As in recent years, week 28 (which ended July 9) will likely be the peak salmon harvest year of the summer. The cumulative harvest through week 28 of 58.6 million salmon is now about 30% ahead of the year-to-date harvest (2020 for pinks).

The Bristol Bay sockeye harvest continues to propel statewide harvest totals. In Bristol Bay, 21 million sockeye were caught last week, up 36% from the peak week in 2021. Early data on fish size from Bristol Bay show that sockeye have averaged about 4.9 pounds per fish, up slightly from last year’s season average of 4.7 pounds.

While most salmon landings so far this year has been sockeye salmon, pink salmon harvests started to step up in week 28. The pink harvest is now ahead of the 2020-year-to-date harvest, led by Prince William Sound. The current year for pink salmon is compared to the previous even-numbered year (2020) because of pink salmon’s distinct two-year run timing pattern.

Keta and Chinook salmon harvests continue to be below year-to-date harvests in 2020, down 23% and 51% respectively. Both species usually see their strongest harvests at this point in the summer.

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

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.