The Alaska salmon harvest is now more than 30% ahead of the year-to-date 2021 (2020 for pinks) harvest, driven by a large, early sockeye harvest in Bristol Bay.

During statistical week 27 (which ended July 2), nearly 18 million sockeye salmon were caught in Alaska, including more than 16 million in Bristol Bay. That is larger than last year’s peak of 17 million fish, and there is still another week till the peak in most years. While the industry welcomes large salmon runs, so many fish caught in such a concentrated time window creates challenges for harvesters and processors.

While sockeye harvests have been larger than usual for this time of year, harvests are down year-to-date for keta and Chinook salmon. Peak pink and coho salmon harvests do not usually occur until August, so lower-than-usual June harvests do not say much about season totals for these species.

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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.