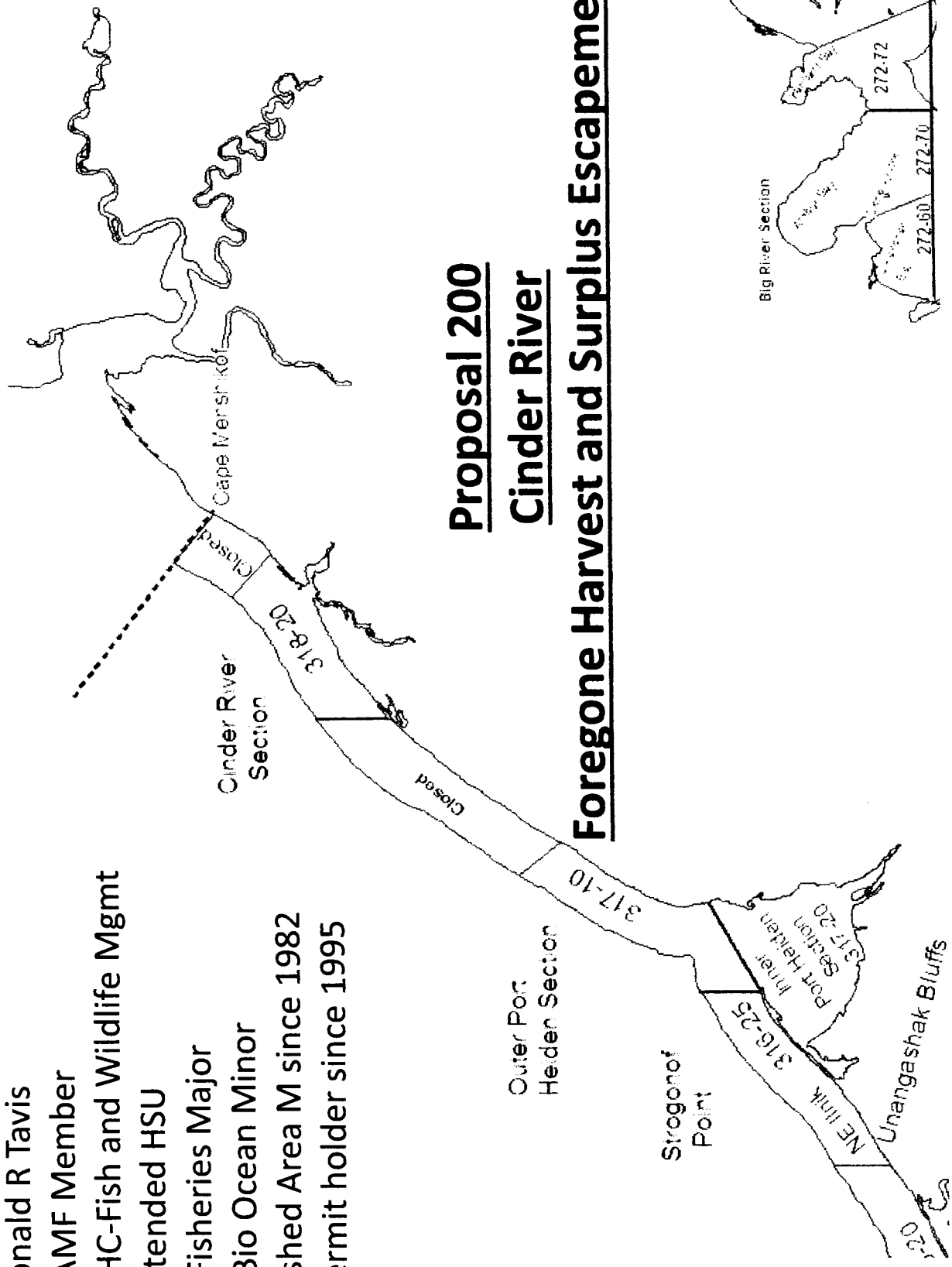


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Mr. Chair, members of the Board, my name is Ron Tavis my testimony today is in support of Proposal 200 "The Surplus Escapement and Lost Harvest Opportunity in the Cinder River Section of Area M". I am a member of CAMF, I have fished in Area M since 1982 and have been a drift permit holder since 1995. I attended university at Humboldt State University where I majored in Fisheries Biology with a minor in Biological Oceanography.

Surplus escapement into the Cinder River system is well above the pre-season spawning goals established by ADF&G and this is what I want the Board and the Public to be aware of today. Figure 1 represents 2003-2012 sockeye escapement into the Cinder River system paired with the ADF&G Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range. Notice that the red SEG bars increased in 2007 from the previous 6-12000 range to the 12-48000 range, this raised SEG reflects increased aerial survey effort and the subsequent increase in sockeye escapement estimates which are in green. As can be seen here sockeye aerial escapement as expanded by WASSIP indicates a remarkable surplus of fish in the Cinder River system where there is no directed harvest.

Figure 2 represents the 2006-2008 Cinder River harvest as determined by WASSIP, the histogram on the bottom shows a range from 0.8%-3.2% harvest rate during the South Peninsula and Post June fishery, the center histogram shows a harvest rate range of 7.2%-24.7% for the North Peninsula fishery on our Cinder River section. The top histogram shows the harvest rate on Cinder River by Bristol Bay with a range of 1.5%-5.5%, I will note that Ugashik and the Naknek -Kvichak sections were the only contributors to this Bristol Bay harvest of Cinder River Sockeye.

The total harvest rate range for these 3 WASSIP years is approx. 11-28%, when this harvest rate is viewed against the escapement surpluses in figure 1, there is more than enough evidence showing foregone harvest is present and a directed harvest of Cinder River sockeye is warranted.

The recent report to the House Fisheries Committee "Salmon Escapements in excess of Goals" delivered in early February also lists the Cinder River as a system that could potentially have more opportunity to harvest surplus escapements. The Board has addressed these issues before and in its' wisdom has taken appropriate action to eliminate foregone harvest around the State and also in the Meshik River system in 2007 in which the Board was successful in addressing this surplus and along with ADF&G's blessing achieved this goal.

Mr. Chair, members of the board, foregone harvest by definition are actual salmon escapement in a river system, surplus to pre-season spawning goals, this excesses in Cinder River are not the result of efforts to rebuild the stock or for any management concern. Hopefully today's testimony has made the Public and the Board aware of this "FISH CREDIT" as to the loss of a fully viable fishery in the Cinder River Section of Area M.

Cinder River Escapement and Escapement Goal

2003 - 2012

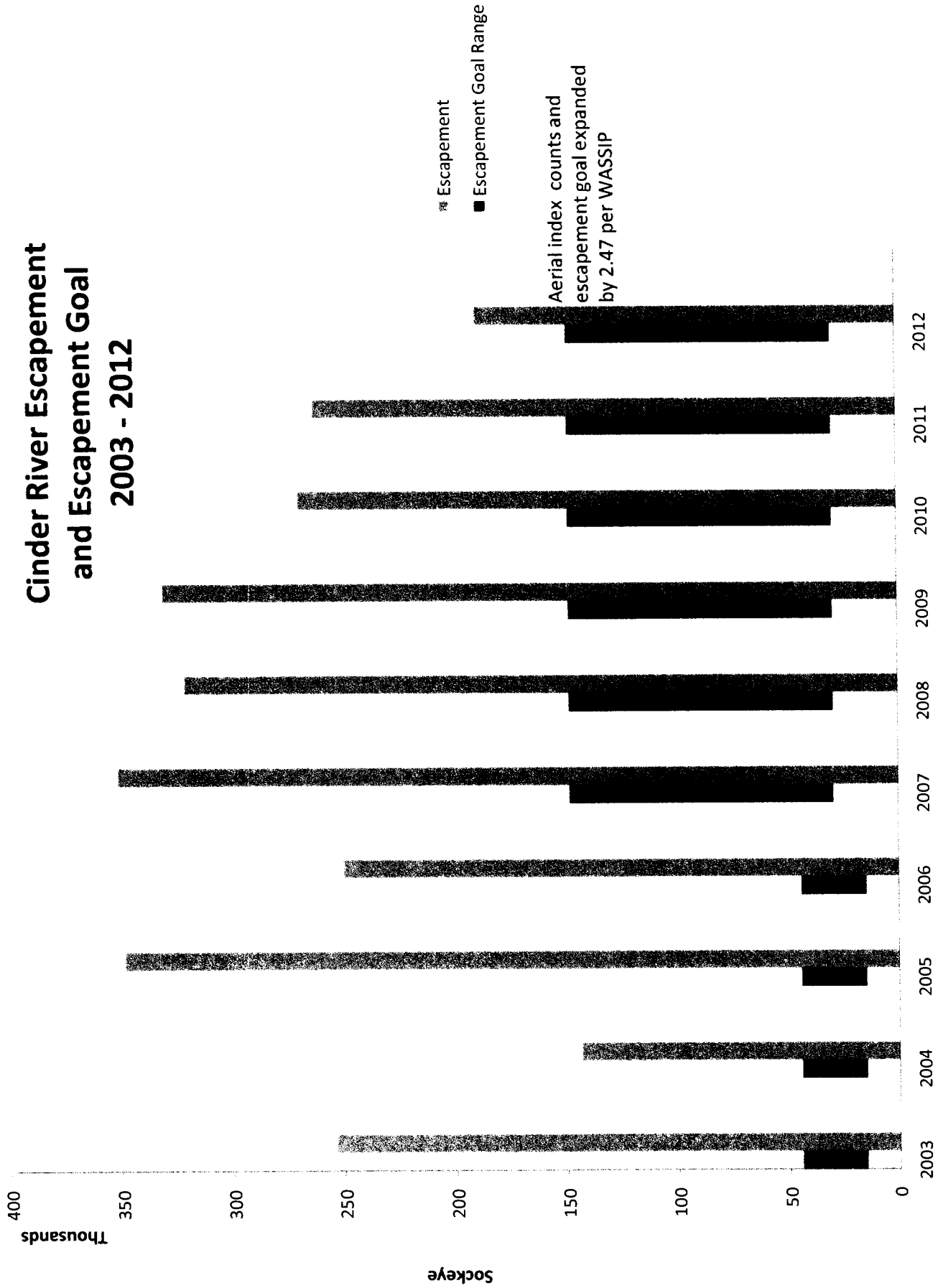


Figure 1

Cinder River Harvest Rates

