With most salmon fishing complete, this is the last week of in-season harvest updates. The 2021 harvest numbers were large, but low average fish sizes led to much less impressive harvests and revenues.

Year-to-date harvest numbers are now up 20% compared to 2020 (2019 for pink salmon) and up 15% compared to pre-season forecasts. Forecasts have been exceeded for sockeye and pink salmon, but are not expected to be reached for keta, coho, and king salmon.

The most recent week of data further revised up the number of late-season keta caught this year. Although the summer keta harvest has been generally poor, fall runs have been fairly strong. This year 4.6 million keta salmon have been harvested since August 1 -- among the three largest fall keta harvests in the last decade.

While this is the last in-season update, a supplement will be provided when ADF&G publishes its post-season salmon harvest summary with preliminary information on average fish sizes and ex-vessel prices for all major salmon regions of the state.

Where to buy Alaska seafood (click for link): ASMI Suppliers Directory
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.