

# Alaska Salmon Forecast & Harvest to Date - 2016

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish)

Catch As Of: 8/29/2016

Fishing Region	Sockeye		Chinook		Coho		Pink		Keta	
	2015 Actual	2016 Forecast	2015 Actual	2016 Forecast	2015 Actual	2016 Forecast	2014 Actual	2016 Forecast	2015 Actual	2016 Forecast
<b>Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,480</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		2		—		191		319		1,369
<b>Kodiak</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>645</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		1,907		7		164		3,227		397
<b>Chignik</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>150</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		1,377		20		90		139		115
<b>Alaska Peninsula &amp; Aleutian Is.</b>	<b>5,935</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>13,422</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>948</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		5,892		9		224		3,016		491
<b>Bristol Bay</b>	<b>36,574</b>	<b>29,520</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>762</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		37,564		29		88		752		731
<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>250</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		2,598		10		129		473		189
<b>Prince William Sound</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>43,902</b>	<b>23,439</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		1,936		12		157		12,467		3,431
<b>Southeast Alaska</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>37,092</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>11,523</b>	<b>11,349</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		1,253		286		1,410		15,817		6,209
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>55,035</b>	<b>47,333</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>95,306</b>	<b>90,146</b>	<b>18,248</b>	<b>18,683</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		52,529		373		2,453		36,210		12,932
<i>Harvest Pace vs. Last Year</i>		-3%		-35%		-17%		-61% (vs. 2014)		-25%

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

## SUMMARY ANALYSIS

**Sockeye** sizes will likely improve this year. ADF&G staff say younger age classes returning to Bristol Bay waters were very close to the historical average length, although older age classes remain well below average (similar to last year). Cook Inlet sockeye tend to be longer than last year too. These are welcome findings, considering the average sockeye weight fell significantly between 2013 and 2015. **Chinook** fishing is winding down. The second troll opener is currently under way and should add another 35,000 fish to the total. Dock prices are trending up and fish are bigger on average during the second troll opener. **Pink** salmon fishing is just about over. This will likely be the worst pink season (by a wide margin) in over 20 years. Rep. Louise Stutes (R-Kodiak) has asked Gov. Walker to declare the pink season a disaster (opening up access to federal relief funds) and is working with DCCED on loan suspensions for fishermen who rely on pink salmon. **Keta** harvests are mostly complete. The 2016 harvest will likely fall well short of the 18.7 million fish forecast, and go down as the second-lowest harvest of the past 10 years. **Coho** harvests are 17 percent behind last year's pace despite a larger 2016 forecast.



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