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Seals: Charisma vs. Conservation



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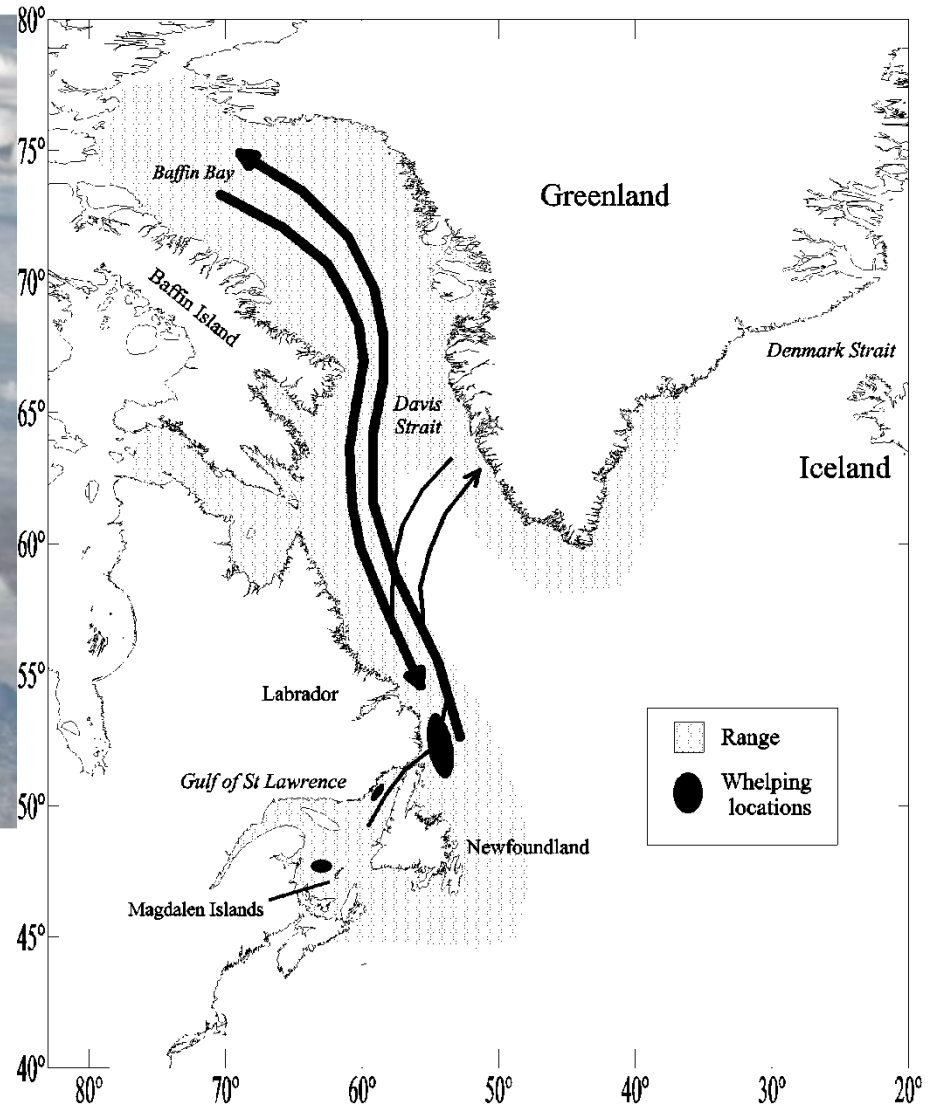
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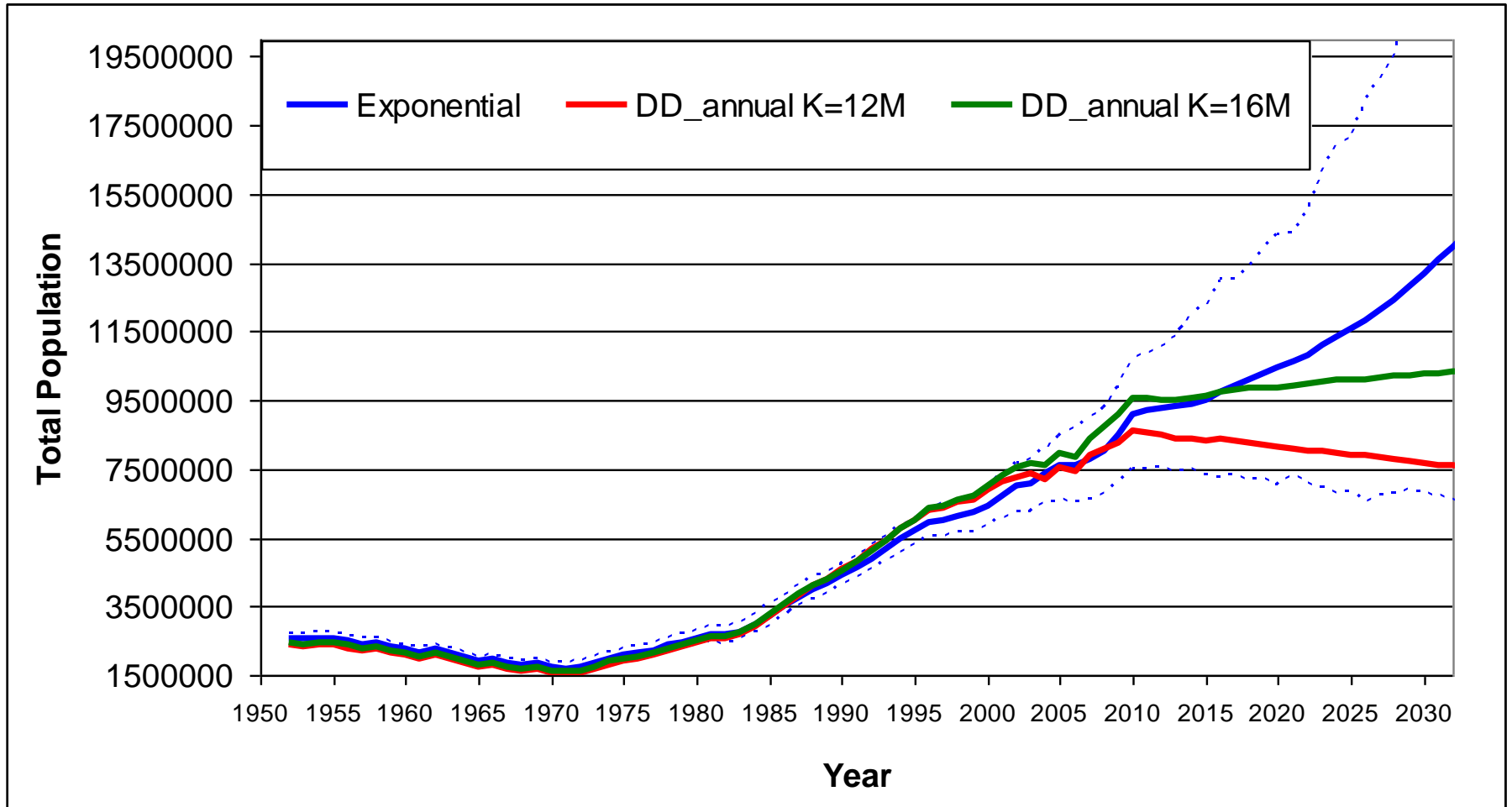
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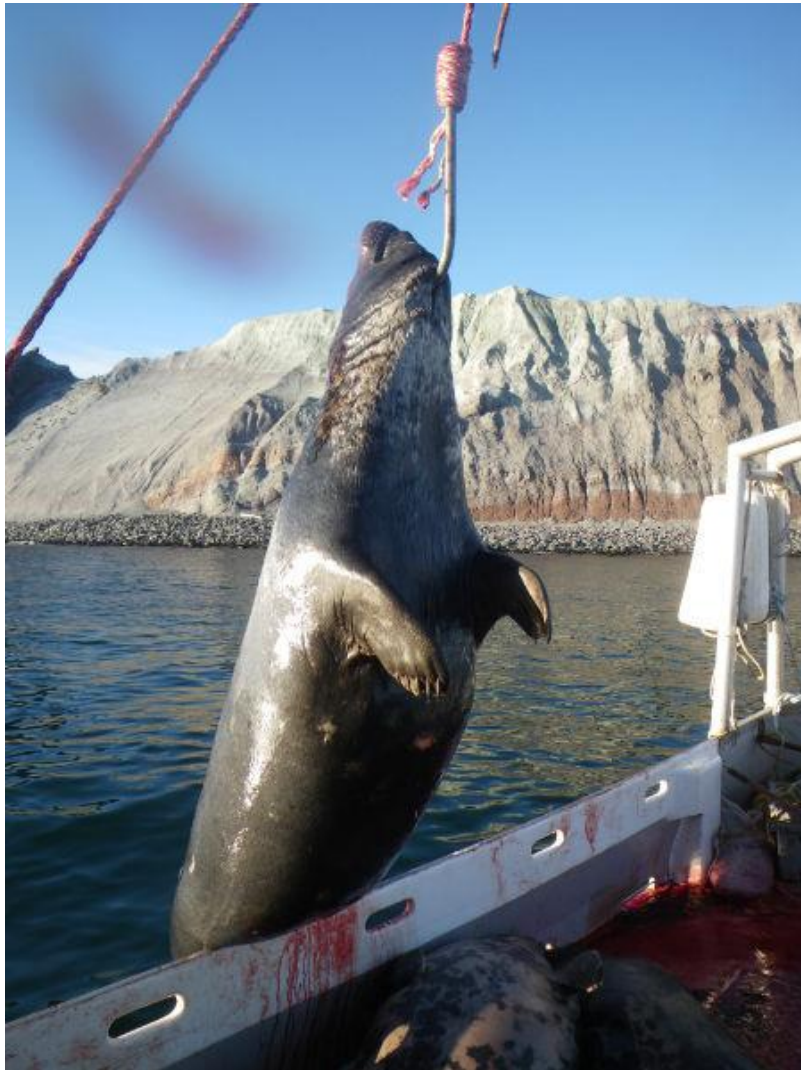
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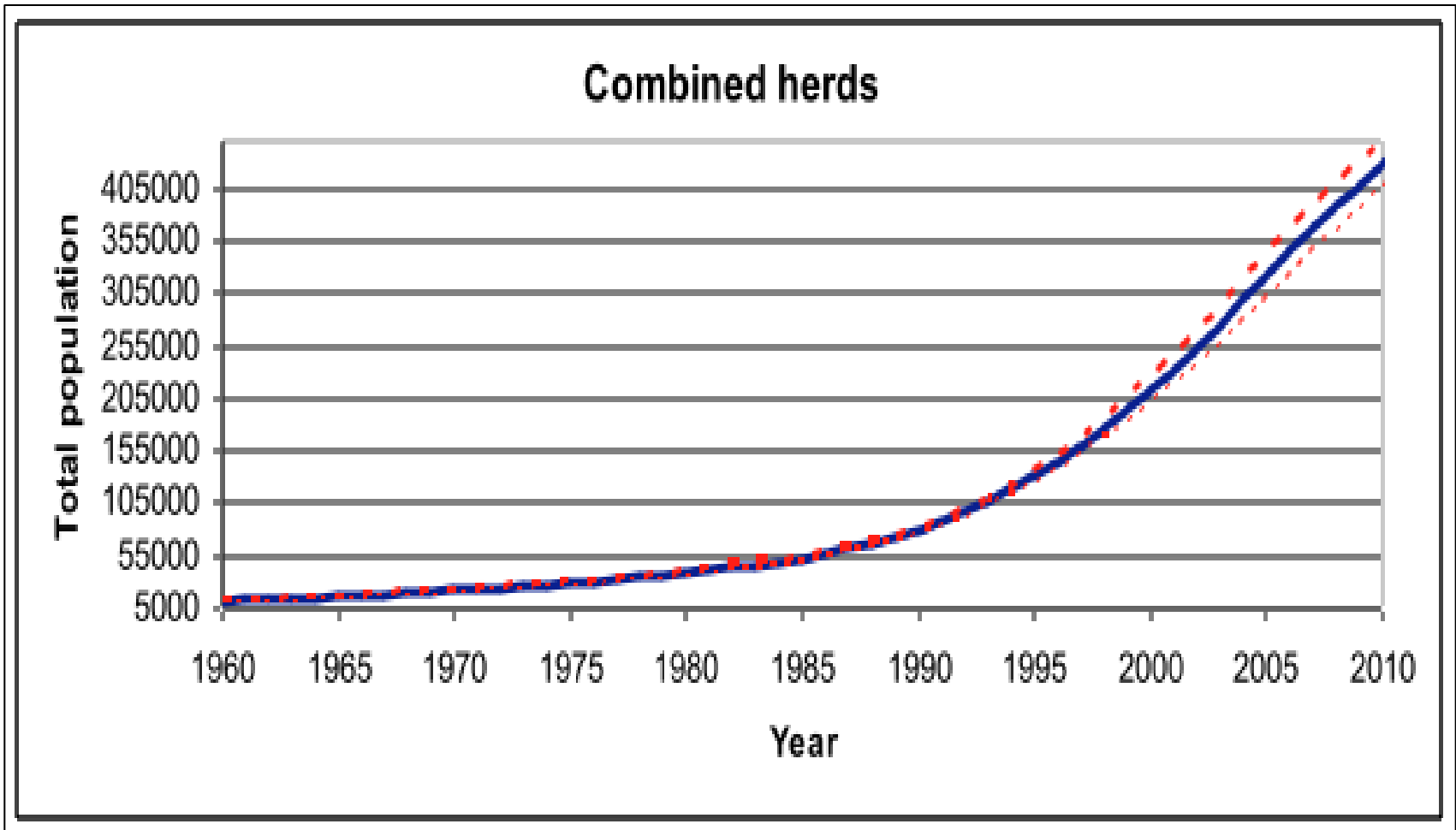
The Seals – Harp



The Seals



The Seals – Grey



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Marine Ecosystem



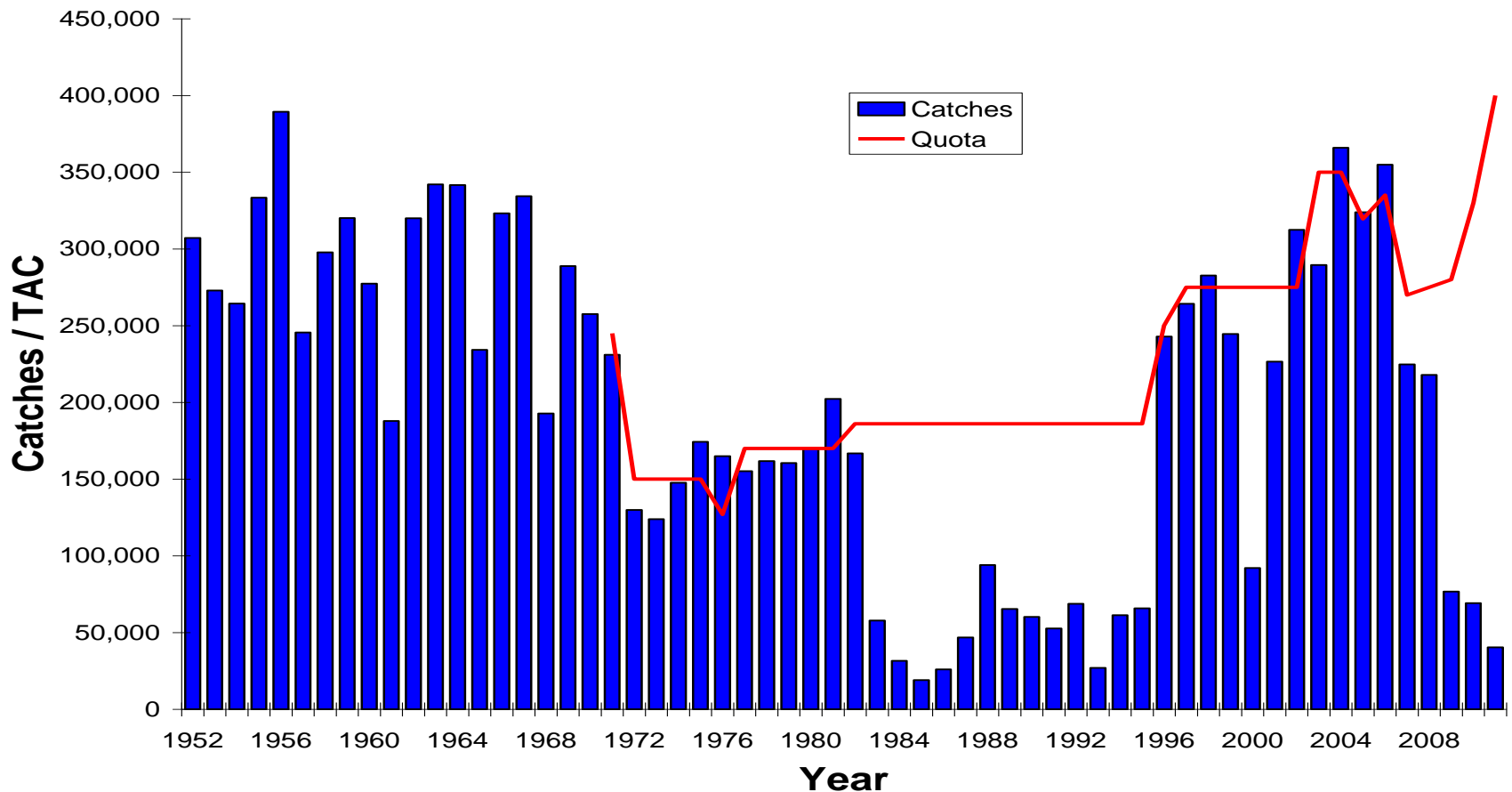
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Economy of Sealing



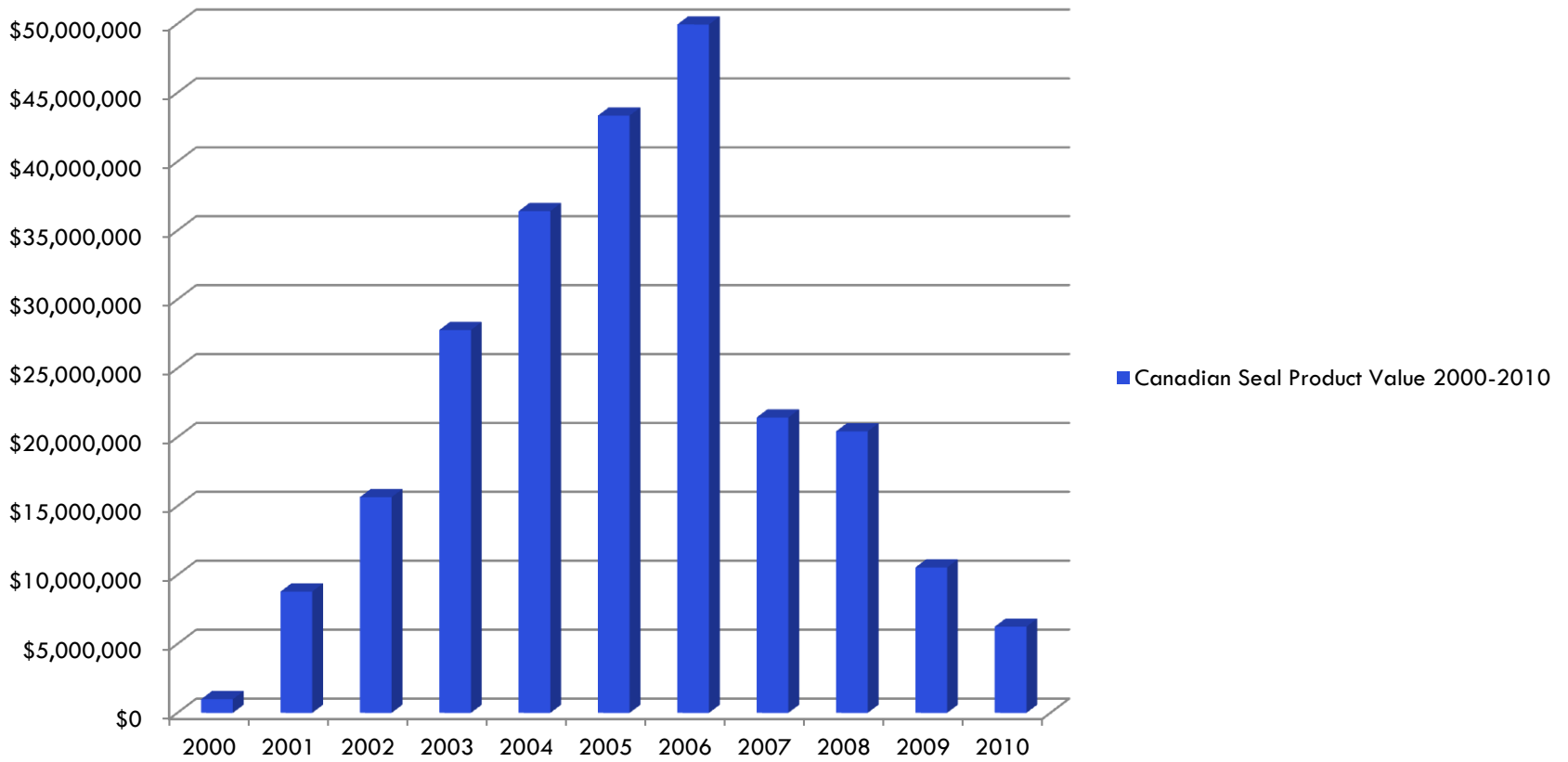
Total Allowable catches (line) and Canadian reported catches (bars) of northwest Atlantic harp seals and quotas, 1952 to 2011.



Economy of Sealing



Canadian Seal Product Value 2000-2010



Business of Sealing



STOP CANADA'S CRUEL SEAL HUNT

Help Us Save the Seals

The Canadian seal hunt is the largest slaughter of marine mammals on Earth. More than one million baby seals have been killed for their fur during the past four years. You can help stop this atrocity.



EU Seal Ban



EU Seal Ban



EU Parliament Declaration - 2006

“...ban cruel hunting methods which do not guarantee the instantaneous death, without suffering, of the animals, to prohibit the stunning of animals with instruments such as hakapiks, bludgeons and guns, and to promote initiatives aimed at prohibiting trade in seal products”

EU Seal Ban



Regulation (EC) No 1007/2009 – 16 Sept 2009

“Seals are hunted within and outside the Community (EU) and used for obtaining products and articles, such as meat, oil, blubber, organs, fur skins...”

Seal Ban – 1007/2009



“...serious concerns by the members of the public and governments sensitive to animal welfare...”

“the placing on the market of seal s a products should, as a general rule, not be allowed....”

Seal Ban – 1007/2009



Article 3.2 Conditions for placing on the Market

- ✓ *Hunts, traditionally conducted by Inuit*
- ✓ *Seal products resulting from regulated hunts conducted for “Conservation” purposes*
- ✓ *“... only on a non-profit basis”.*

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A New Model !

