

# 2021 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #5

Harvest Through Statistical Week 28 (7/10/2021)

(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	25	0	-100%	78	0	-100%	31	0	-100%	0	0	-	5	0	-100%
Kodiak	269	967	259%	2,918	260	-91%	204	102	-50%	17	3	-82%	3	1	-67%
Chignik	0	0	-	3	0	-100%	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
Alaska Peninsula	1,234	4,828	291%	9,996	3,341	-67%	588	863	47%	11	4	-64%	6	3	-50%
Bristol Bay	23,979	26,681	11%	3	0	-100%	174	192	10%	0	0	-	9	3	-67%
Cook Inlet	388	331	-15%	118	4	-97%	8	4	-50%	1	1	0%	3	1	-67%
Prince William Sound	836	921	10%	6,706	2,385	-64%	973	2,062	112%	0	0	-	6	7	17%
Southeast	38	16	-58%	372	24	-94%	647	135	-79%	68	11	-84%	114	53	-54%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>26,769</b>	<b>33,744</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>20,194</b>	<b>6,014</b>	<b>-70%</b>	<b>2,625</b>	<b>3,358</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-80%</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>-53%</b>

Note: Data is subject to revision and excludes some volume to maintain confidentiality. Regional totals may not sum to statewide total. \*Chinook figures exclude harvest before week 20.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

As Alaska's early season fisheries (Chinook, sockeye, and keta) reach the approximate midpoint of their season, the pace of fishing has slowed down slightly compared to last year. This year's salmon harvest so far is about 87% of the harvest at this point last year (2019 for pink salmon), down from 96% last week.

So far this year 23% of the projected Alaska salmon harvest of about 190 million fish has been caught, including 72% of the projected sockeye harvest. On average over the past five years, keta, sockeye and Chinook salmon harvests have all peaked at this point in the summer.

The volume of Alaska's salmon harvest remains centered around Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula. Bristol Bay's sockeye run has come in very strong and more spread out than in 2020. The sockeye are coming in smaller, however, with 2021's average size currently at 4.5 pounds per fish compared to 5.1 pounds in 2020. Smaller fish turn an 11% year-to-date increase in Bristol Bay sockeye harvested to no change in estimated harvest volume.

Keta harvests have dropped both of the last two weeks. If they have already peaked, the total keta harvest this year will be far below the five-year average, although may still exceed last year's total.

## 2021 Harvest v. Projection

(Thousand Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	33,744	46,577	72%
Pink	6,014	124,210	5%
Keta	3,358	15,272	22%
Coho	19	3,807	0%
Chinook	68	269	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,203</b>	<b>190,135</b>	<b>23%</b>

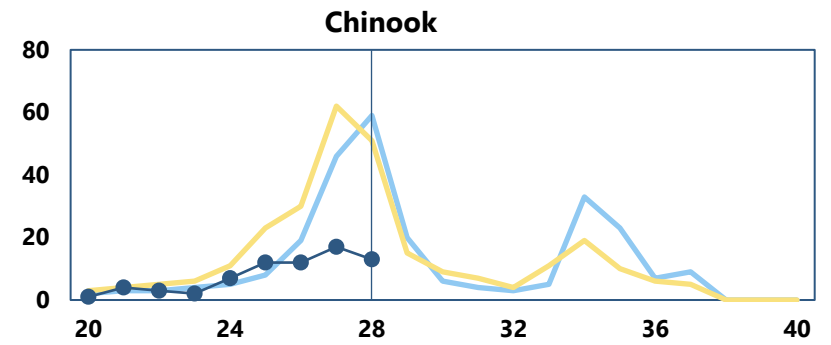
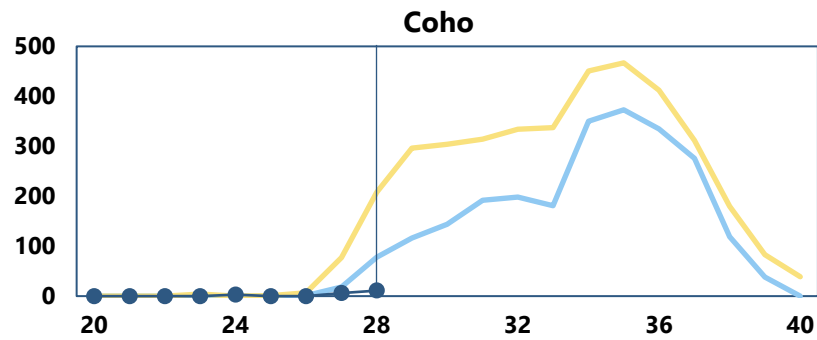
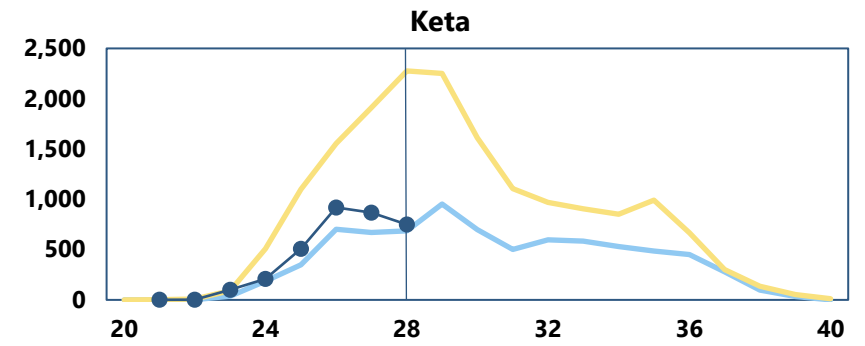
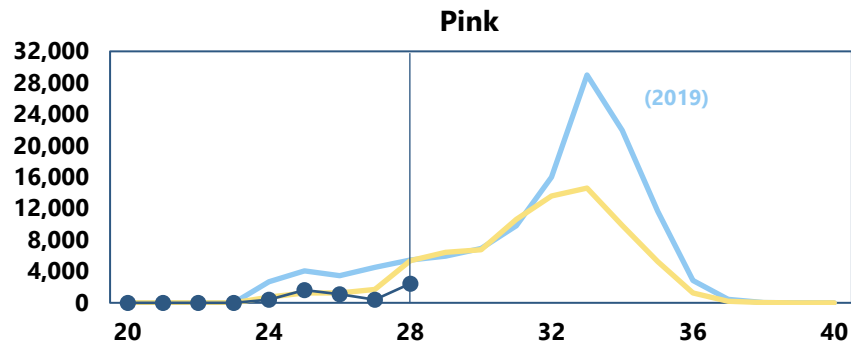
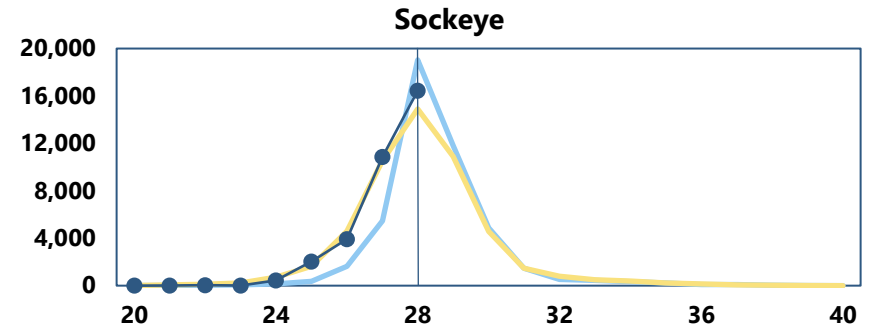
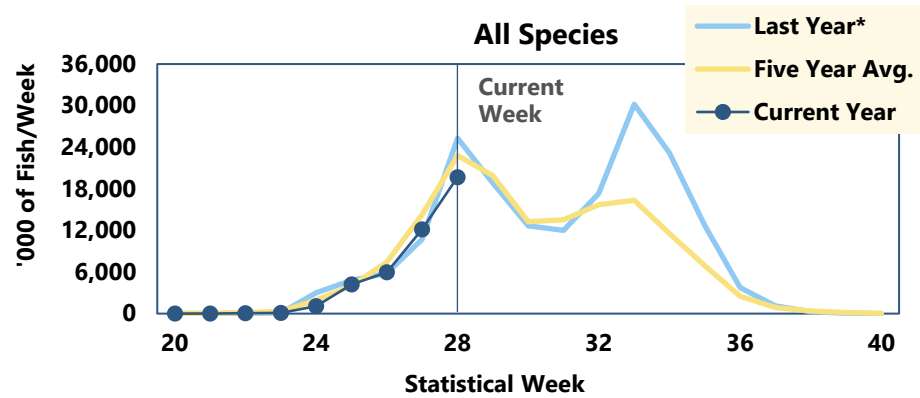


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# Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2021

(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	September