

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #10

Harvest Through 8/19/2023 (Statistical Week 33)

(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	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	428	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	3,611	3,456	-4%	13,706	20,348	+48%	1,272	1,926	+51%	89	352	+296%	28	17	-39%
Chignik	719	2,263	+215%	1,068	1,536	+44%	166	215	+30%	86	80	-7%	10	2	-80%
Alaska Peninsula	18,118	6,369	-65%	13,240	11,948	-10%	1,978	2,318	+17%	72	379	+426%	48	26	-46%
Bristol Bay	139,933	100,040	-29%	4	3	-25%	756	631	-17%	29	24	-17%	31	20	-35%
Cook Inlet	3,273	4,275	+31%	1,753	3,652	+108%	453	426	-6%	226	216	-4%	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	4,216	4,601	+9%	58,868	69,964	+19%	5,973	14,129	+137%	11	58	+427%	80	49	-39%
Southeast	2,673	1,911	-29%	41,075	48,984	+19%	22,602	28,260	+25%	1,515	1,714	+13%	999	672	-33%
Statewide	172,543	122,915	-29%	129,714	156,439	+21%	33,200	48,333	+46%	2,028	2,831	+40%	1,207	786	-35%

Note: YTD comparisons are based on statistical weeks. Statistical weeks between years do not align with calendar dates. Metric ton estimates are based on fish counts and average weight estimates. Data are subject to revision.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game . *Chinook figures exclude harvest before week 20.

Statewide salmon harvests have now reached 97% of the pre-season forecast, following a large jump in the harvest total from last week's update fueled by what was likely the peak week for pink salmon harvest. Following weeks of trailing the 2022 (2021 for pinks) benchmark, the total 2023 harvest volume is now similar to the comparison year in estimated total volume. However, this year's harvest contains far more pink salmon and fewer higher valued sockeye salmon.

Through Statistical Week 33 (which ended Aug. 19), Alaska's pink salmon harvest is up more than 20% in estimated volume from 2021, with most of the harvest occurring in Prince William Sound, Southeast, and Kodiak. The pink salmon harvest has reached 96% of the pre-season forecast and is expected to easily exceed the forecast with several weeks of harvest remaining.

While keta harvest is slowly declining, last week's harvest brought the season total to 99% of the total pre-season forecast. Chinook harvests are at 73% of the pre-season forecast and are down 35% from last year to date in estimated volume. Early season coho harvests are currently at 36% of the predicted total harvest, up 40% year to date.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection (Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	49,292	48,188	102%
Pink	116,739	122,213	96%
Keta	15,839	16,004	99%
Coho	1,062	2,960	36%
Chinook	176	242	73%
Total	183,108	189,607	97%

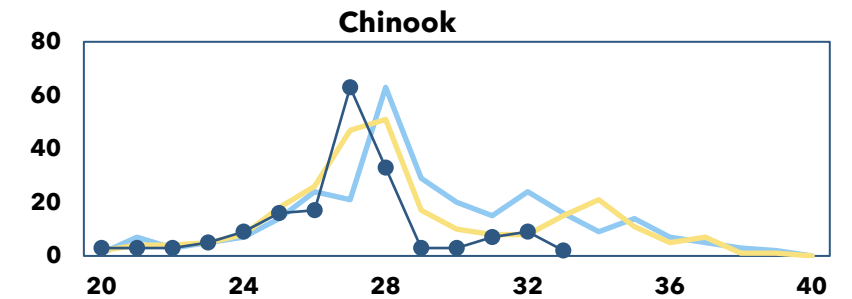
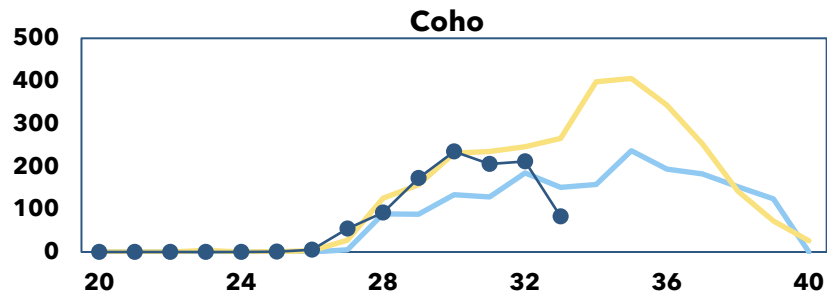
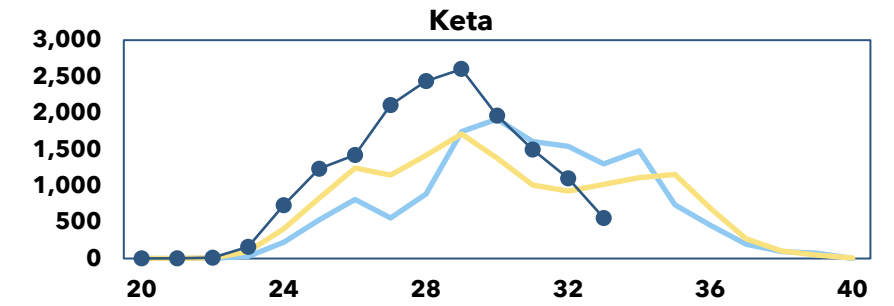
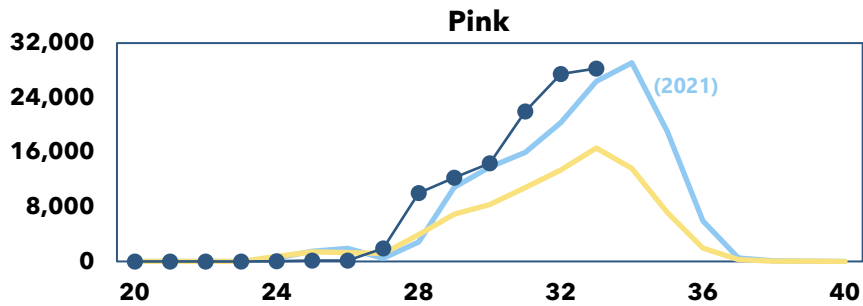
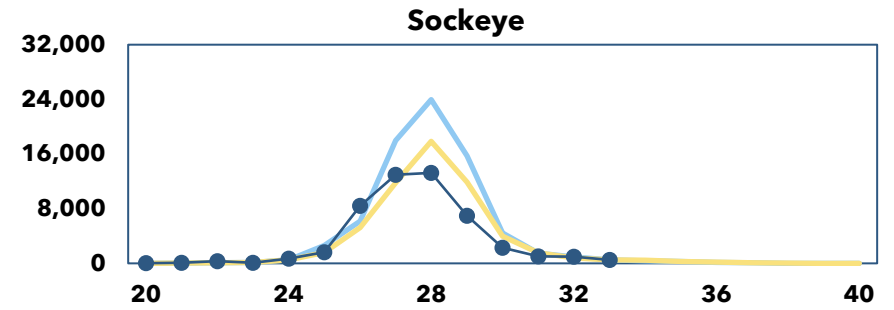
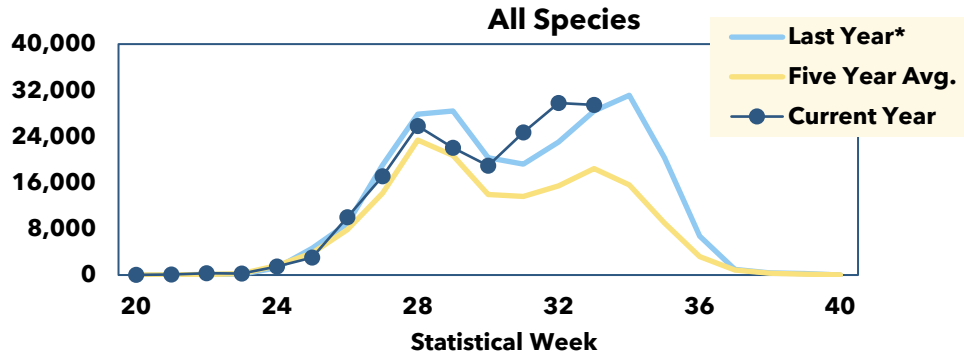


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(Thousands of fish per week)



*Last year uses 2021 pink salmon instead of 2022 (most recent odd-year).

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game. (See ADF&G Blue Sheet page for more about statistical weeks)

Statistical Week	19-22	23-26	28-30	31-35	36-39
Approximate Month	May	June	July	August	September