

2021 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #12

Harvest Through Statistical Week 35 (8/28/2021)

(Thousand Fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook		
	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2021	YoY	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YoY	YTD 2020	YTD 2021	YoY	YTD 2020*	YTD 2021*	YoY
AYK	144	0	-100%	91	261	187%	200	99	-51%	47	6	-87%	7	0	-100%
Kodiak	1,327	2,937	121%	29,063	22,518	23%	367	392	7%	337	161	-52%	9	7	-22%
Chignik	0	44	-	2,437	608	75%	0	91	-	0	23	-	0	0	-
Alaska Peninsula	2,822	6,731	139%	20,889	11,248	46%	969	1,706	76%	207	317	53%	23	11	-52%
Bristol Bay	39,793	40,348	1%	8	1	88%	294	231	-21%	112	28	-75%	11	4	-64%
Cook Inlet	922	1,494	62%	2,131	1,843	14%	44	86	95%	140	146	4%	3	1	-67%
Prince William Sound	946	1,294	37%	45,879	62,665	37%	1,423	2,572	81%	107	83	-22%	6	7	17%
Southeast	445	968	118%	20,979	40,612	94%	3,677	4,567	24%	698	878	26%	182	163	-10%
Statewide	46,399	53,816	16%	121,477	139,756	15%	6,974	9,744	40%	1,648	1,642	0%	241	193	-20%

Note: 2021 Chignik harvest volumes are confidential due to limited participation. Data is subject to revision. Regional totals may not sum to statewide total. *Chinook figures exclude harvest before week 20.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

The Alaska salmon harvest now exceeds pre-season projections: the total harvest across all five species has surpassed 205 million fish, as of Saturday. The 2021 total is more than 8% above the projected 2021 harvest and 17% above the year-to-date 2020 harvest (2019 for pink salmon).

Both sockeye and pink salmon harvests have surpassed projections by more than 10% this season -- but have also seen smaller average fish sizes. Meanwhile, keta, Chinook, and coho salmon harvests are not expected to reach their projected levels.

Bristol Bay's average sockeye size in 2021 -- just 4.65 pounds according ADF&G -- is the lowest since at least 1979. When accounting for smaller fish, estimated Bristol Bay sockeye harvest volume is the lowest since 2014 at 187.6 million pounds. Tight supplies are being reported as a result.

Similarly, average pink salmon sizes in Southeast Alaska are among the lowest on record, at just 2.9 pounds. While 2021's YTD harvest of 40.6 million pinks in Southeast would be the most numerous harvest since 2013, by weight 2014, 2015, and 2017 all beat 2021's YTD harvest volume. Average fish size data in 2021 is unfortunately not yet available for most other regions.

2021 Harvest v. Projection

(Thousand Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	53,816	46,577	116%
Pink	139,756	124,210	113%
Keta	9,744	15,272	64%
Coho	1,642	3,807	43%
Chinook	193	269	72%
Total	205,151	190,135	108%

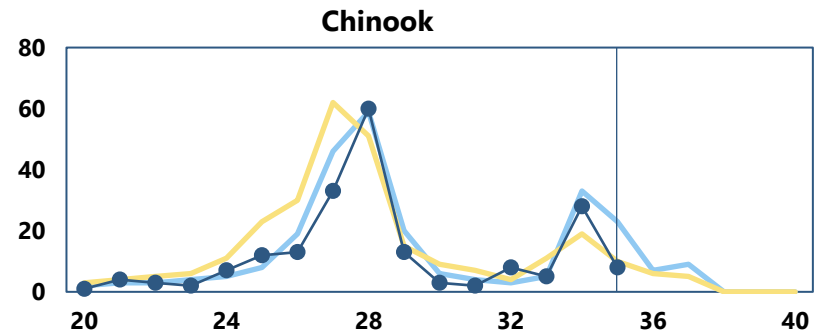
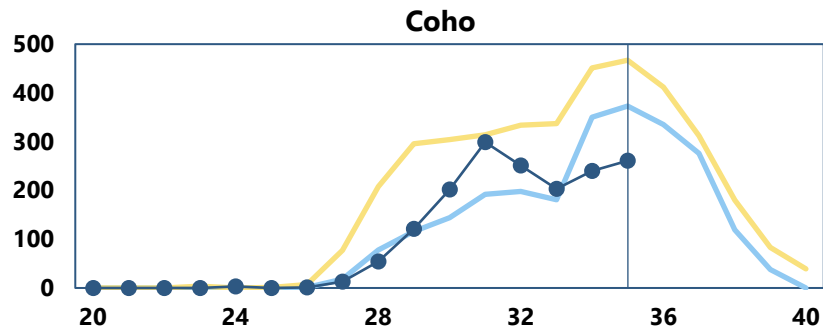
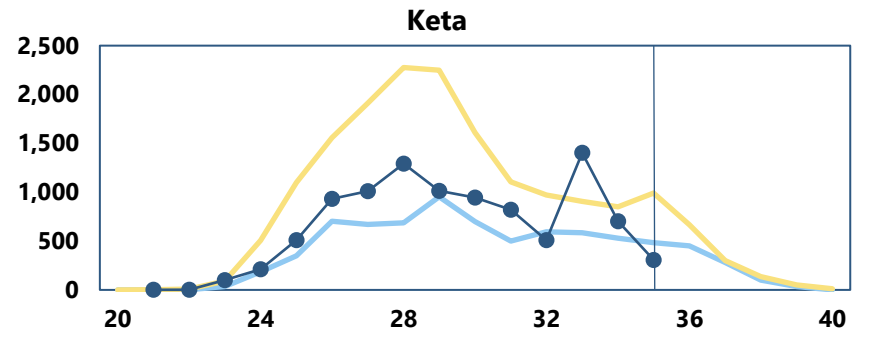
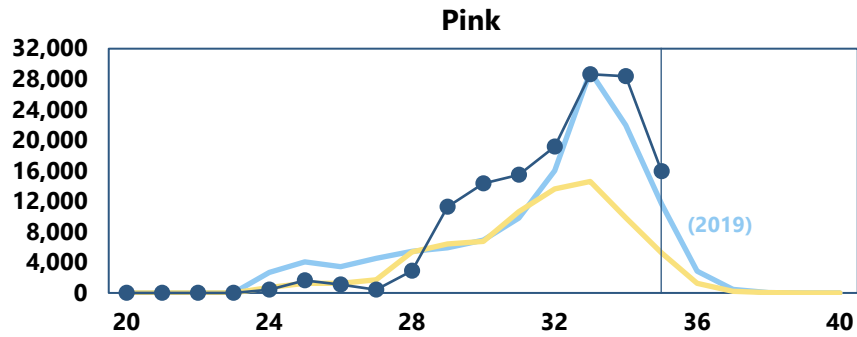
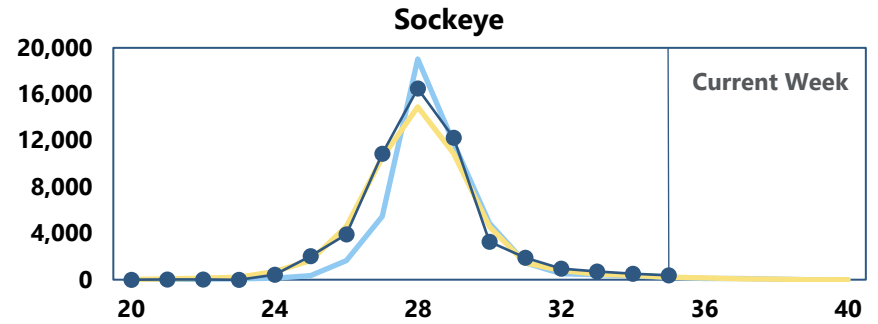
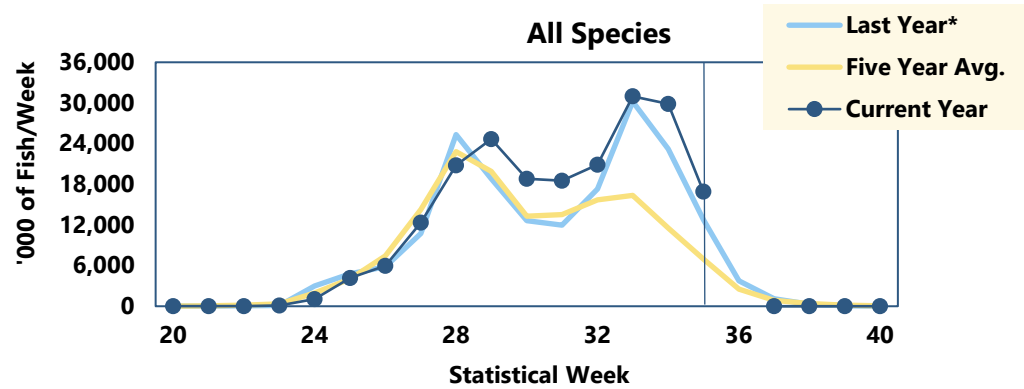


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2021

(Thousands of Fish per Week)



*Last year uses 2019 pink salmon instead of 2020 (most recent odd-year).

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Statistical Week	19-22	23-27	28-31	32-35	36-40
Approximate Mth.	May	June	July	August	Sept.