

# Alaska Salmon Forecast & In-Season Harvest Update - 2017

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish)

Catch As Of: 8/8/2017

Fishing Region	Sockeye		Chinook		Coho		Pink		Keta	
	2016 Harvest	2017 Forecast	2016 Harvest	2017 Forecast	2016 Harvest	2017 Forecast	2015 Harvest	2017 Forecast	2016 Harvest	2017 Forecast
<b>Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>2,740</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>—</i>		<i>41</i>		<i>21</i>		<i>1,195</i>
<b>Kodiak</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>2,435</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>33,027</b>	<b>28,100</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>634</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>1,671</i>		<i>5</i>		<i>89</i>		<i>8,651</i>		<i>1,475</i>
<b>Chignik</b>	<b>1,386</b>	<b>1,190</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>1,437</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>120</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>734</i>		<i>2</i>		<i>26</i>		<i>1,738</i>		<i>420</i>
<b>Alaska Peninsula &amp; Aleutian Is.</b>	<b>5,981</b>	<b>4,205</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>16,696</b>	<b>12,527</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>796</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>6,631</i>		<i>9</i>		<i>245</i>		<i>8,512</i>		<i>1,661</i>
<b>Bristol Bay</b>	<b>37,330</b>	<b>27,470</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>830</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>37,632</i>		<i>39</i>		<i>43</i>		<i>33</i>		<i>1,389</i>
<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>2,655</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>6,436</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>258</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>1,870</i>		<i>8</i>		<i>159</i>		<i>723</i>		<i>357</i>
<b>Prince William Sound</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>2,215</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>97,316</b>	<b>55,925</b>	<b>3,172</b>	<b>2,817</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>1,393</i>		<i>13</i>		<i>25</i>		<i>28,008</i>		<i>5,275</i>
<b>Southeast Alaska</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2,331</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>35,064</b>	<b>43,000</b>	<b>9,118</b>	<b>8,552</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>401</i>		<i>161</i>		<i>1,239</i>		<i>14,957</i>		<i>6,464</i>
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>52,914</b>	<b>40,878</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>190,590</b>	<b>141,928</b>	<b>16,008</b>	<b>16,747</b>
<i>YTD Catch</i>		<i>50,334</i>		<i>237</i>		<i>1,867</i>		<i>62,643</i>		<i>18,236</i>
<i>Harvest Pace vs. Last Year (thru Week 30)</i>		<i>-1%</i>		<i>-36%</i>		<i>38%</i>		<i>-27% (vs. 2015)</i>		<i>49%</i>
<b>Total YTD Harvest:</b>									<b>133,317</b>	

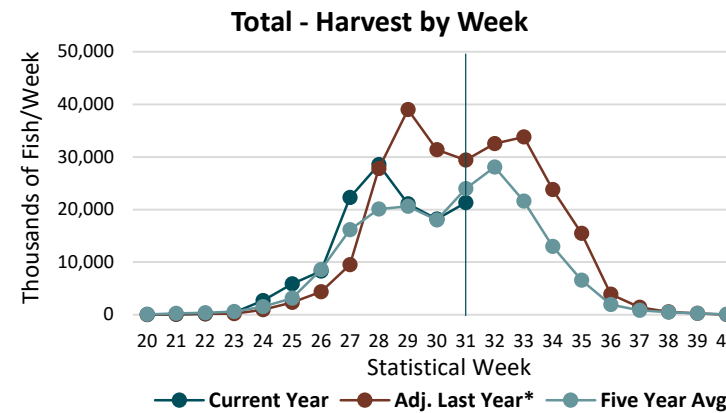
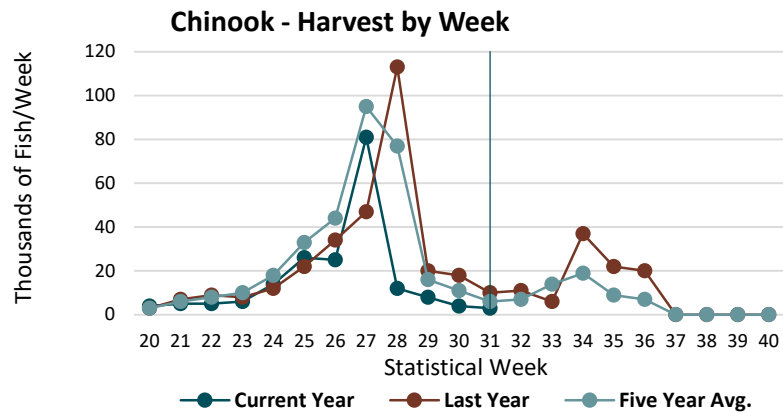
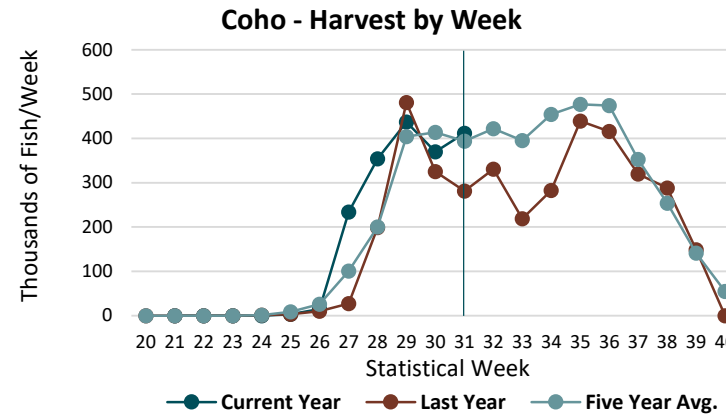
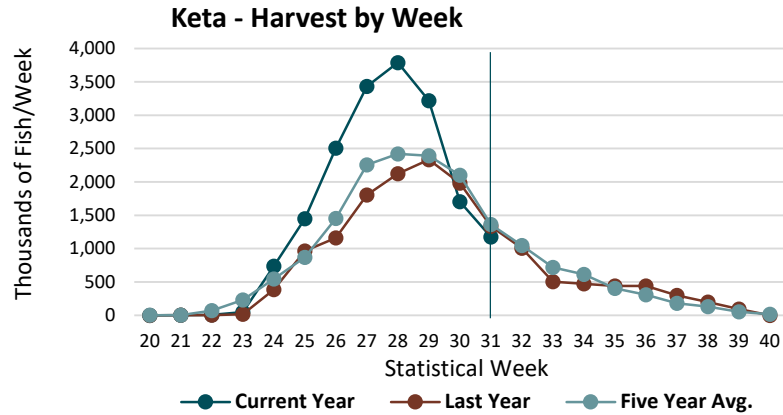
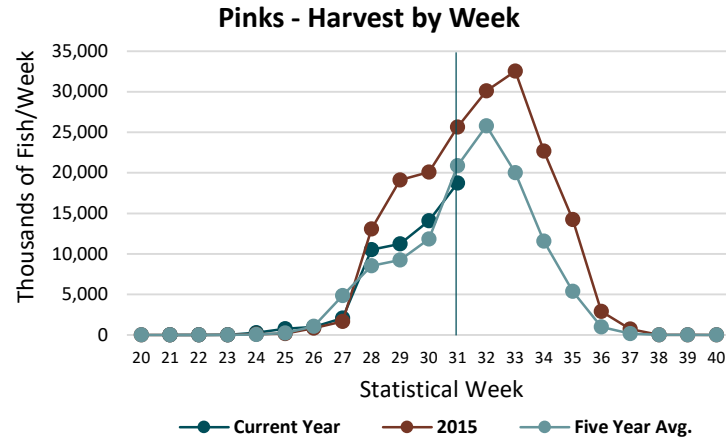
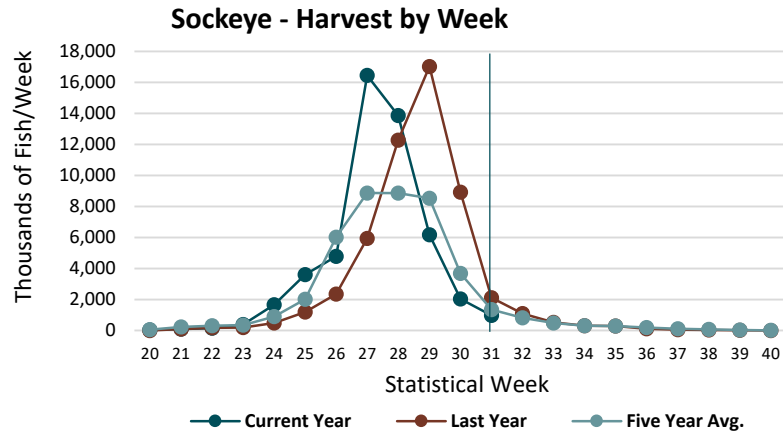
Sources: Alaska Department of Fish and Game and McDowell Group estimates, compiled by ASMI Seafood Market Information Service.

## SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The 2017 Alaska salmon harvest stands at 133.3 million fish (as of 8/8/2017). Pink harvests continue to languish well behind previous recent odd year harvests, through week 31. This week (week 32) and next week typically marks the peak of Alaska pink salmon fishing. In 2015, those two peak weeks produced 62 million pinks and accounted for 34% of the harvest. Catching 2013 or 2015 pink totals is probably not possible; but good harvests this week and next could still turn in a decent harvest volume. For context, the past 10 odd years averaged 137 million pinks, including harvests of 224 and 188 million, respectively, in 2013 and 2015. Globally, pink salmon supply may be buoyed by larger Russian harvests, but there is a large caveat.

Through late July, Russian pink harvests were 155,279 MT and running 31% ahead of 2015. For context, Alaska's pink harvest amounts to approximately 92,000 MT through 8/8. However, the Karaginsky sub-region has accounted for an incredible 88% of Russia's pink harvest while Sakhalin is experiencing extremely low pink harvests. Russian pink harvests have been minimal outside of northeast Kamchatka, and wholesale prices (in rubles) remain higher than most previous years. With such a large harvest volume concentrated in one region, the actual supply of high quality pink salmon products may be far less than overall harvest figures suggest. Alaska keta salmon harvests declined significantly last week, posting a harvest of less than 1.5 million fish for the first time in five weeks. The sockeye harvest is now expected to finish slightly below last year after starting strong in Bristol Bay. Coho harvests continue to run well ahead of last year's pace, but a lot of fishing remains. Chinook runs in Southeast Alaska have been even worse than expected. ADF&G issued a non-retention order for Southeast Chinook for the duration of the summer season. This means the remaining allocation of 31,000 treaty Chinook for SE trollers will not be harvested, as retention of all Chinook has been suspended in Southeast Alaska.





Source: [Alaska Department of Fish & Game.](#)

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