

# Changes in the Distribution of Alaska's Commercial Fisheries Entry Permits

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# Alaska State Constitution

## Article VIII, sections 1 and 3

- *It is the policy of the State to encourage the... development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.*
  - *Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use.*
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# Why the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission?

- Declining salmon resource
  - Declining income
  - Increased level of participation
  - State control of fisheries after 1959
  - Conservation effort not viewed as sufficient for salmon fisheries
  - Constitutional amendment in 1972 allowing for Limited Entry
  - Limited Entry Act passed in 1973, establishing the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission
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# Limitation of Permit Types





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- 6,762 limited entry permits in 1975 limitations (19 permit types)
  - By year-end 2014, 14,181 permanent permits in place, 13,463 of which are transferable (78 permit types)
  - By the end of 2014, 12,172 (85.7%) transferable permits transferred from initial issues
  - Permit type *S03T* – *S* for salmon, *03* for gear type of drift gillnet, *T* for Bristol Bay
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# Data sources for the Transfer Study

- Permit file
- Transfer Survey File
- Alaska Department of Fish & Game fish data
- Census data

Current Publication includes 38 tables of CFEC data in approximately 350 page publication, plus Executive Summary

Web edition: <http://www.cfec.state.ak.us/RESEARCH/15-3N/15-3N.htm>

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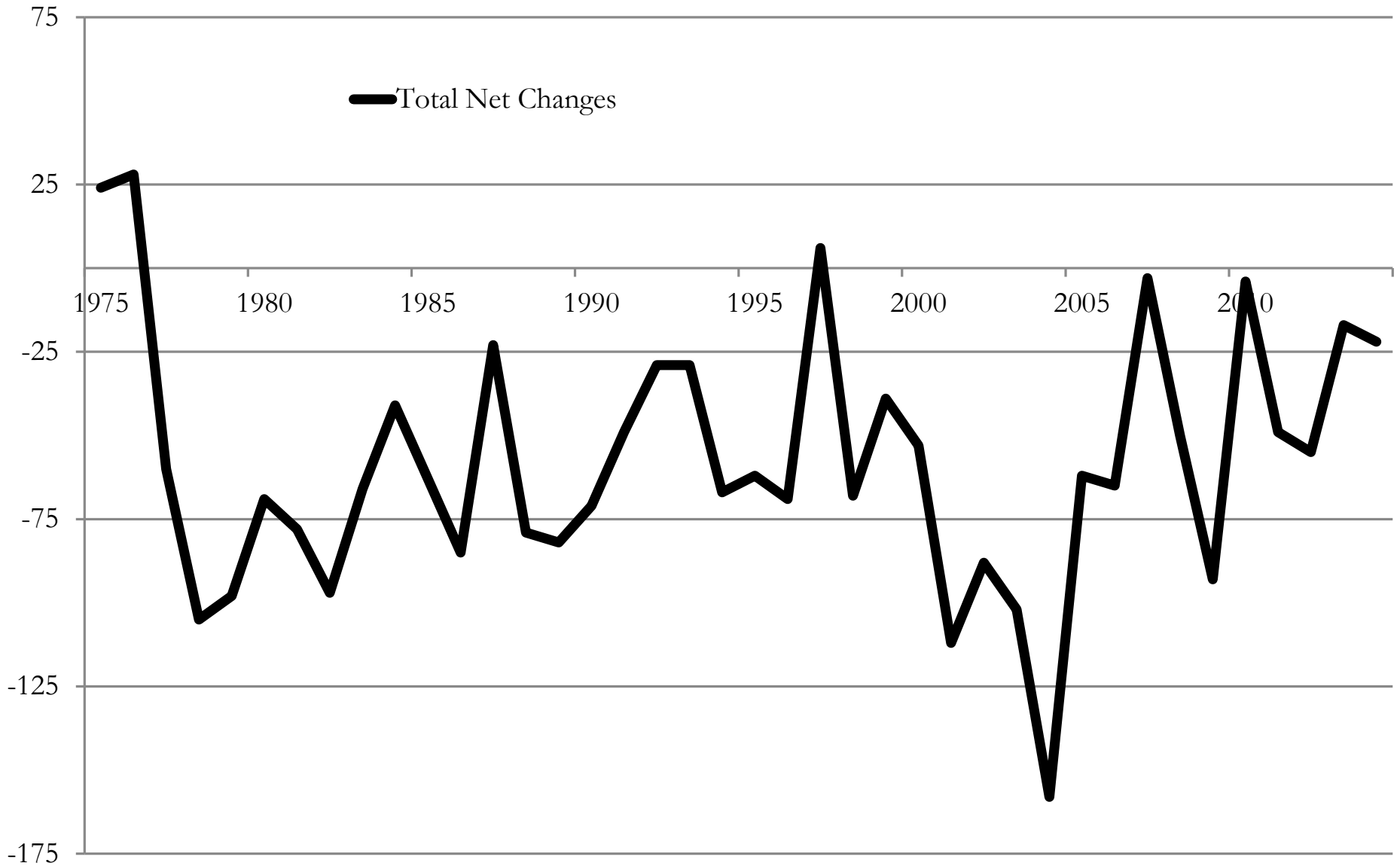


# Residency

- Alaska Rural Local – *Alaska* resident of a ***Rural*** community which is ***Local*** to the fishery for which the permit applies
  - Alaska Rural Nonlocal - *Alaska* resident of a ***Rural*** community which is ***Nonlocal*** to the fishery for which the permit applies
  - Alaska Urban Local - *Alaska* resident of an ***Urban*** community which is ***Local*** to the fishery for which the permit applies
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  - Nonresident - ***Nonresident*** of Alaska
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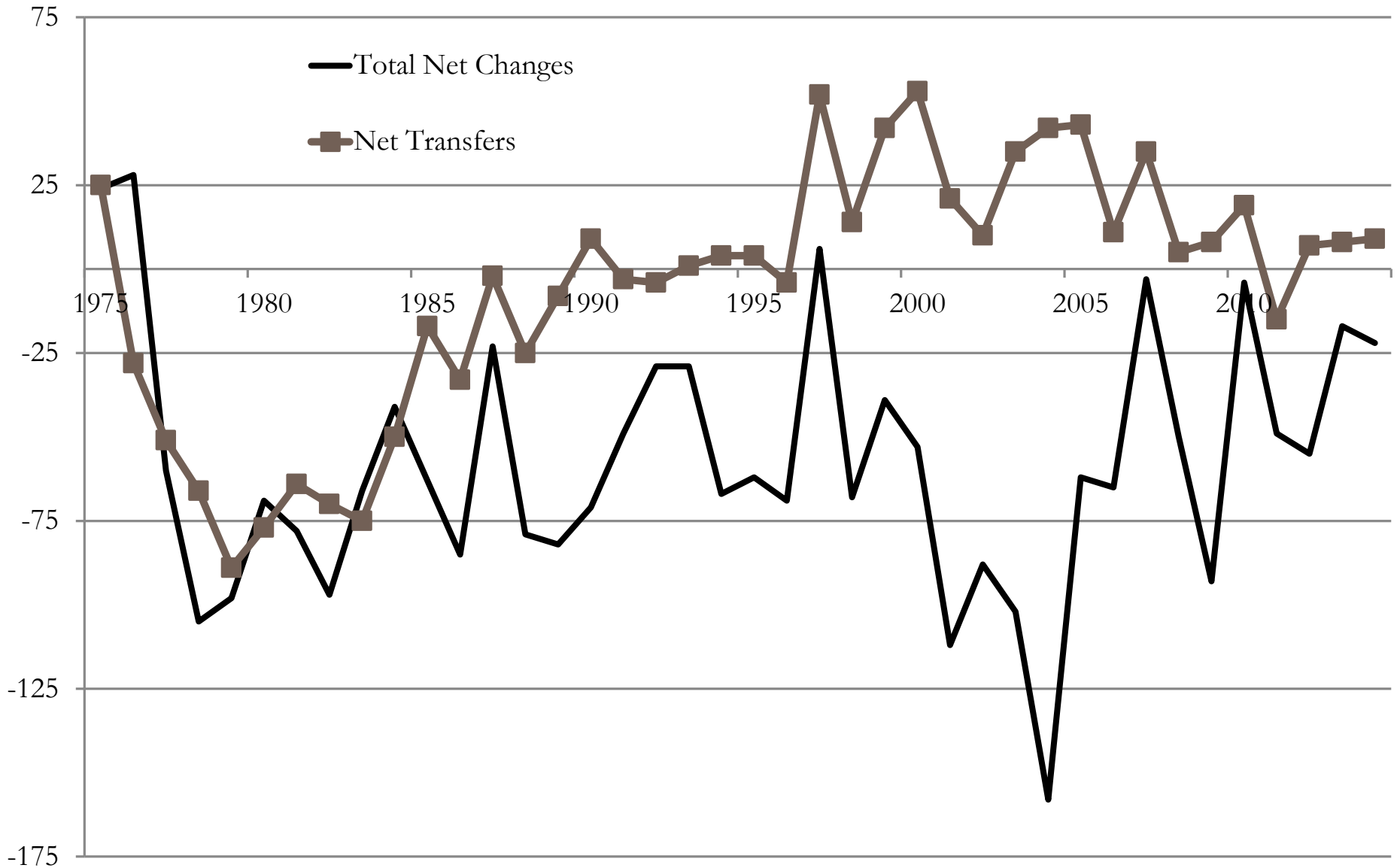
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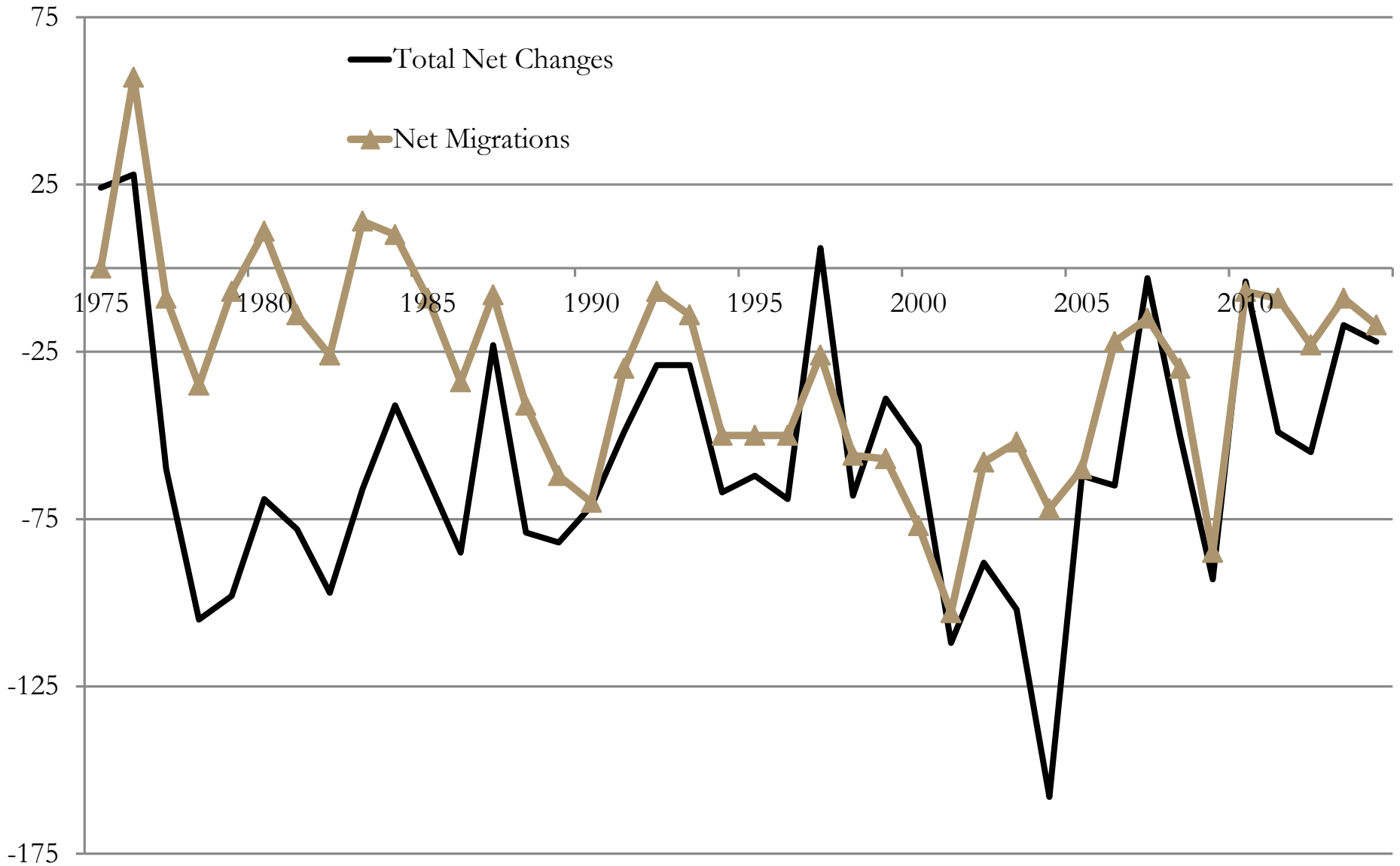
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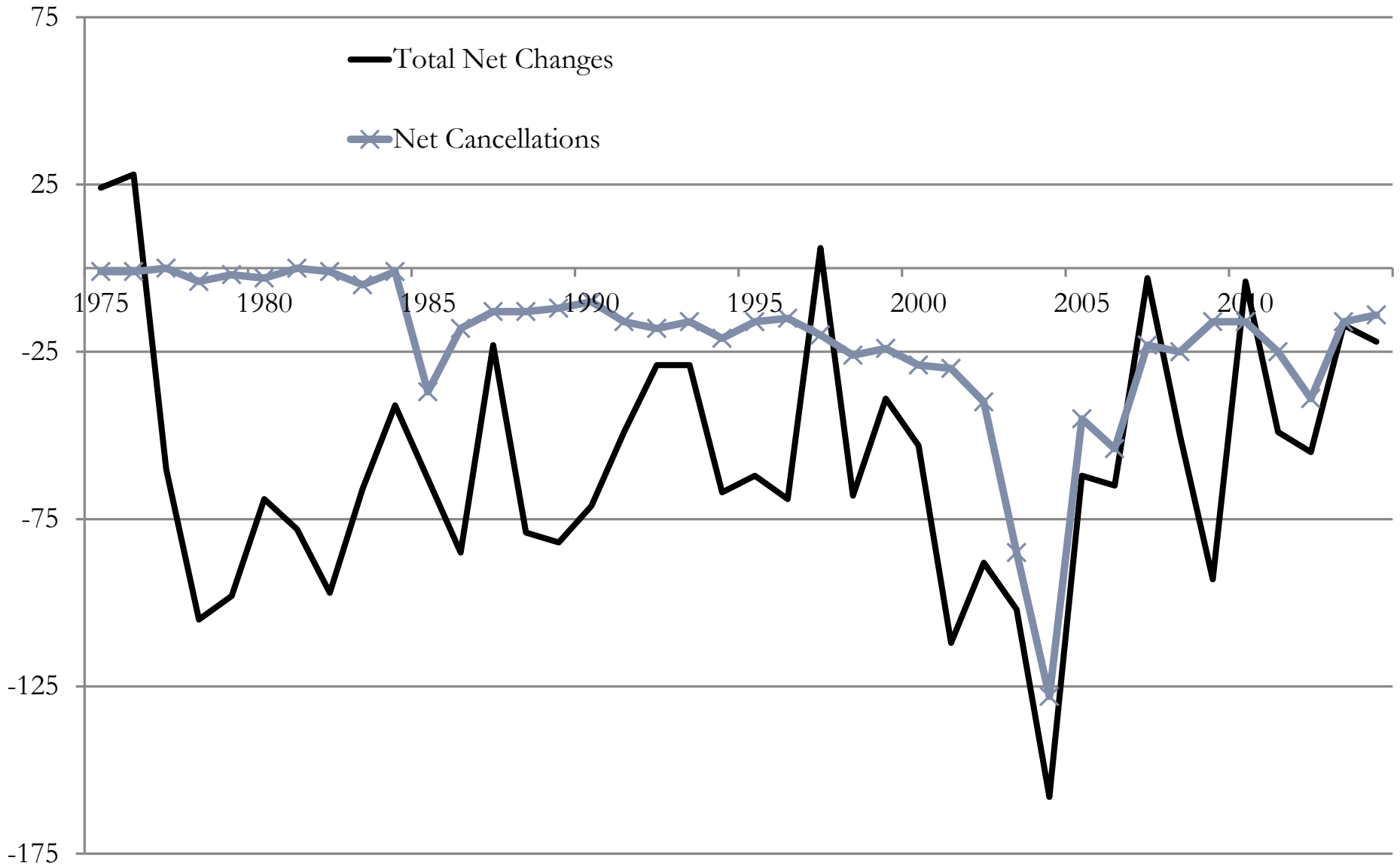
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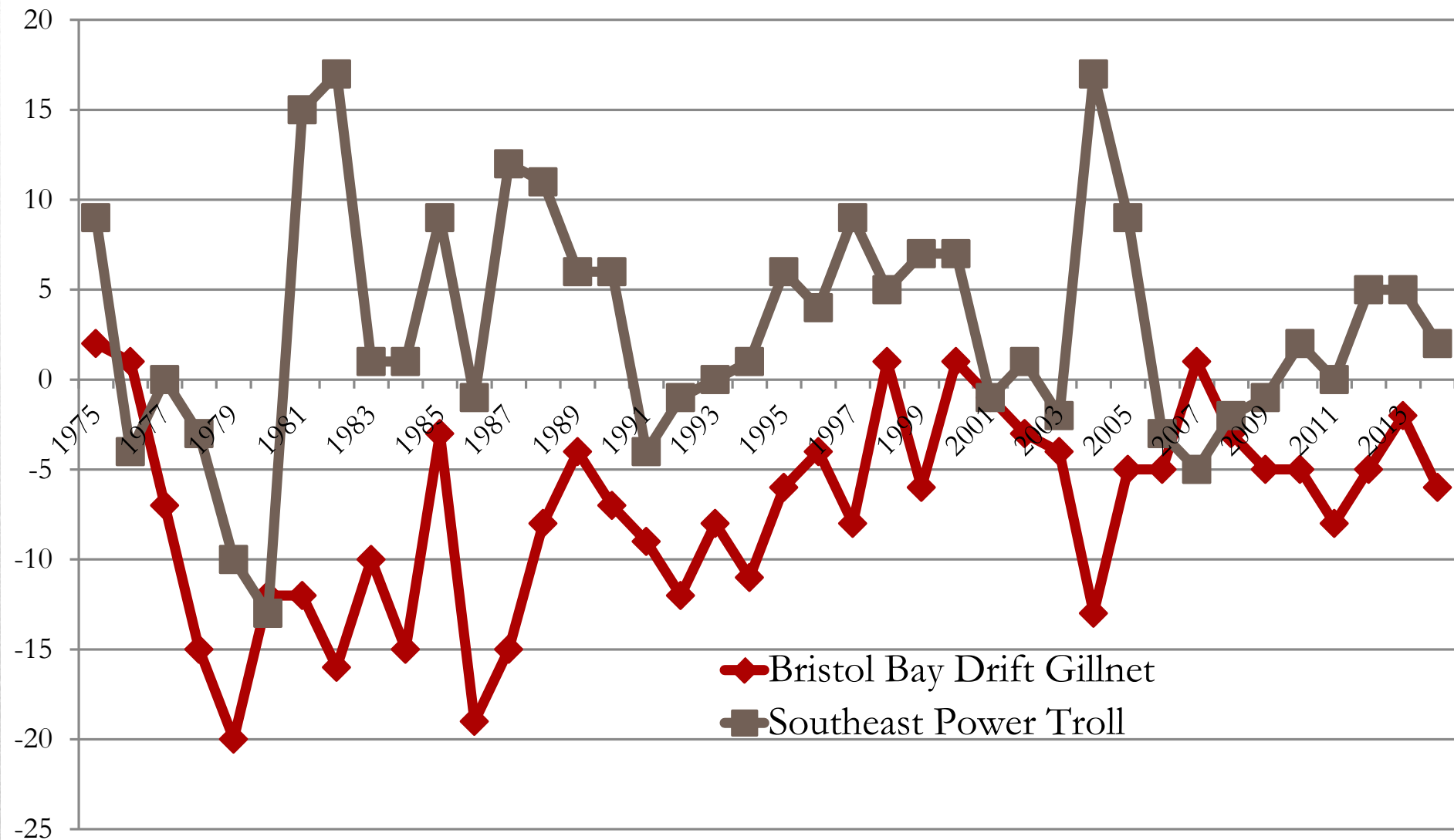
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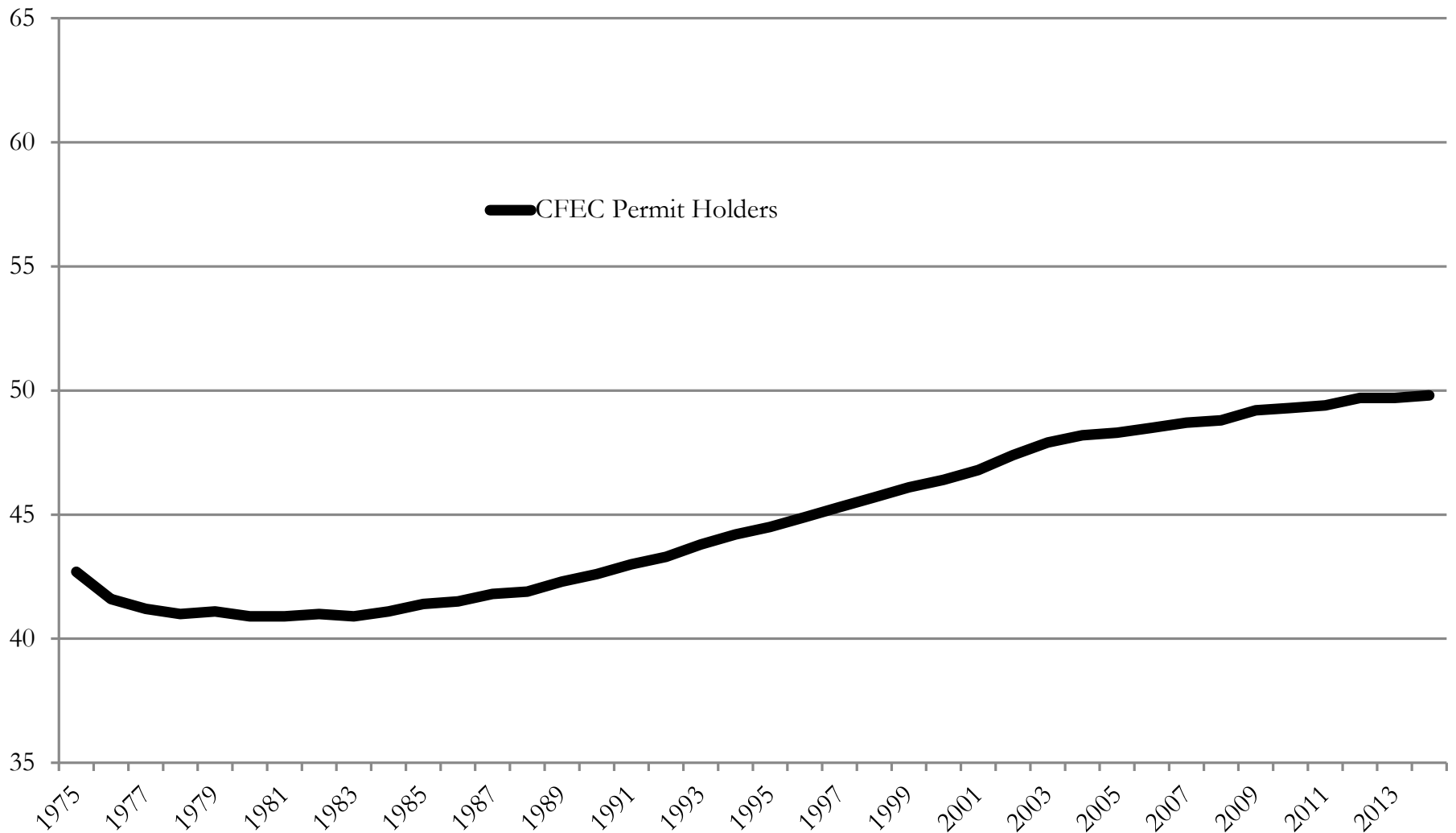
Extreme Net Transfers to Alaska Rural Locals due to transfers





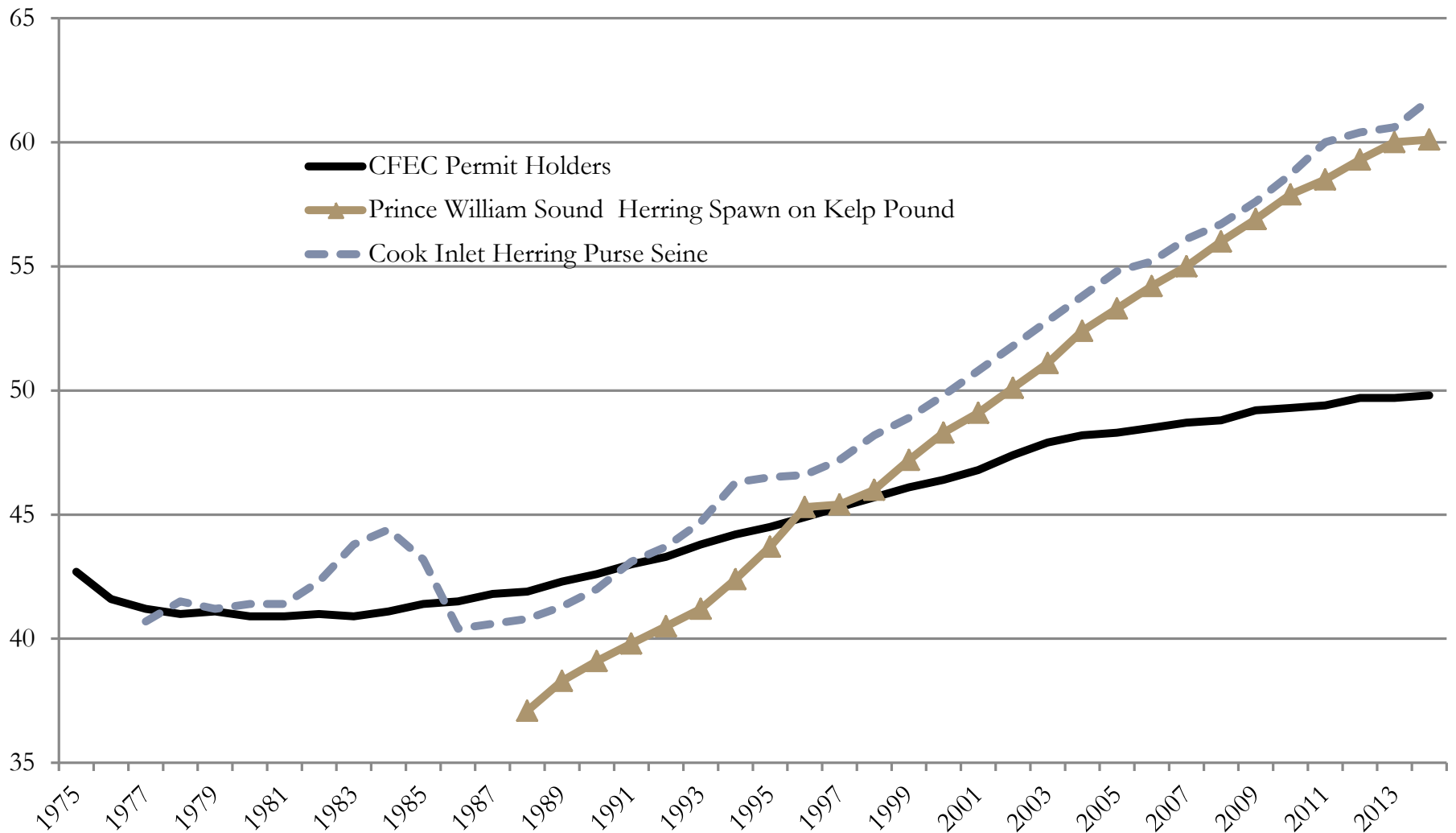
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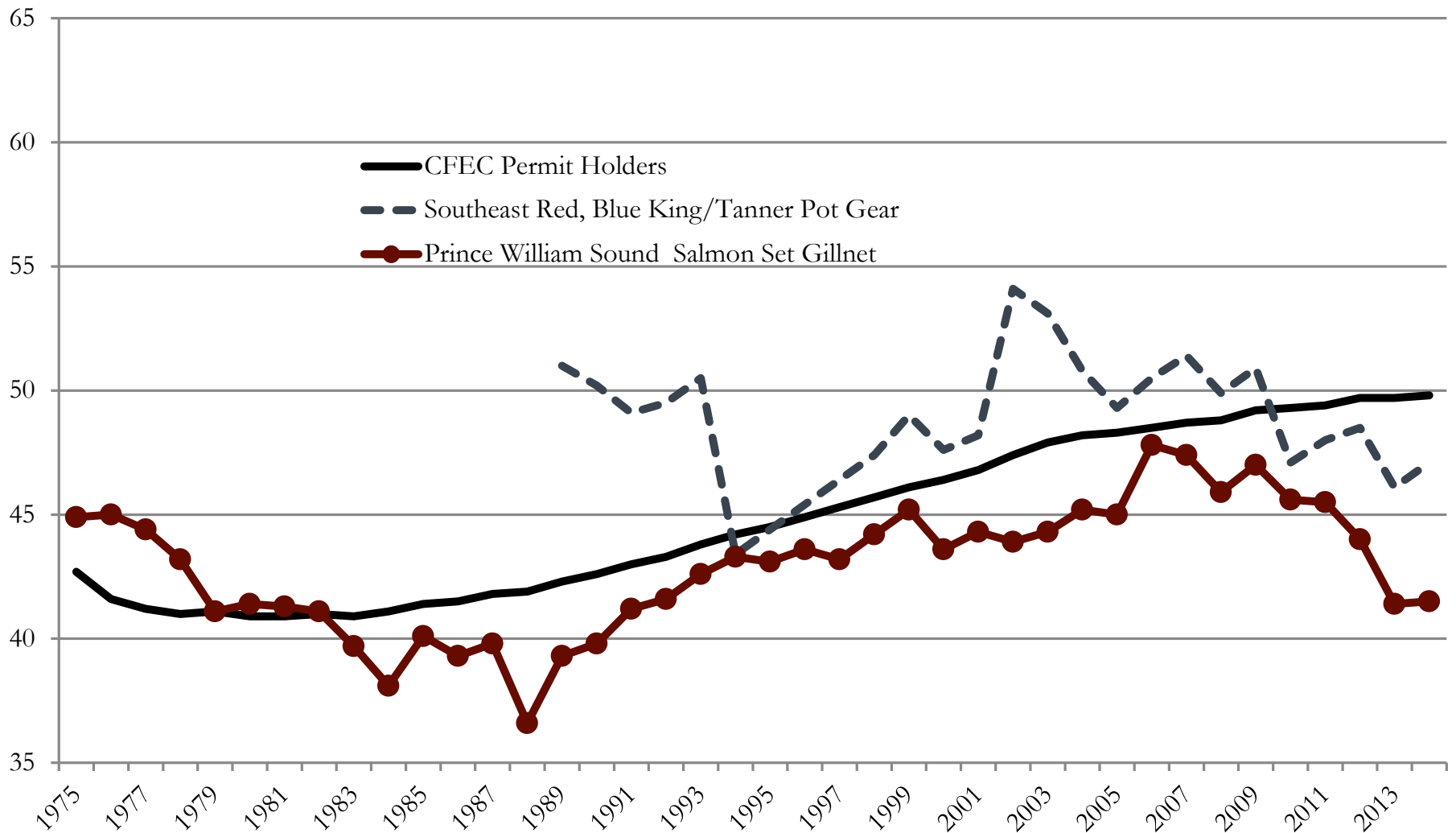
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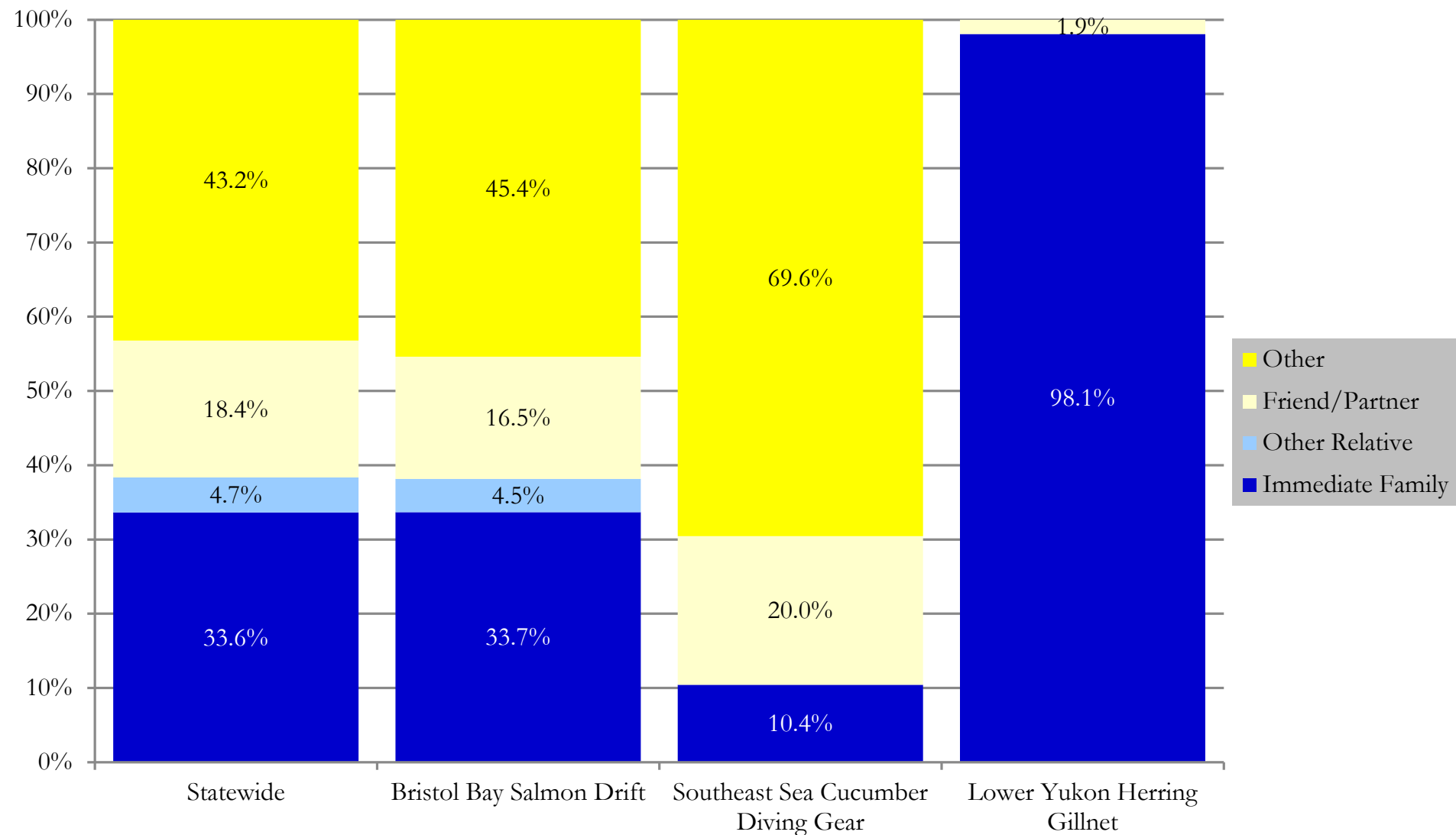
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# Who are fishers transferring their permits to?

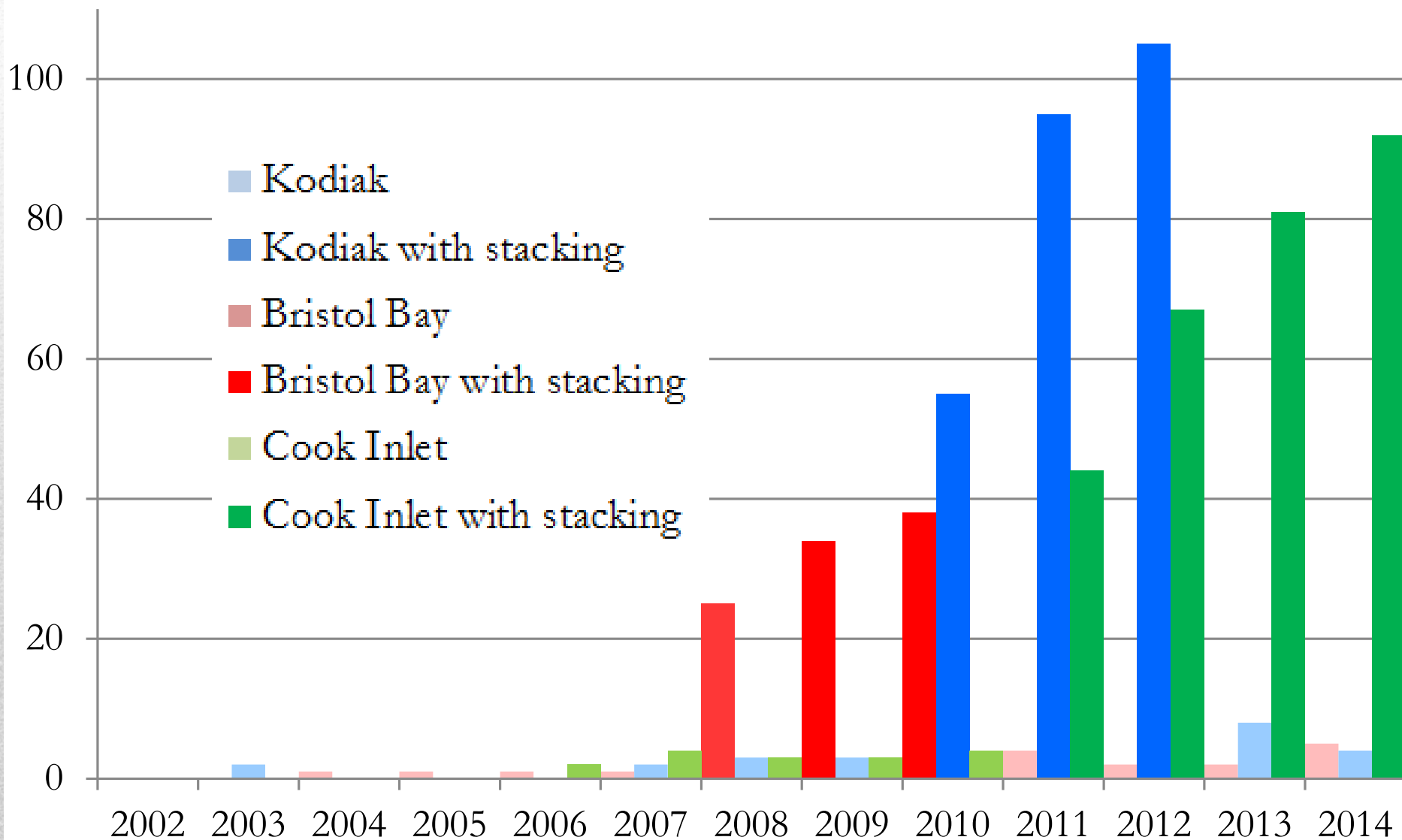
## Relationship of Transferors and Transfer Recipients





# Multiple Permit Holdings in Three Select Set Gillnet Fisheries

Year-end Permit Holdings



# Questions/Comments

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