

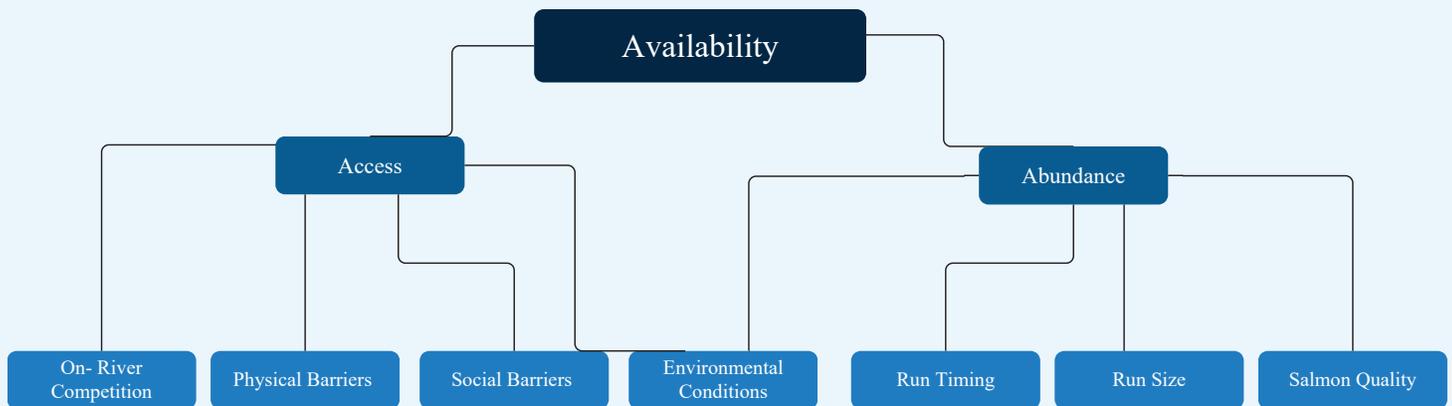
Salmon and Food Security in the Upper Copper River: Assessing Long-Term Changes in Availability

Objectives

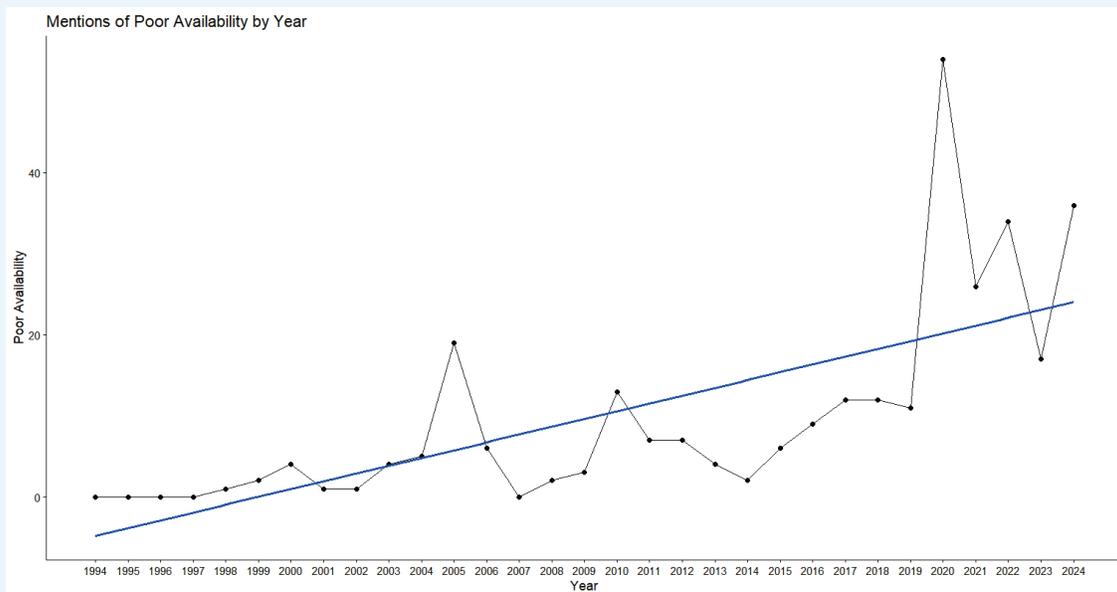
Assess how the availability of salmon has changed over time from 1994- 2024 in the Upper Copper River region.

2. Identify the implications of changing salmon availability within the Upper Copper River region.

I defined Good availability to be when individuals have both the physical and social means to access fishing areas, and when salmon populations are sufficiently abundant to meet cultural and nutritional needs.



Framework used to define good availability after analyzing SRC and RAC transcripts



This graph shows how frequently poor availability of salmon was mentioned in RAC and SRC meetings from 1994- 2024.

Next Steps

Understand what factors are driving these changes.

2. Compare with biological data, such as Miles Lake sonar counts, peak run timing, commercial harvest records.
3. Results ready to share Summer 2026

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