

Alaska Salmon Forecast & Preliminary Harvest - 2017

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish)

Catch As Of: 07/12/2017

Fishing Region	Sockeye		Chinook		Coho		Pink		Keta	
	2016 Actual	2017 Forecast	2016 Actual	2017 Forecast	2016 Actual	2017 Forecast	2015 Actual	2017 Forecast	2016 Actual	2017 Forecast
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	3	4	0	1	304	235	72	63	1,443	2,740
		—		—		—		15		466
Kodiak <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	2,064	2,435	7	15	207	311	33,027	28,100	404	634
		779		3		11		287		490
Chignik <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	1,386	1,190	21	9	94	75	1,978	1,437	118	120
		569		2		1		324		159
Alaska Peninsula & Aleutian Is. <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	5,981	4,205	15	18	261	287	16,696	12,527	513	796
		4,318		7		2		1,794		664
Bristol Bay <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	37,330	27,470	30	27	91	133	2	1	1,042	830
		25,749		32		—		6		1,168
Cook Inlet <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	2,655	2,033	11	7	238	169	6,436	876	198	258
		672		3		2		41		61
Prince William Sound <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	1,989	2,215	13	4	484	646	97,316	55,925	3,172	2,817
		994		13		—		3,994		2,953
Southeast Alaska <i>Preliminary Catch</i>	1,506	1,325	337	218	2,331	2,843	35,064	43,000	9,118	8,552
		122		134		181		1,110		2,458
Statewide <i>Catch to Date</i>	52,914	40,878	434	299	3,922	4,700	190,590	141,928	16,008	16,747
<i>Harvest Pace vs. Last Year</i>		33,203		194		197		7,571		8,419
		161%		4%		302%		32% (vs. 2015)		80%

Total YTD Harvest: 49,584

Sources: Alaska Department of Fish and Game and McDowell Group estimates, compiled by ASMI Seafood Market Information Service.

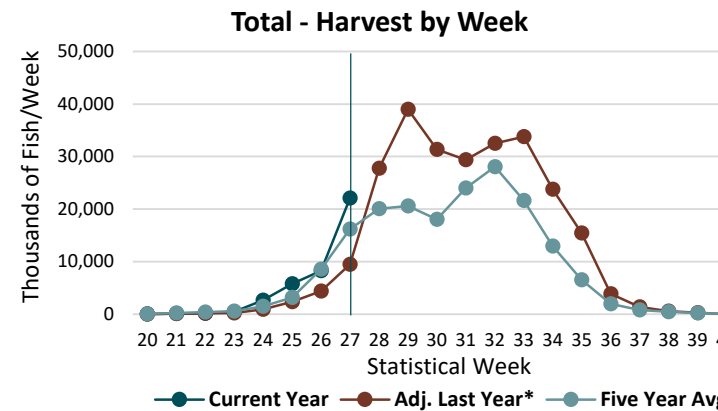
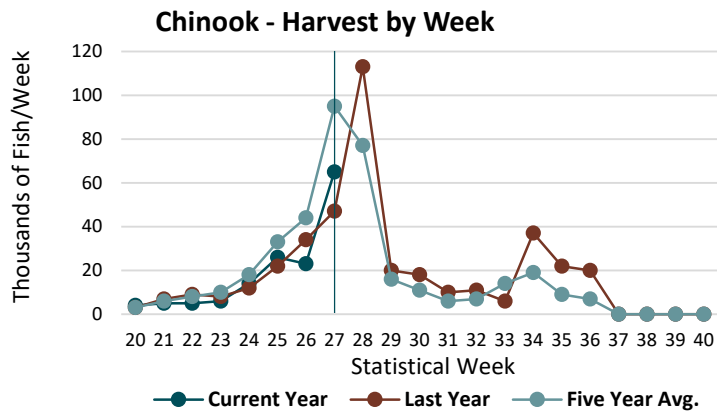
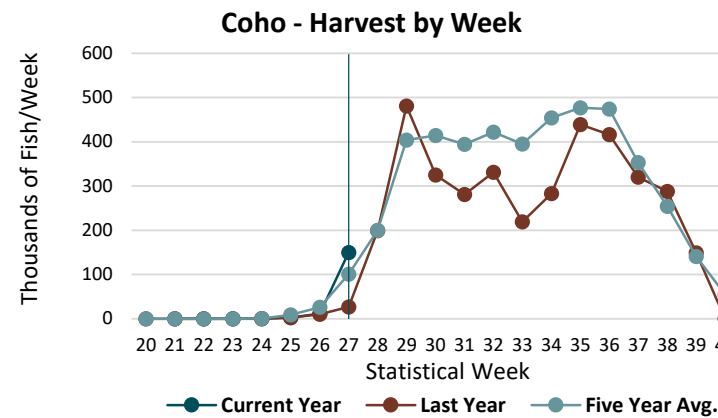
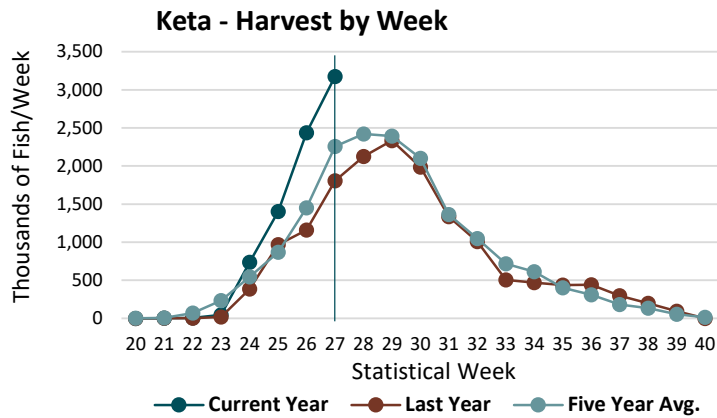
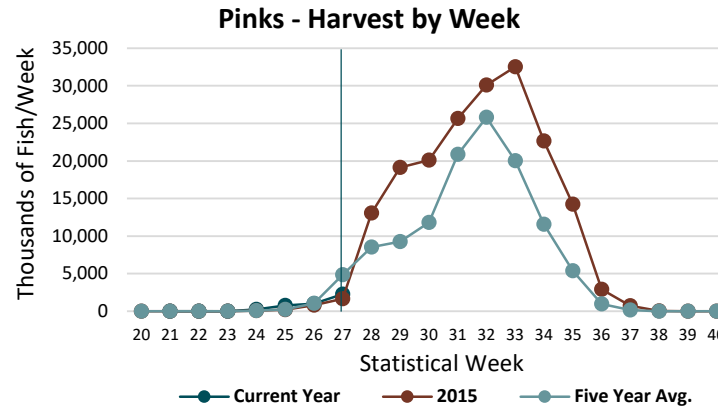
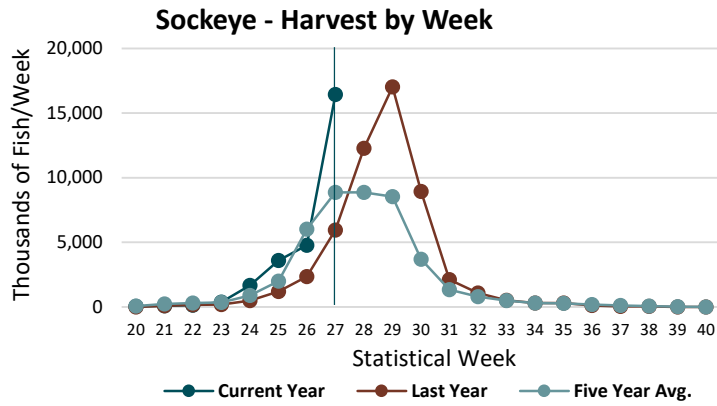
SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The 2017 Alaska salmon harvest has produced nearly 50 million salmon to date (through 7/12/17). The harvest pace for all species is ahead of the previous year (and previous odd year in the case of pink salmon); however, pink and coho fisheries are still in their early stages. Overall, YTD harvests are beating last year's pace by 89 percent. Much of the increase is coming from the Bristol Bay region, where YTD sockeye harvests are nearly three times that of last year (which was a very good year). Sockeye runs have been a week or two late in the Bay the last couple years. Is the run just early, or just that big? Are we seeing a return to more normal run timing (and likely a sharp downturn in harvests during coming weeks) or will weeks 28-30 again add over 25 million Bristol Bay sockeye as they did the last two years? Only time will tell. Outside of the Bay, harvests have not been nearly so prolific. The 2017 non-Bay YTD harvest pace is only slightly above the previous 5-year average, though better than the previous two years. Keta harvests remain well ahead of last year's pace. Traditionally, keta harvests peak in mid-late July. Half of the forecast has been met with the (traditional) peak weeks yet to come. Chinook harvests have improved, but lower treaty quotas and restrictions elsewhere will likely produce a lower harvest this year.



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Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

*Last year adjusted to include 2015 pinks, instead of 2016 data, making for a better comparison.