The largest salmon harvests of the season so far took place last week. The cumulative harvest of 66.4 million fish to-date is now even with 2020 (2019 for pink salmon). Last week the cumulative harvest to date was down 13%.

Last week saw an early season surge of pink salmon with 9.5 million of the fish harvested. The bump was driven by the Prince William Sound region, where pink salmon harvests are up 21% YTD from 2019. In other regions of the state, pink harvests are currently well behind the 2019 pace.

Sockeye harvests peaked the week before last, but with a few weeks left in the season this year’s catch should easily beat the pre-season forecast of 46.5 million fish. As of July 17th, 99% of that pre-season forecast has been caught. While numerous, size remains an issue. In Bristol Bay, average size is at 4.5 pounds per sockeye this year, down from 5.1 pounds in 2020. Bristol Bay sockeye currently represent 82% of the sockeye and 56% of all salmon harvested so far across Alaska.

Keta salmon are in short supply, with cumulative harvests up a bit from 2020 but still at less than half the typical harvest at this point in the summer. The five-year average harvest through week 29 is 9.7 million compared to 4.4 million keta harvested so far this year.

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.