The pace of early-season salmon fishing picked up in statistical week 25. The cumulative harvest this year of more than 4.6 million salmon is about 5% more than year-to-date 2021 (2020 for pinks), although still behind the five-year average to-date.

After a slow start to the season, the Alaska Peninsula sockeye harvest picked up last week. In this region, about 2.4 million sockeye salmon have now been caught, up 16% from 2021 to-date. The pink and keta harvests are below year-to-date totals in the region. Prince William Sound harvests of sockeye and keta salmon are more than twice 2021 year-to-date harvests, although still low by historical standards.

Next week will likely be the first harvest update that includes salmon caught in Bristol Bay, where the Alaska Department of Fish and Game preseason forecast this year predicted a sockeye harvest of nearly 60 million sockeye, more than 80% of the state sockeye forecast. The bulk of the Bristol Bay harvest usually occurs in early July.
Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2022

(Thousands of Fish per Week)

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

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

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