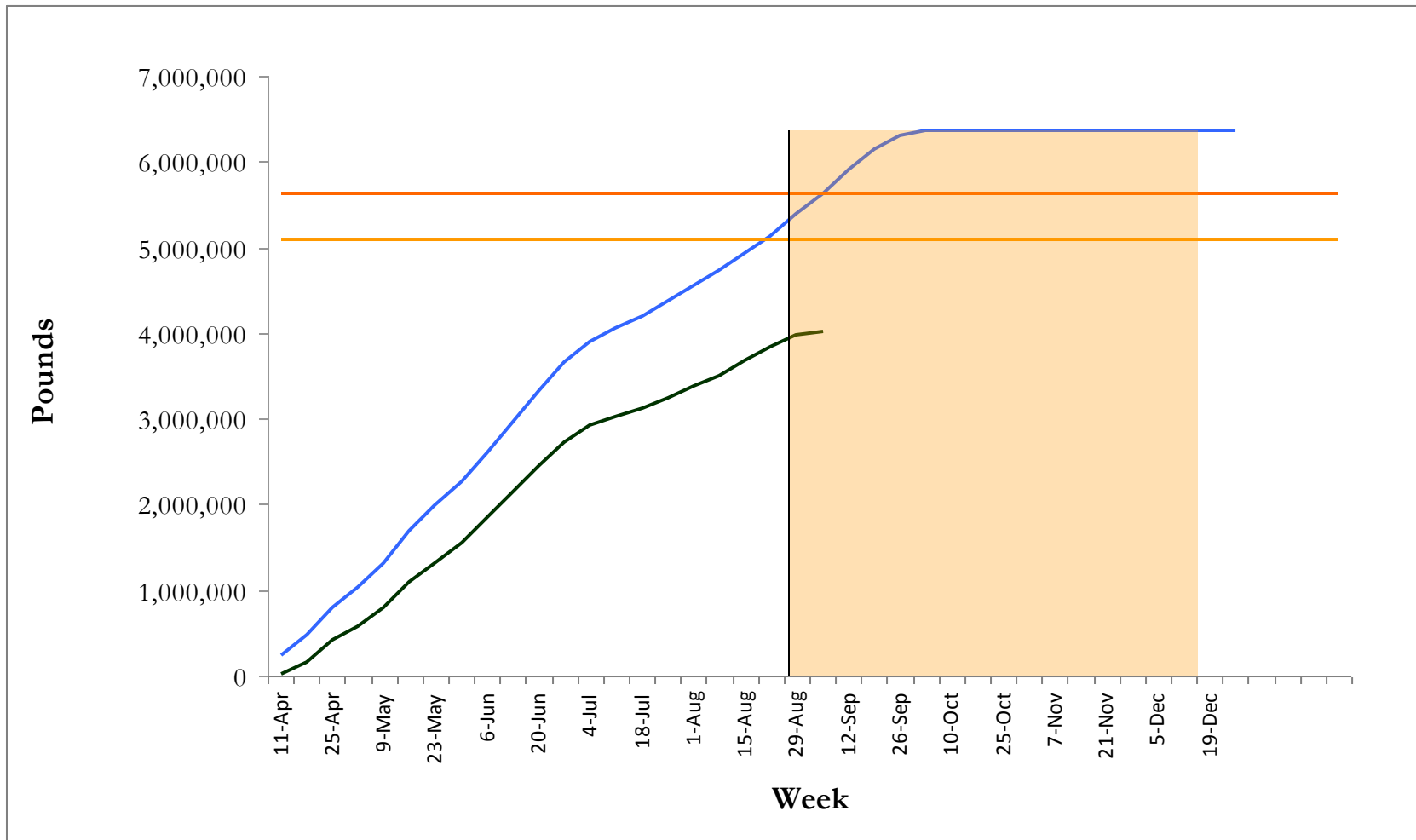


Menhaden harvest reported to date is 6.4 million pounds.

Fishery was closed August 29 - harvest to closure was approximately 5.4 million pounds: 230K pounds under quota.

Bycatch harvest to date is approximately 973K pounds.

Quota could be exceeded – some pre-closure reports outstanding.

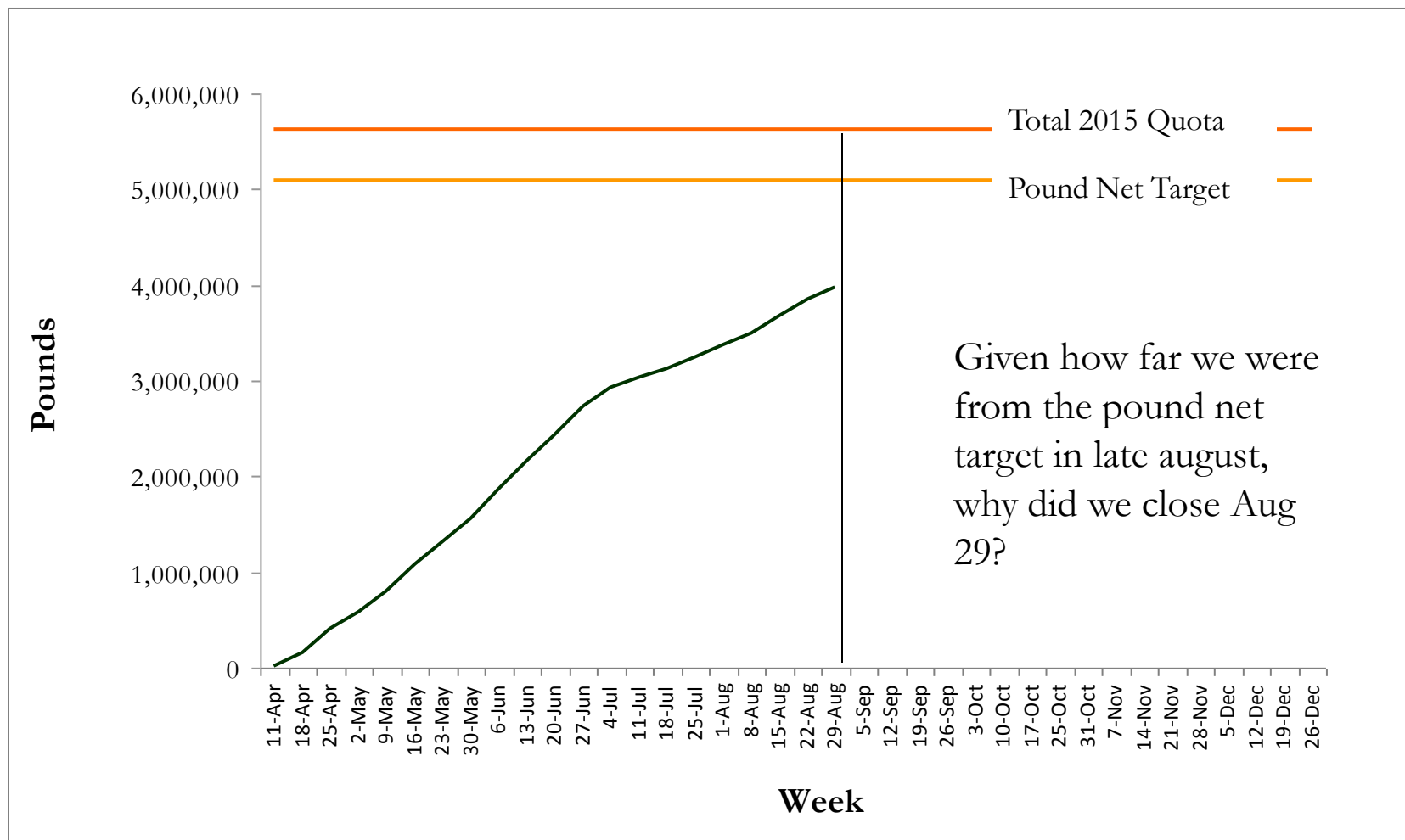


Reported Menhaden Harvest as of August 29th.

Pound netters are required to report daily.

Historically, pound nets harvest 92% of Maryland's menhaden catch.

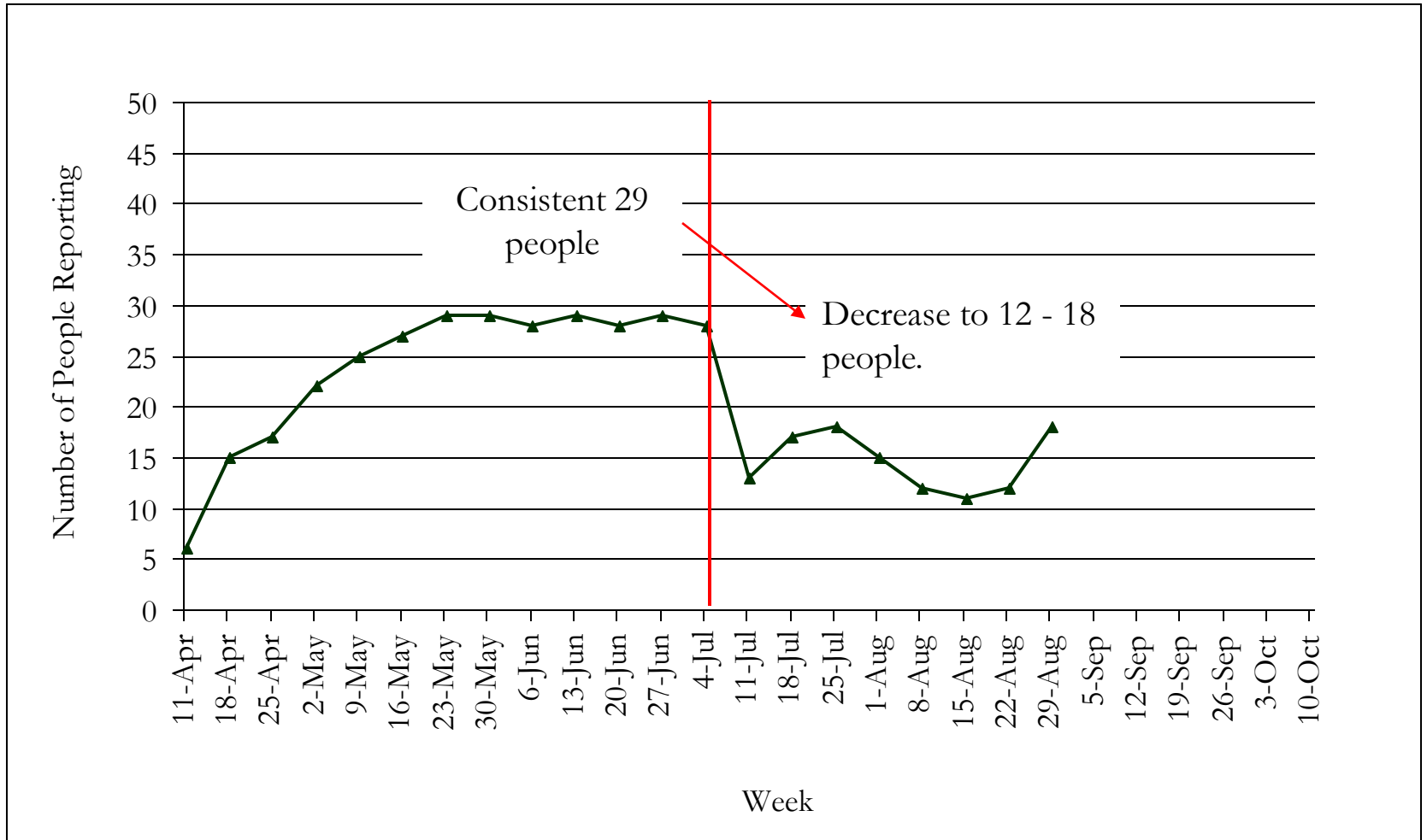
DNR monitors pound nets and assumes the quota will be met when pound net harvest is within 8% of the full quota.



We closed August 29th because we could see a substantial drop in the number of reports after July 4th.

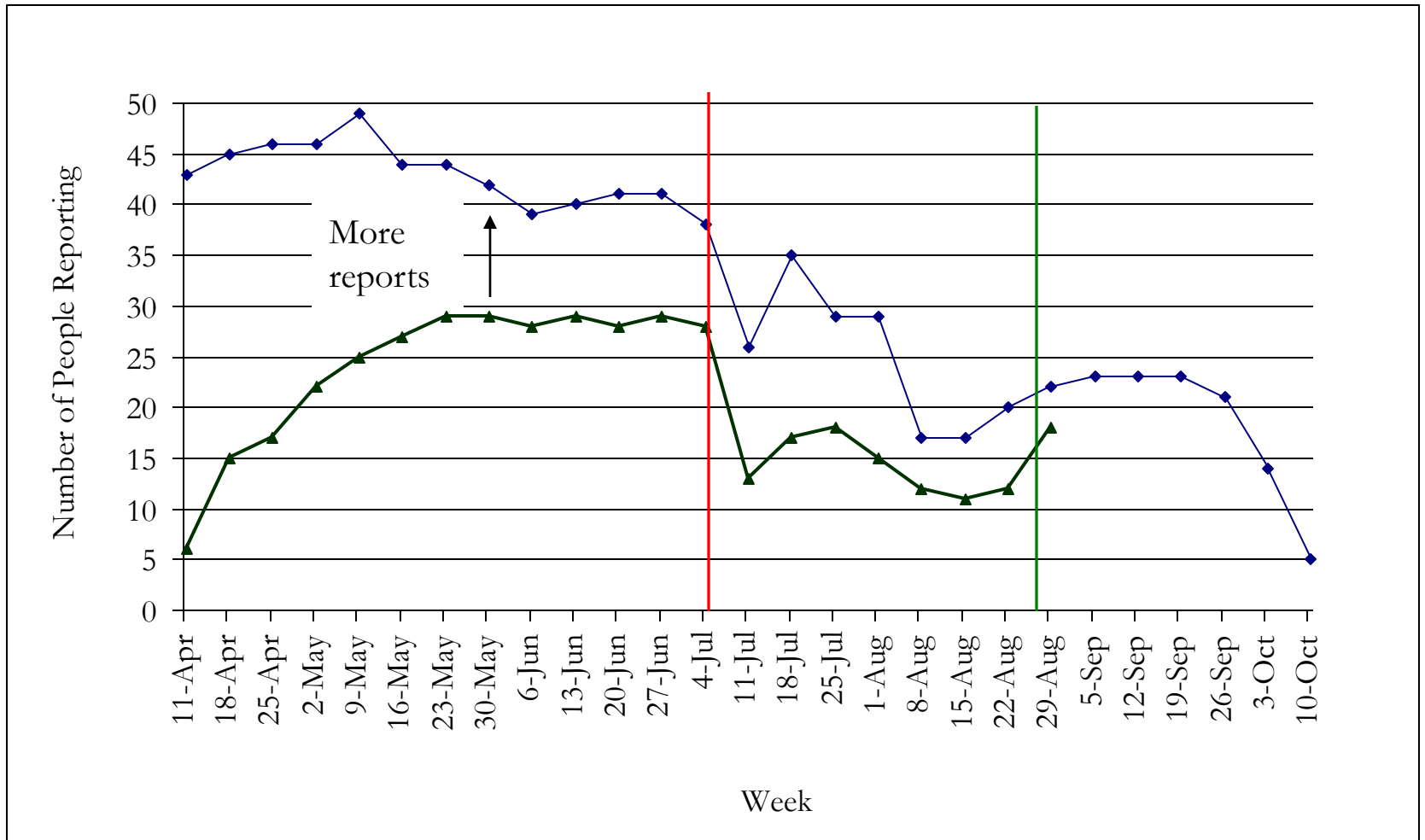
We assume those missing people are still harvesting, but we have not received their reports.

Based on our understanding of the fishery, we projected the amount of harvest the missing people could catch.



Six weeks after the closure, the number of reports received has increased.

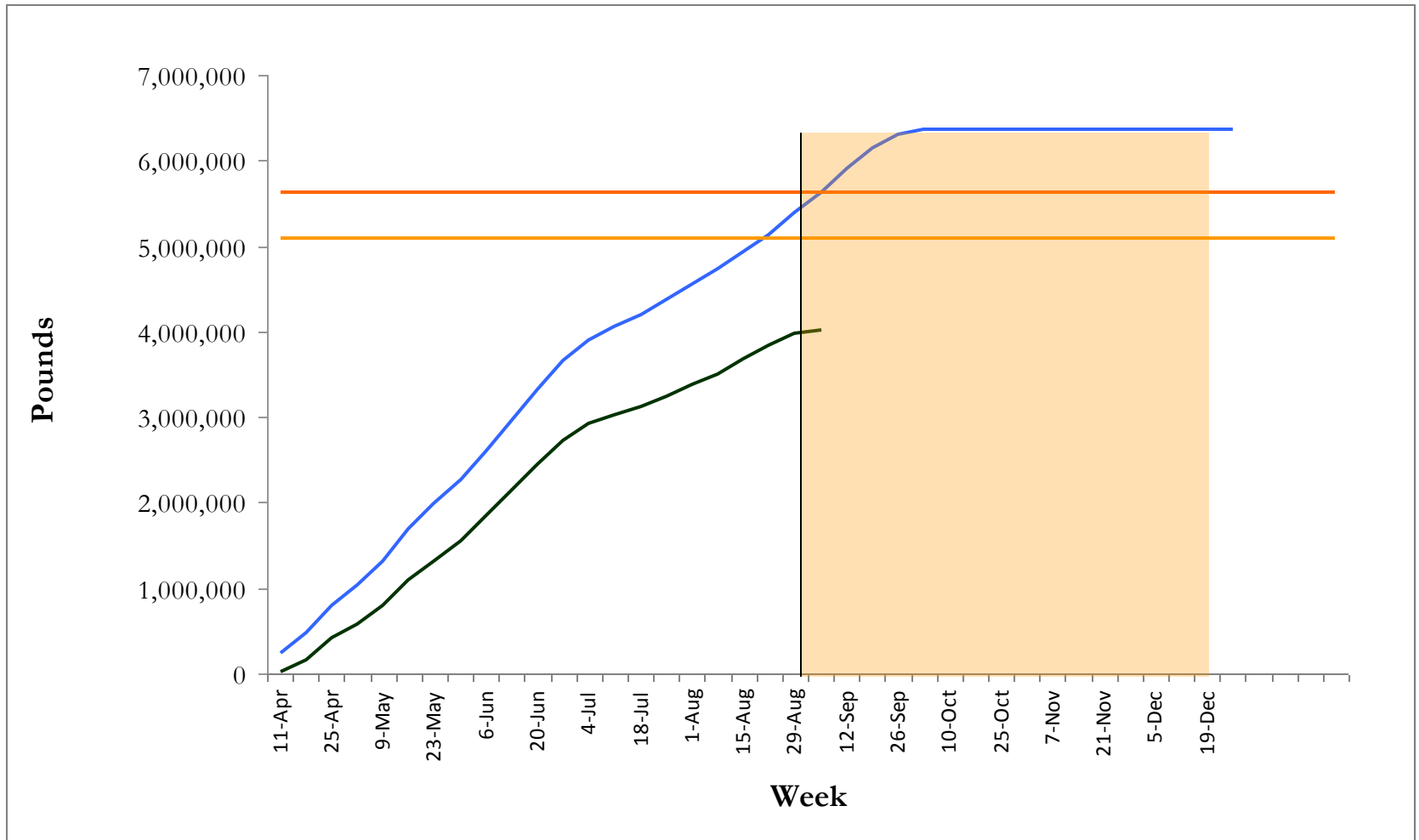
The number of reports in the month prior to the closure increased from 12-18 people to 25 – 35 people.



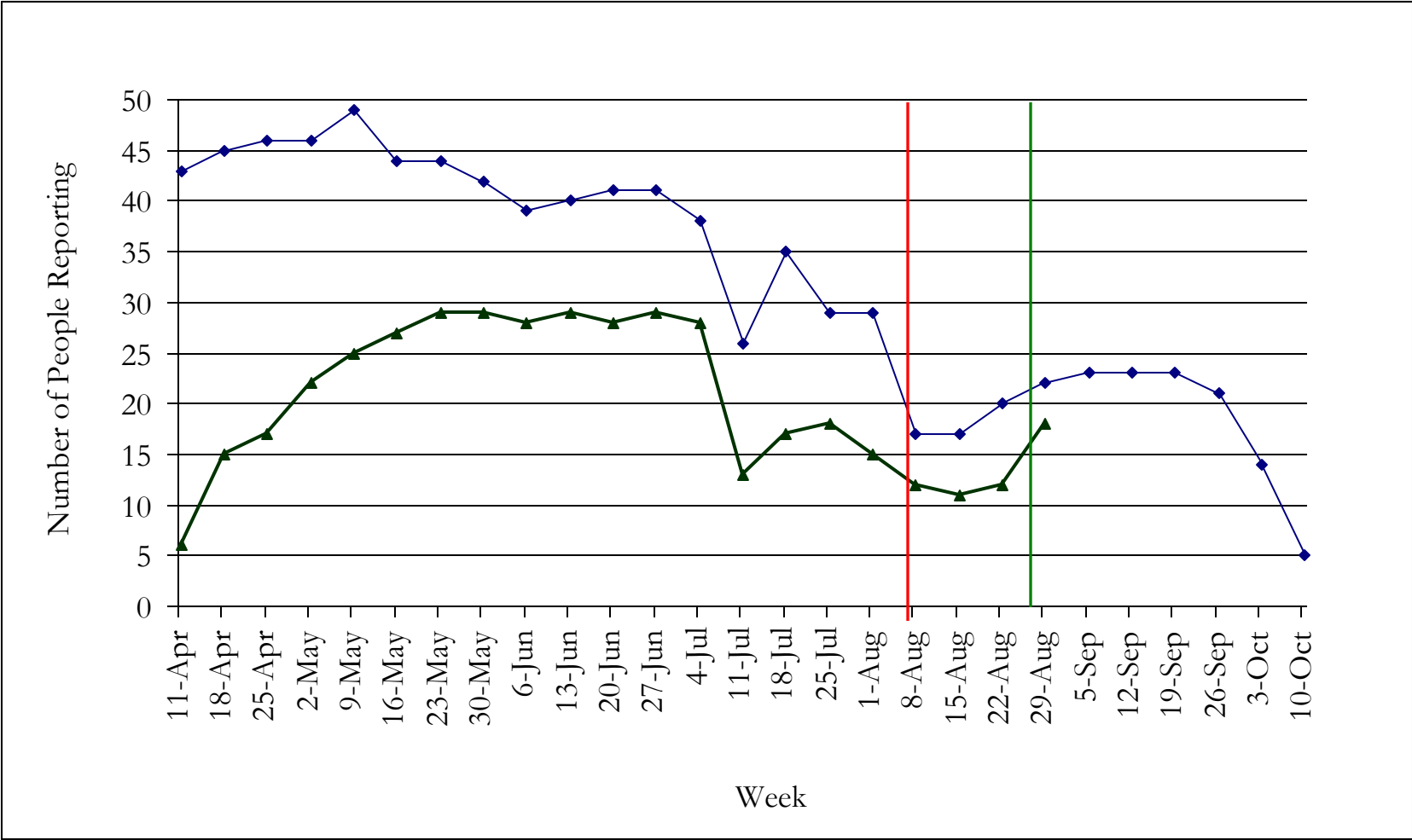
Here's what we know now. Those missing reports running up the closure accounted for a lot of harvest.

As of Oct 10th, we know we were just 230K pounds shy of the quota when we closed.

We could still go over because we see all reports are not in.



There is another dip in number of people – just prior to the closure. We expect to get reports from them in the next couple of weeks.



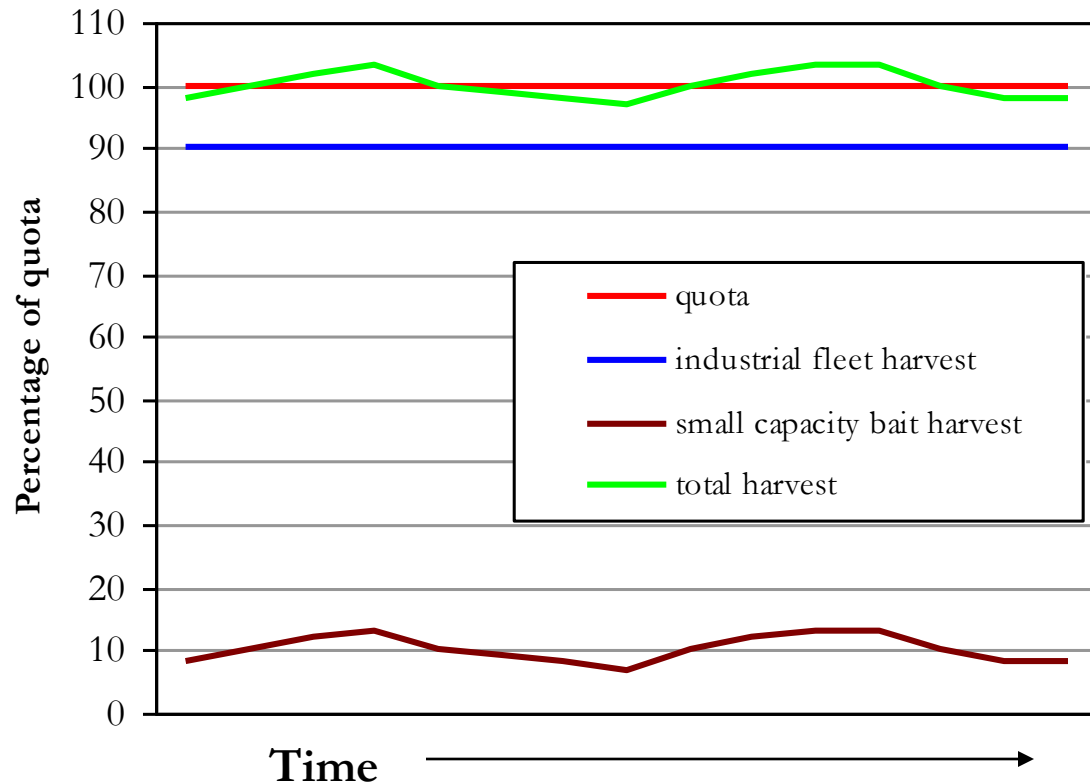
ASMFC update

- No decisions in November
- Reports from Allocation and Ecosystem Reference Point workgroups.
- Allocation:
 - a list of options developed including status quo.
 - Board will discuss list.
 - Approved list will go into a document for public comment – beginning the Amendment 3 process*.

Allocation options on list

- Status quo
- Coast wide quota
- Regional quotas
- Bait and reduction quotas
- Fleet Capacity Quotas
 - 3 category (puts Pound Nets and Gill Nets together)
 - 2 category – Purse Seine and Non Purse Seine Gears

Current Department-supported option:



Small capacity fleet option would put all non-purse seine gears on a coast-wide soft quota.

Close monitoring still necessary, but flexibility allowed.

Triggers would be set so that if the coast wide quota gets too high over too many years action could be taken (e.g. set trip limits or return to state by state for small capacity fleets).