2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #1

(Estimated ex-vessel metric tons)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook**		
	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	YoY	YTD 2021	YTD 2023	YoY	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	YoY	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	YoY	YTD 2022	YTD 2023	YoY
AYK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	143	165	+15%	-	3	-	5	25	+400%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chignik	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska Peninsula	696	1,145	+65%	684	56	-92%	63	203	+222%	-	-	-	-	3	-
Bristol Bay	5	74	+1380%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cook Inlet	116	190	+64%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince William Sound	753	1,307	+74%	-	4	-	663	1,728	+161%	-	-	-	55	43	-22%
Southeast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	21	21	0%
Other*	21	2		2	-		3	3		-	-		49	5	
Statewide	1,734	2,883	+66%	686	63	-91%	734	1,962	+167%	0	0	-	125	72	-42%

Note: Data is subject to revision. *Region information data suppressed by ADF&G for harvester or processor confidentiality. **Chinook figures exclude harvest before week 20. Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game

Across Alaska, salmon season is still in its first stages, with many fisheries not yet open. About 1% of the forecasted commercial harvest was caught through June 17th. This year's Alaska Department of Fish & Game pre-season salmon forecast predicts a harvest of about 190 million salmon, including:

- A strong odd-year pink salmon harvest of 122 million fish,
- A sockeye harvest of 48 million fish, down from the record-setting 2022 season,
- A keta harvest of 16 million fish, similar to the 2022 harvest,
- A slightly increased coho harvest of 3 million fish, and
- A minimum Chinook harvest of about 142,000 fish, depending on the outcomes of a lawsuit that may potentially close Alaska's summer and winter 2023 Southeast Chinook troll fishery.

Harvests have been strong so far this year in Prince William Sound, including a Copper River sockeye harvest up 62% year-to-date and a keta harvest across Prince William Sound that is more than twice 2022-to-date. Early season Alaska Peninsula harvests of sockeye and keta have also surpassed recent year-to-date harvests.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection

(Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	1,215	48,188	3%
Pink	46	122,213	<1%
Keta	675	16,004	4%
Coho	0	2,960	0%
Chinook	13	142	9%
Total	1,949	189,507	1%

^{*}Chinook projection is a low estimate, assuming no appelate court ruling or administrative action that will re-open the Southeast troll fishery in the Wild Fish Conservancy lawsuit.





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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(Thousands of Fish per Week)

