

2021 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #7

Harvest Through Statistical Week 30 (7/24/2021)

(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	120	0	-100%	90	245	172%	73	15	-79%	0	0	-	7	0	-100%
Kodiak	535	1,565	193%	7,356	1,211	84%	279	243	-13%	48	23	-52%	5	5	0%
Chignik	0	0	-	275	0	-100%	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
Alaska Peninsula	2,231	5,806	160%	11,049	3,642	67%	856	975	14%	53	41	-23%	21	7	-67%
Bristol Bay	38,751	39,595	2%	7	1	-86%	280	226	-19%	4	1	-75%	11	4	-64%
Cook Inlet	797	991	24%	323	197	39%	33	44	33%	26	34	31%	3	1	-67%
Prince William Sound	919	1,184	29%	10,730	22,010	105%	1,349	2,467	83%	1	3	200%	6	7	17%
Southeast	100	124	24%	3,220	2,959	-8%	1,407	1,145	-19%	225	155	-31%	119	113	-5%
Statewide	43,453	49,265	13%	33,050	30,265	-8%	4,277	5,115	20%	357	257	-28%	172	137	-20%

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.

Alaska's total salmon harvest is now up 5% from the YTD total for 2020 (2019 for pinks), following a second week in which harvests exceeded both the harvest on this week last year and the five-year average for this week of the calendar.

The pink salmon harvest over the past two weeks has been especially strong and followed a slow start. The total pink salmon year-to-date harvest now only trails the 2019 reference year by 8% after being down 70% two weeks ago. Alaska pink salmon harvests usually peak in early to mid-August. But while harvest totals appear to be moderately strong in terms of number of fish, fish have been generally smaller. In Prince William Sound, where pinks have been especially numerous (up 105% from 2019), average fish size is down 4% from 2019, according to Alaska Department of Fish & Game data.

Sockeye salmon harvests peaked in the first week July and have so far exceeded the total season projection by more than 5%. In Bristol Bay, the total sockeye salmon run has now surpassed 65.3 million fish, which breaks a record in the more than 100-year-old fishery (the previous record was 62.3 million in 2018). Although the total run (counting harvest plus escapement) was record-breaking, this year's harvest is expected to be well under the 43 million sockeye caught in the region in 2019 and the 44.4 million record set in 1995.

2021 Harvest v. Projection

(Thousand Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	49,265	46,577	106%
Pink	30,265	124,210	24%
Keta	5,115	15,272	33%
Coho	257	3,807	7%
Chinook	137	269	51%
Total	85,039	190,135	45%

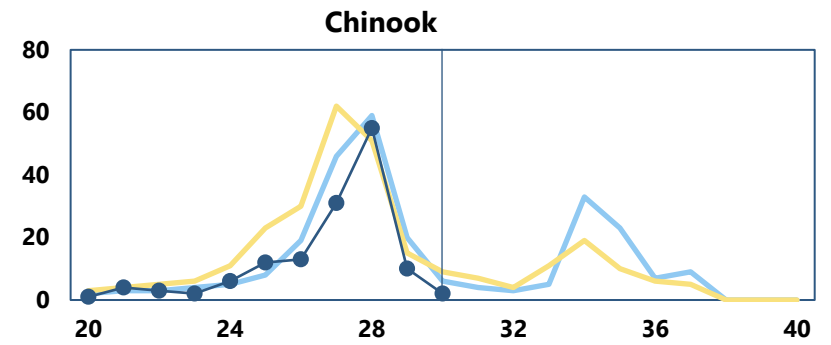
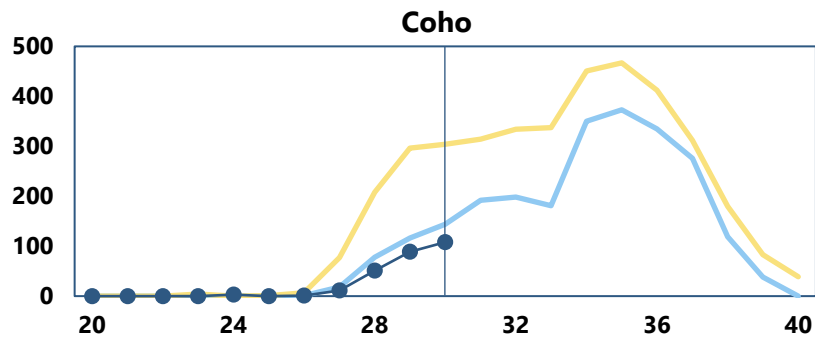
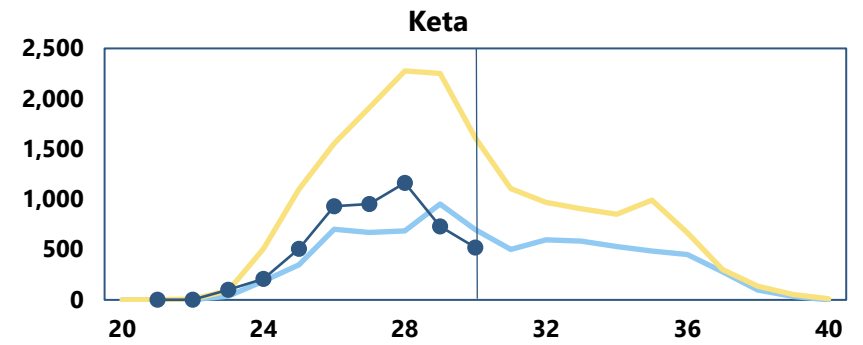
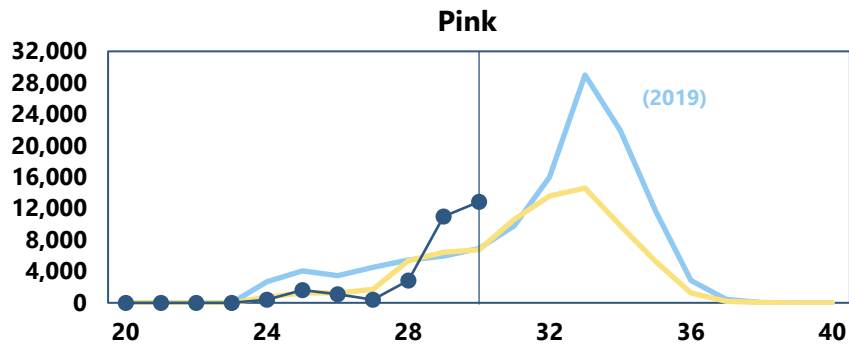
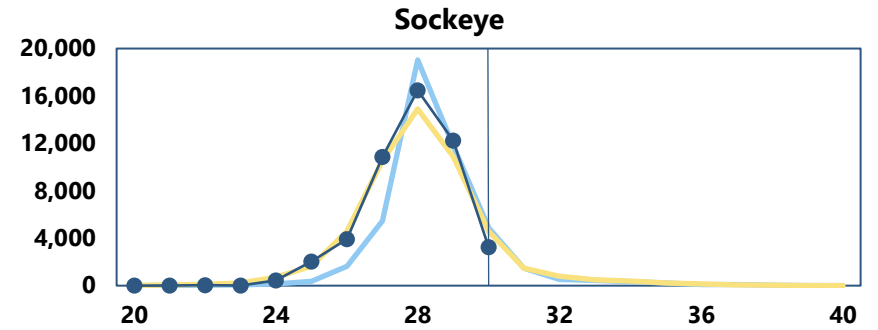
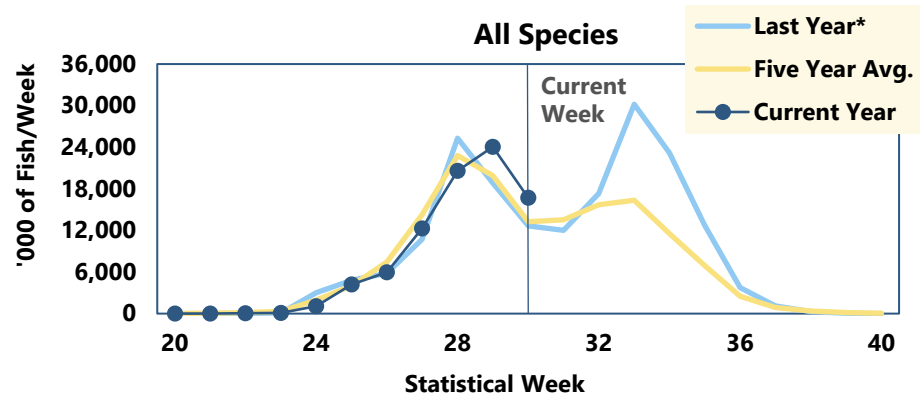


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2021

(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