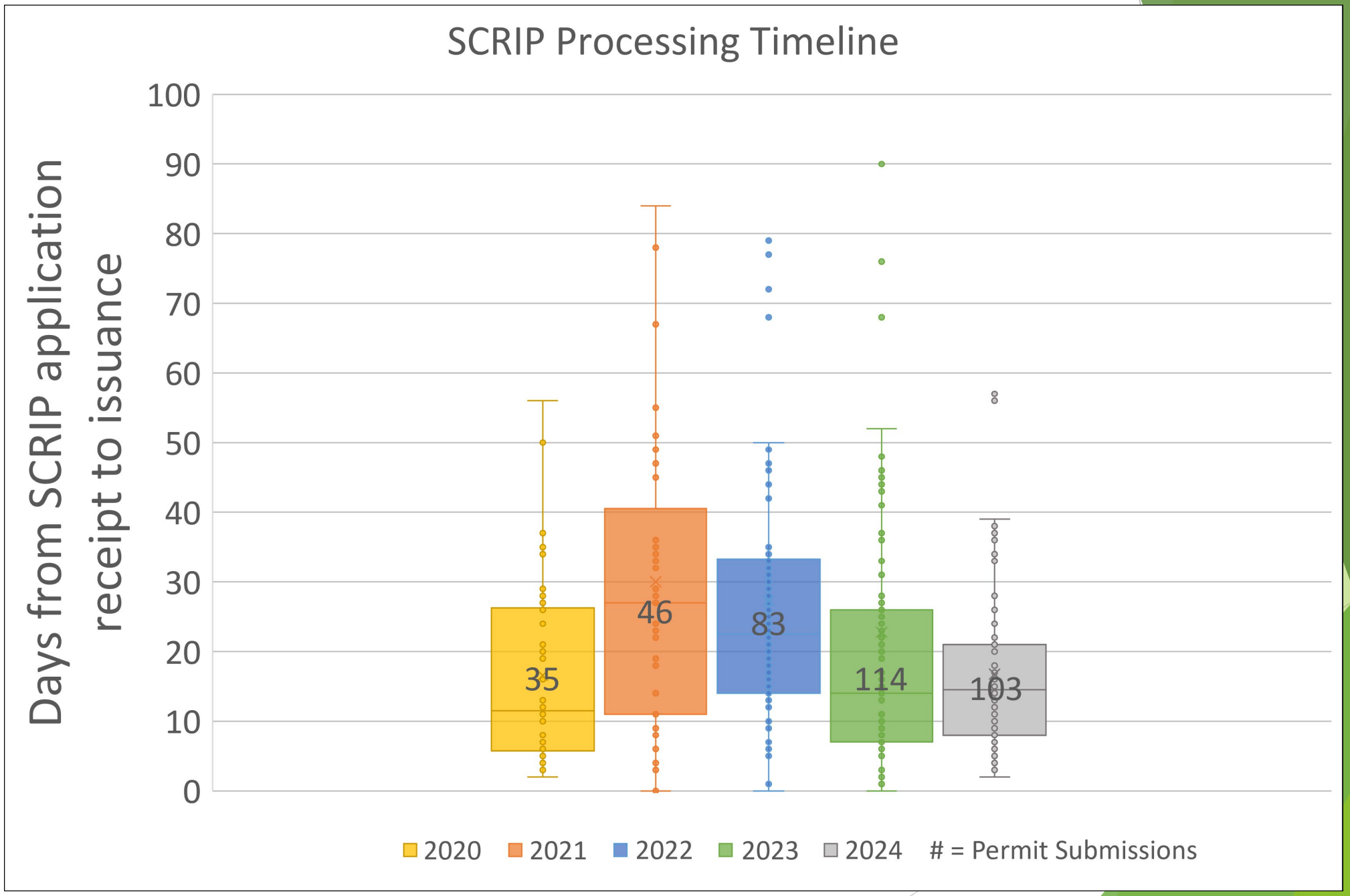
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Historic Preservation Series, #18, Survey Methods
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- It makes work done between different projects and different contractors comparable.
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The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS)

- The online portion of the AHRS is the AHRSPortal database. This database contains information on more than 51,000 cultural resource records, including information on sites, projects, documents, and National Register of Historic Places decisions.

- 2000 AHRS Module site records were updated or added to the online AHRSPortal database, between August 1, 2024, and April 1, 2025

- There are 560 active individual user accounts and 8 corporate accounts.

- Jeff Weinberger, Fawn Cropley, Rachel Carraway, and Mary Sine respond to requests for information, oversee the user accounts, and maintain both physical and digital AHRS information. They also work on various projects related to the AHRS, including a data reconciliation project with the National Park Service and an Iditarod project with the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance. The goal of both projects is to update current AHRS records.