Alaska’s salmon harvest is in a similar position as it was last week as the season begins to wind down. The number of fish caught is up 17% from year-to-date 2021 (2020 for pinks). Ninety-four percent of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game preseason salmon forecast of 160.5 million fish has now been caught.

Pink salmon harvests increased slightly compared to the baseline 2020 harvest to-date in data through week 34 (which ended Aug. 27), driven by harvests reported in Southeast, Prince William Sound, and the Alaska Peninsula. Across the state, pink salmon harvests are up 10% to-date compared to 2020.

Coho salmon harvests this year are down 53% year-to-date from 2021. The peak week of coho salmon harvesting has occurred before week 34 in recent years. The passage of this point in the season with a low harvest likely means it will not be a particularly strong year for coho salmon, but it is too early to say whether this is a poor biological year for coho salmon. Low harvest numbers to-date may have been influenced by troll fishermen in Southeast (the state’s main coho fishing area) focusing on relatively abundant keta salmon instead of coho. Low harvest numbers through late August could also indicate a late run instead of a small run.

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(Thousands of Fish per Week)

*Last year uses 2020 pink salmon instead of 2021 (most recent even-year).

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.