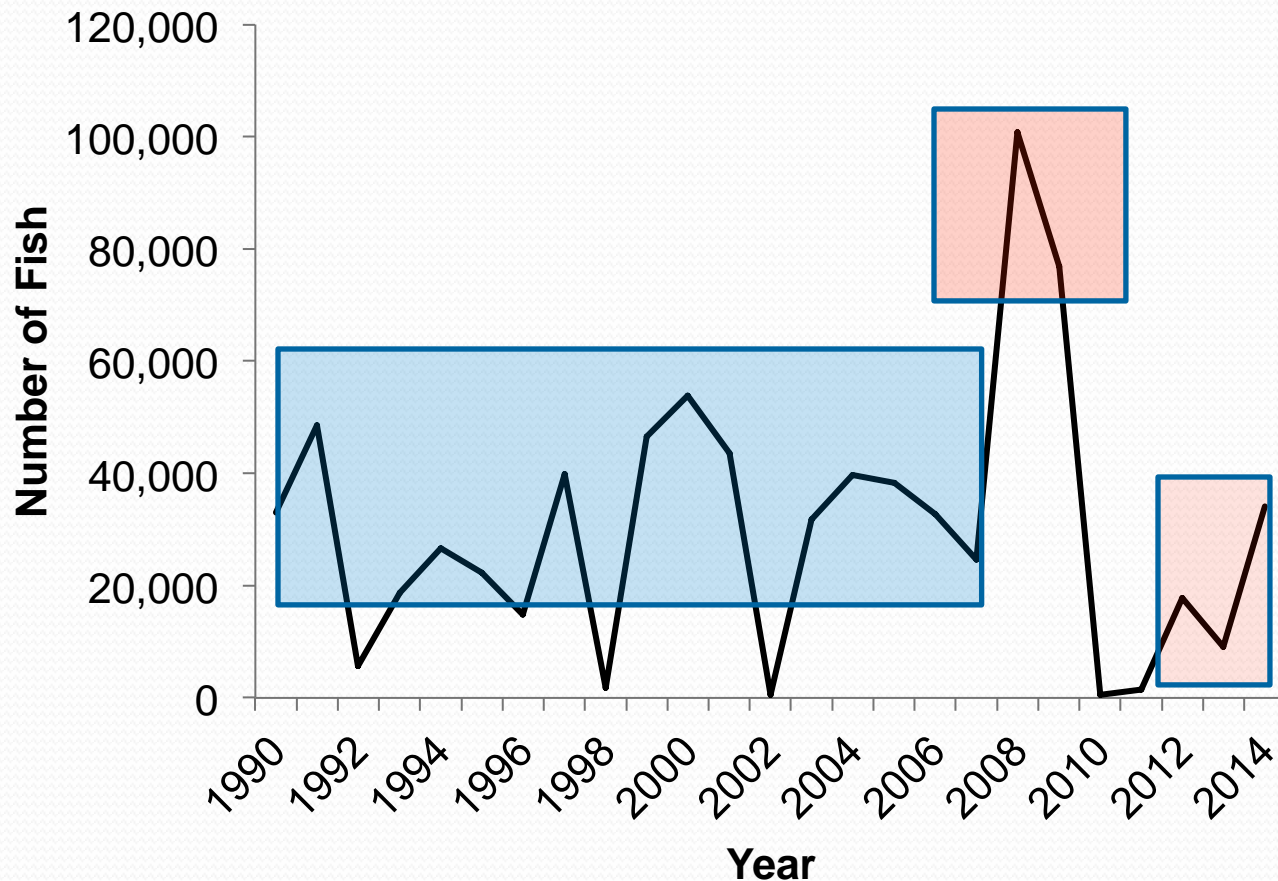


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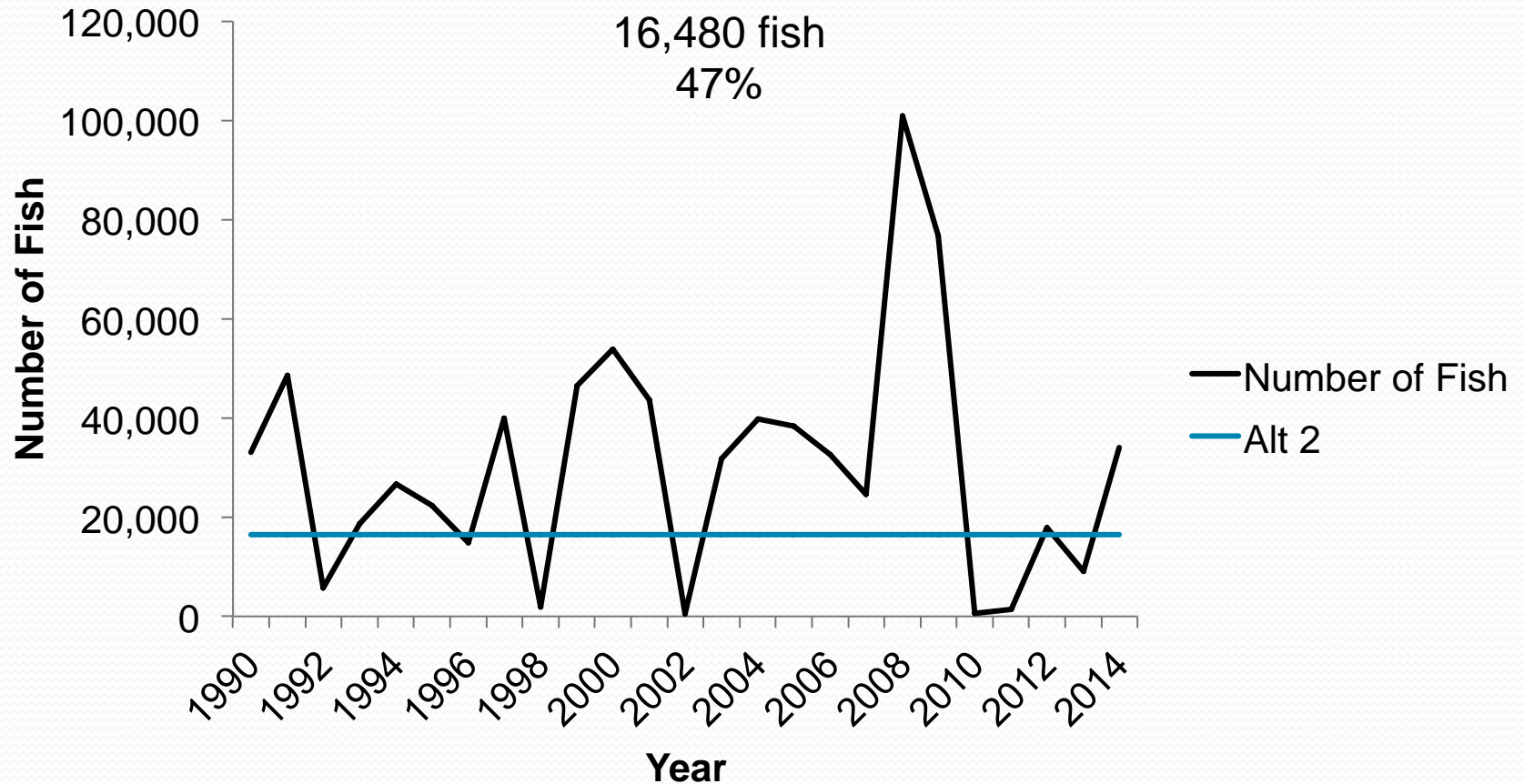


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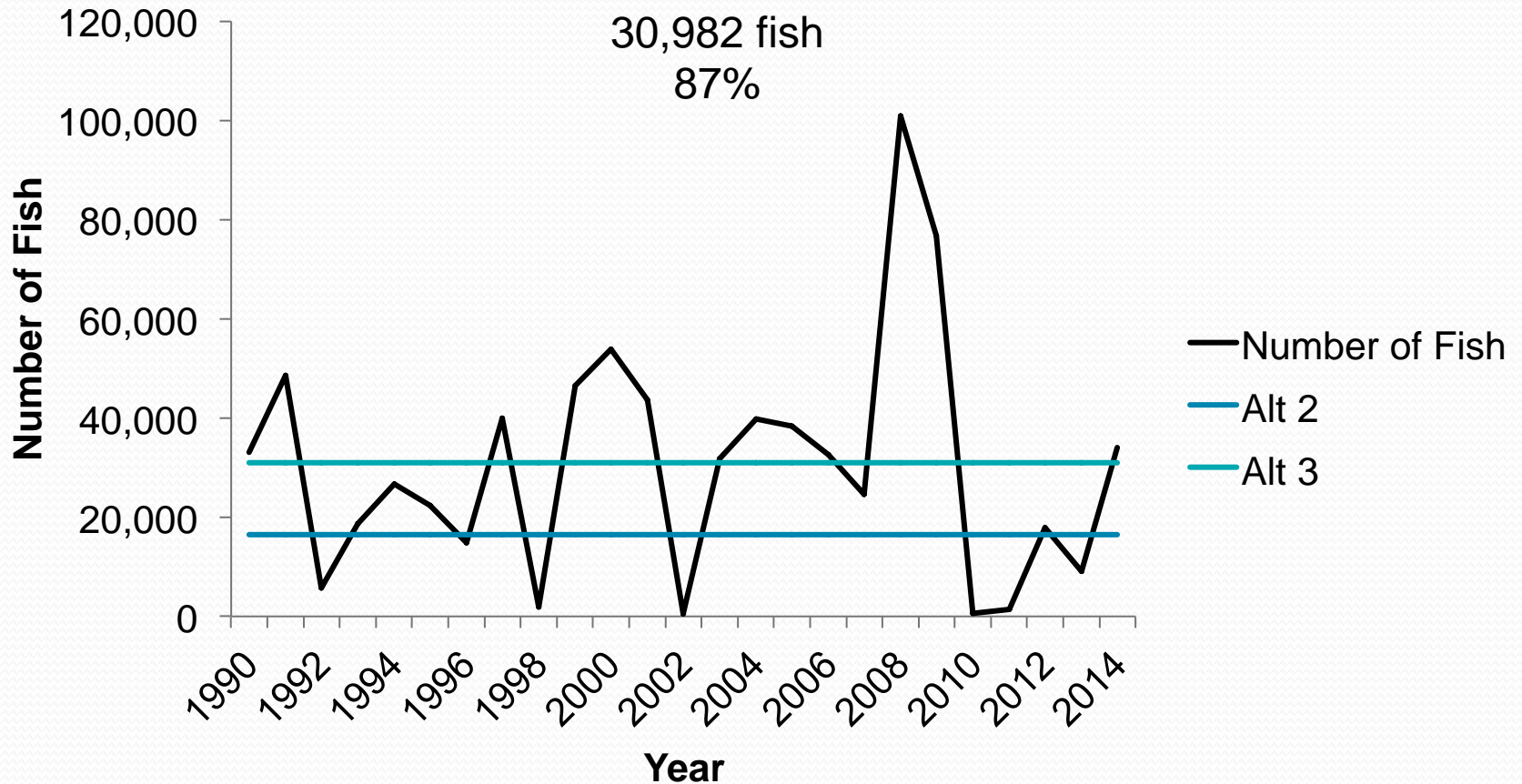


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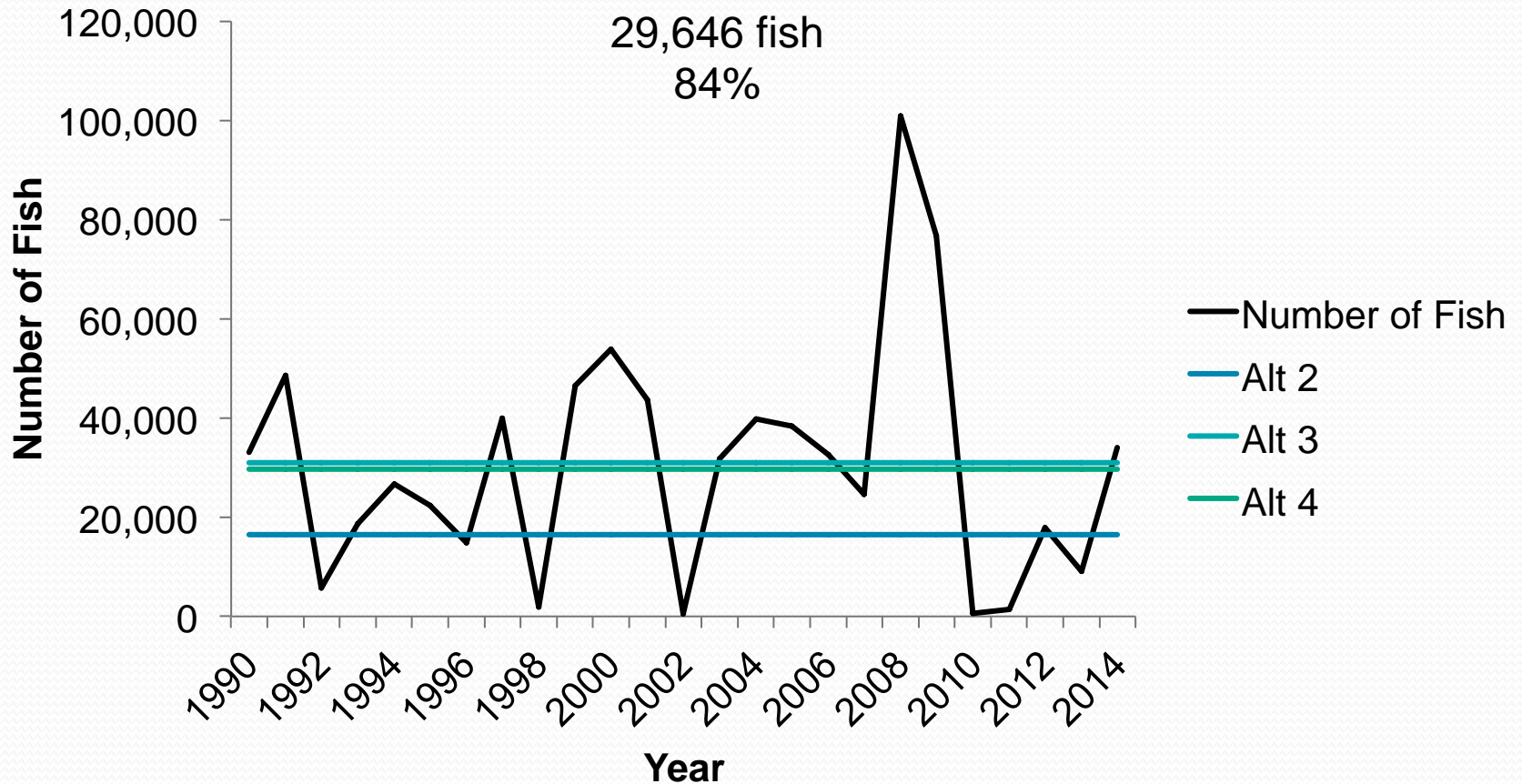


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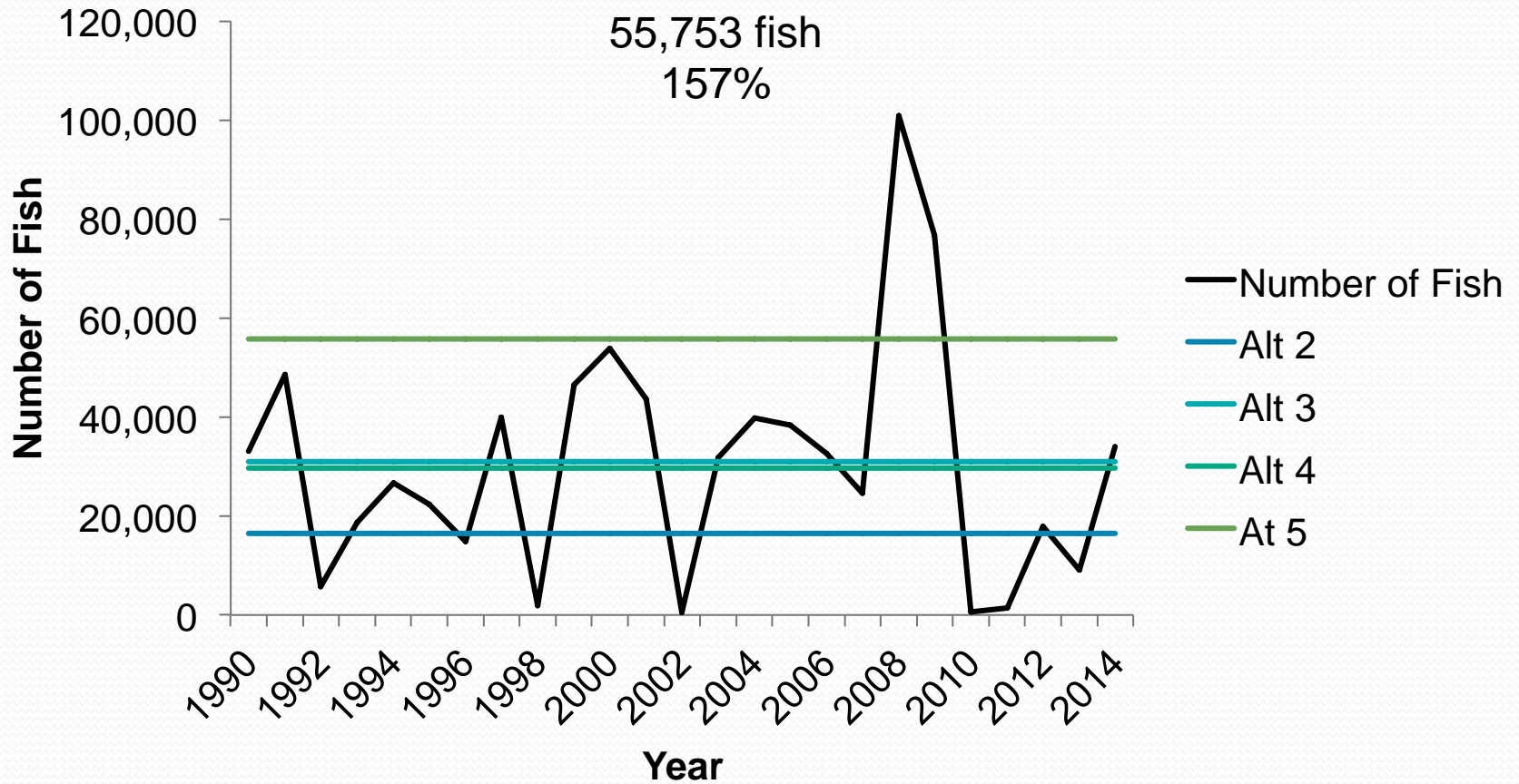


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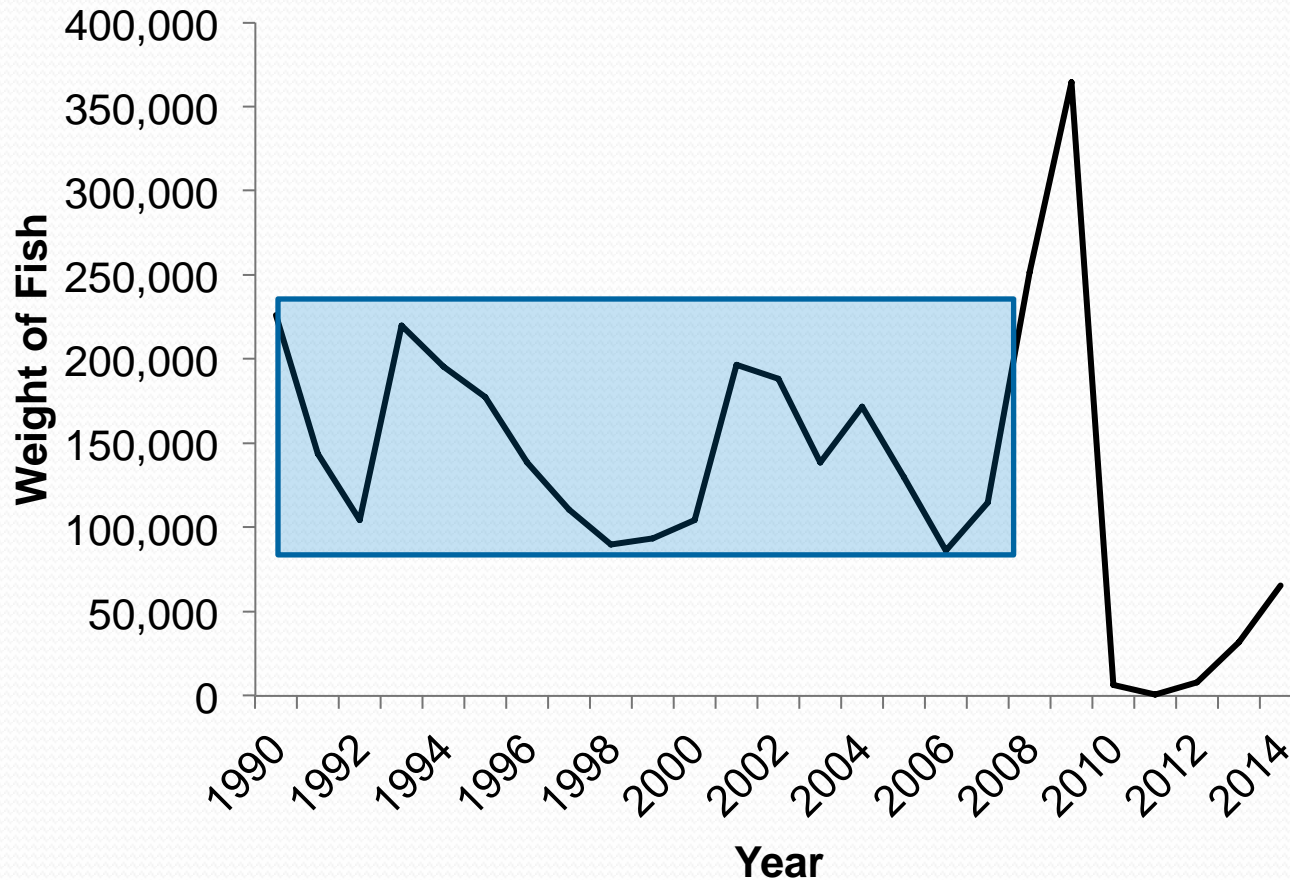


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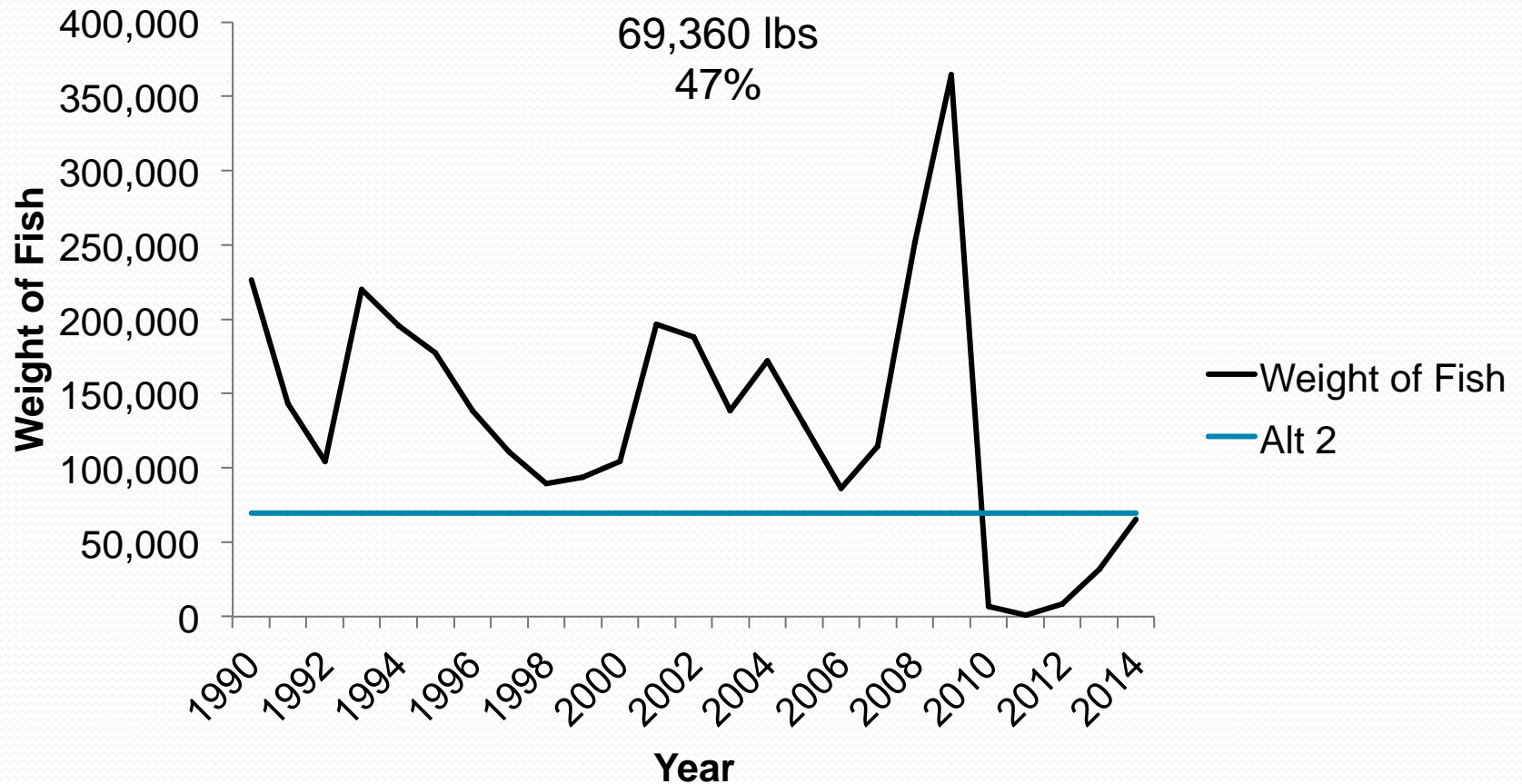


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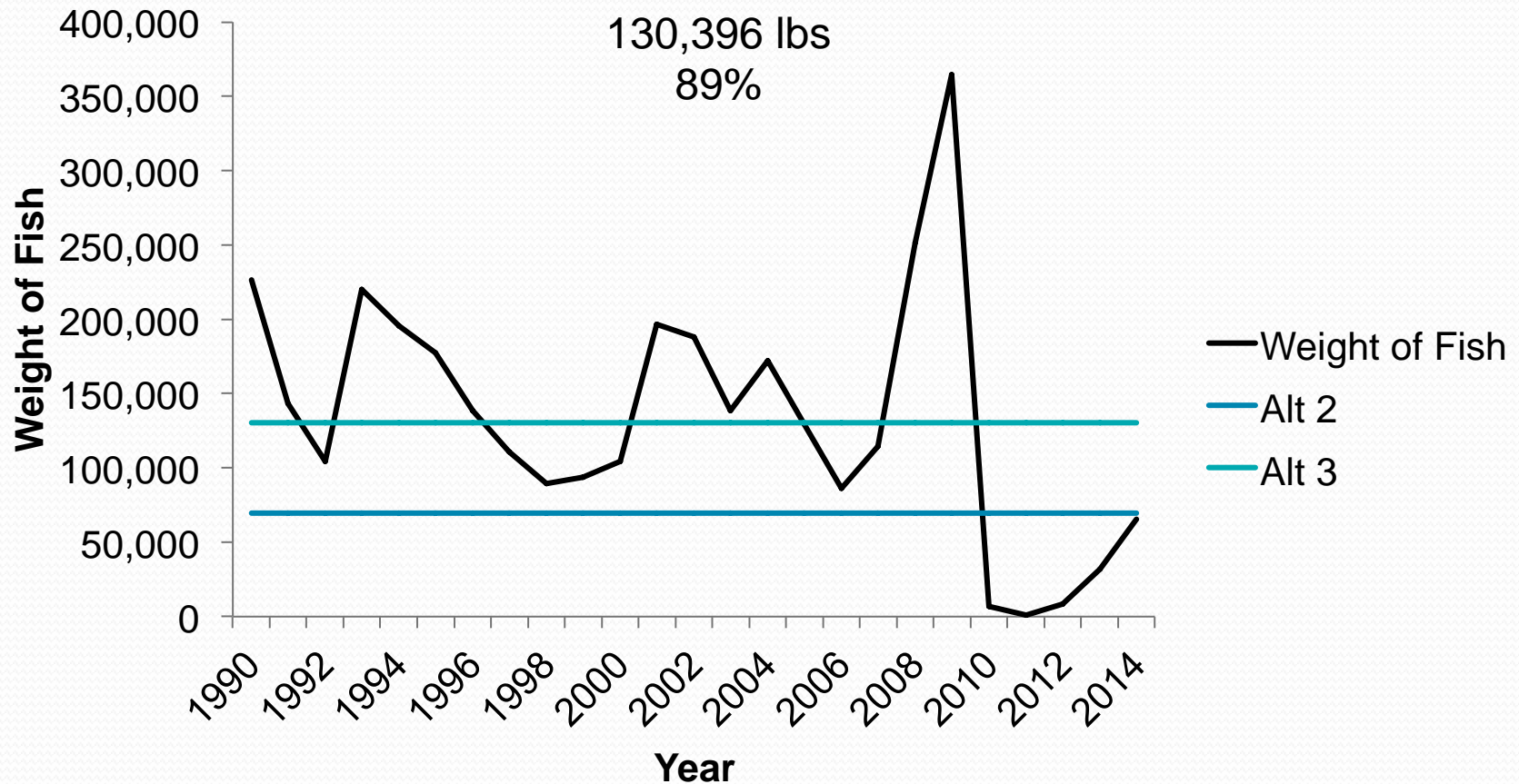


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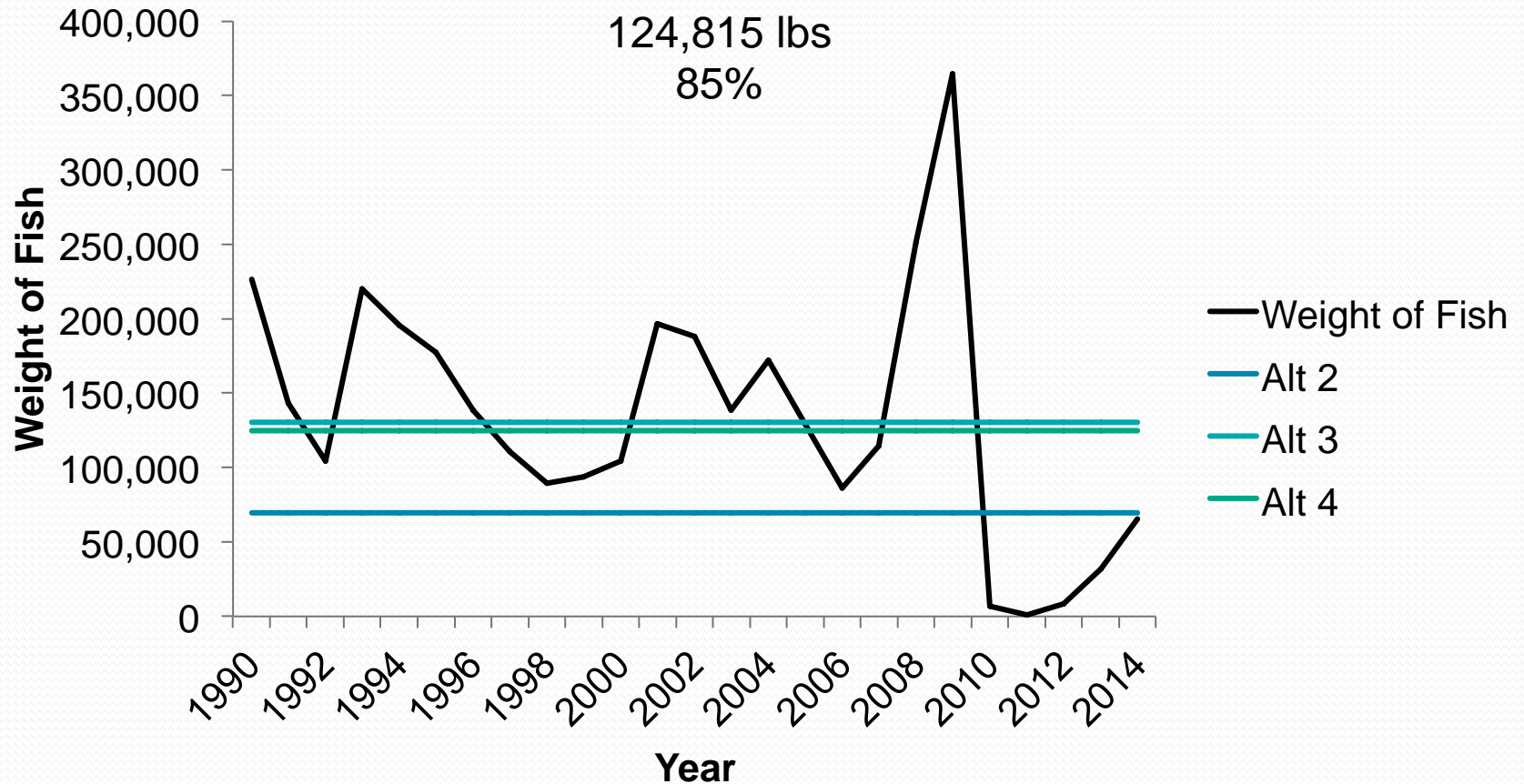


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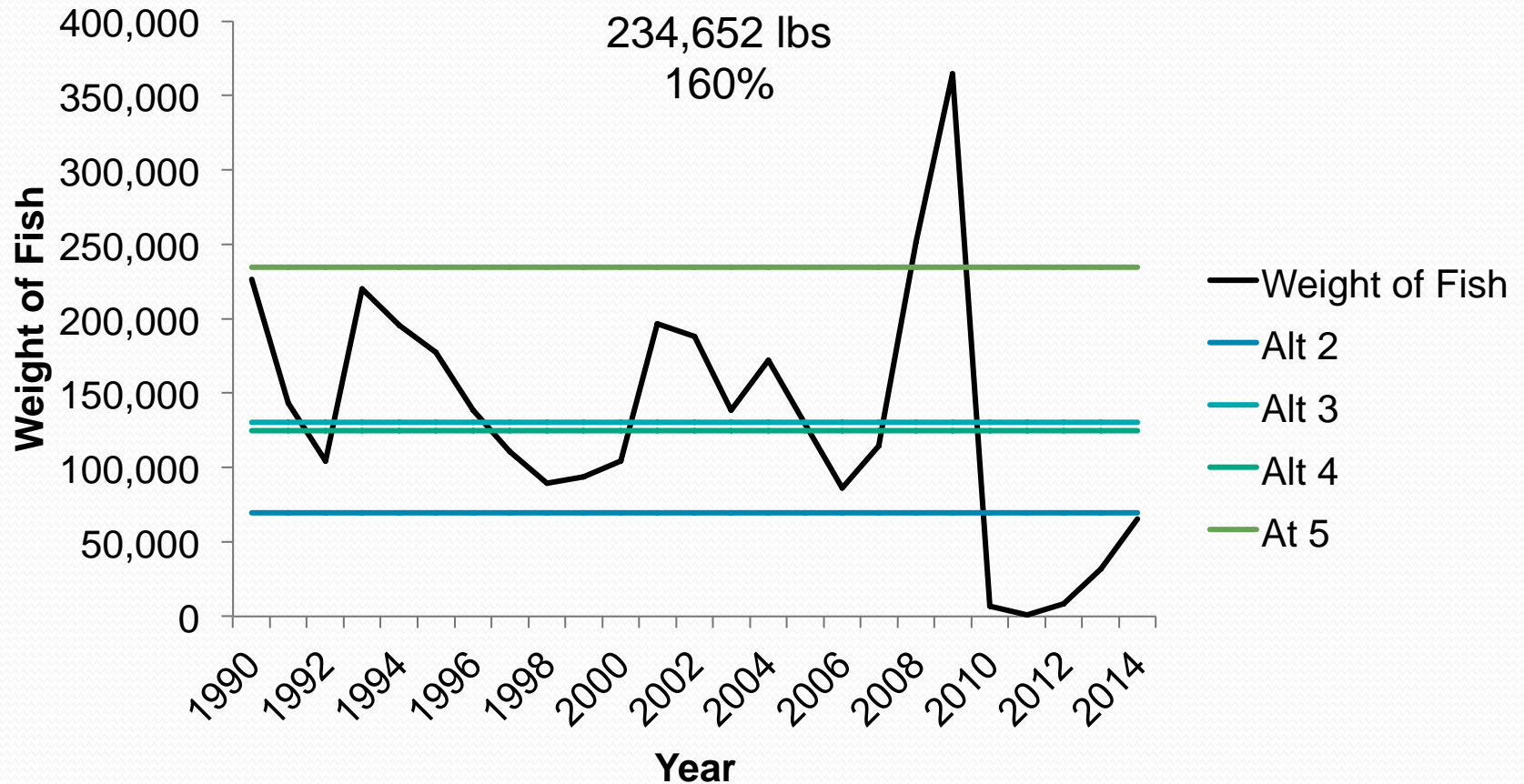


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Best Fishing Practices

- Best fishing practices have been removed from current amendment (moved to AM 46).
- Encourage fishermen to avoid red snapper if they have caught their limit.
- Encourage use single hook rigs.
- Encourage fishermen to return fish back to water as quickly as possible.
- Encourage fishermen to use descending device if releasing red snapper with signs of barotrauma.
- Staff is working on a webpage.





Recreational Reporting

- Recreational permitting and reporting removed from this amendment (moved to AM 46).
- Pilot project is developing to enable recreational permitting and reporting.
- Recreational permitting and reporting will take significant time to analyze the impact of the action.



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Actions needed at this meeting:

- Select preferred and approve codified text.
- Approve for formal review.

Adding additional actions (or alternatives) at this meeting may delay the amendment, and possibly reduce the chances of a season for 2018.