

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #11

Harvest Through 8/19/2023 (Statistical Week 34)

(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	-	-	460	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	3,923	3,748	-4%	22,123	25,760	+16%	1,342	1,988	+48%	145	410	+183%	28	17	-39%
Chignik	755	2,263	+200%	1,800	1,536	-15%	191	215	+13%	104	80	-23%	10	2	-80%
Alaska Peninsula	18,328	6,521	-64%	17,742	16,514	-7%	2,176	2,541	+17%	119	445	+274%	52	26	-50%
Bristol Bay	140,012	100,045	-29%	4	3	-25%	758	631	-17%	37	26	-30%	31	20	-35%
Cook Inlet	3,283	4,289	+31%	2,606	3,790	+45%	463	469	+1%	244	221	-9%	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	4,224	4,604	+9%	75,140	75,070	0%	6,280	14,376	+129%	33	112	+239%	80	49	-39%
Southeast	2,860	2,044	-29%	50,646	55,906	+10%	26,328	29,838	+13%	1,763	1,885	+7%	1,035	686	-34%
Statewide	173,385	123,514	-29%	170,061	178,583	+5%	37,538	50,518	+35%	2,445	3,187	+30%	1,247	800	-36%

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.

The total statewide salmon harvest has now surpassed the pre-season forecast of 189 million fish. Sockeye, pink, and keta harvests are all above forecasted harvest levels for this year.

Harvest volumes are expected to drop off more steeply than usual after this week (Statistical Week 35) because of low salmon prices and several processors' plans to stop buying salmon as of September 1.

The peak of the pink salmon run has likely now passed, with last week's preliminary harvest of 14 million fish less than half the previous week's pink salmon harvest. The pink salmon harvest is up 5% in estimated volume from 2021 (the previous odd-year harvest). The pink harvest is up from 2021 (in fish counts) in Cook Inlet, Kodiak, Southeast, and Prince William Sound. In Southeast, the harvest of nearly 56 million pink salmon is almost triple the pre-season forecast.

The only two Alaska salmon species that have not reached their preseason harvest forecasts are coho and Chinook salmon. Coho is generally the latest salmon species to spawn. Coho harvests through Statistical Week 34 are at 40% of the pre-season forecast. Chinook harvests are at 75% of the pre-season forecast.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection

(Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	49,561	48,188	103%
Pink	133,236	122,213	109%
Keta	16,551	16,004	103%
Coho	1,188	2,960	40%
Chinook	181	242	75%
Total	200,717	189,607	106%

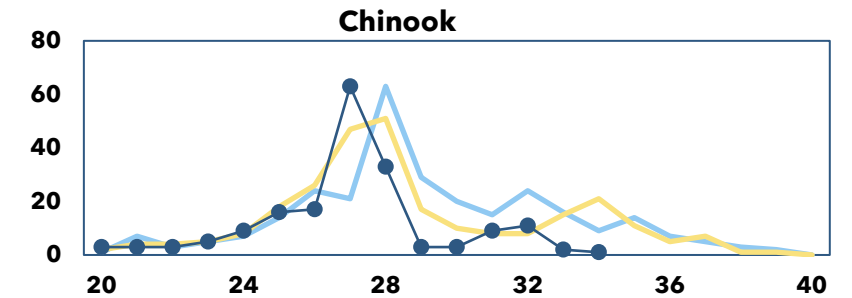
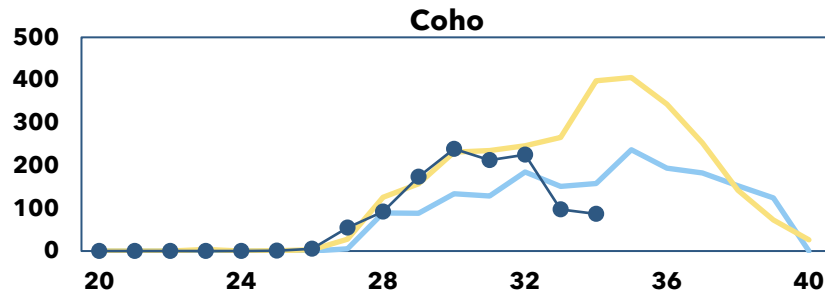
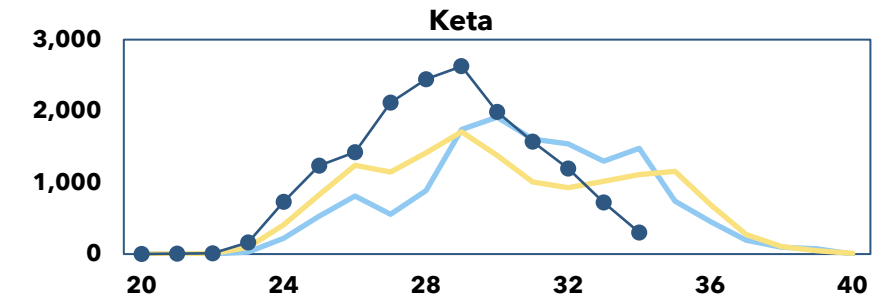
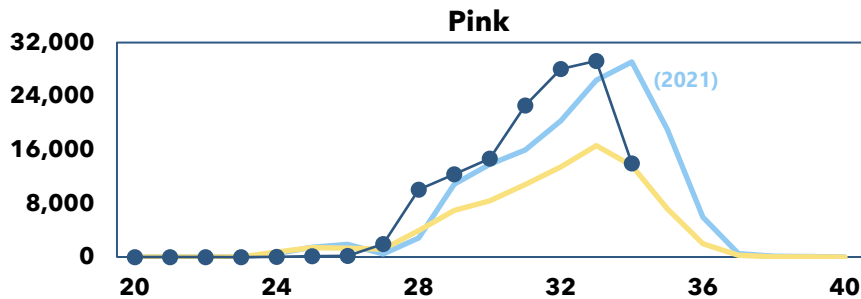
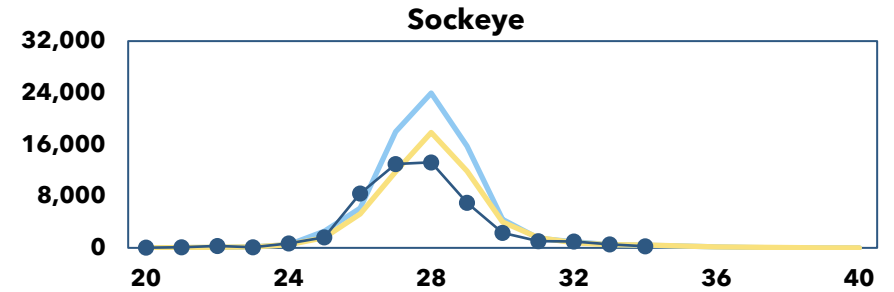
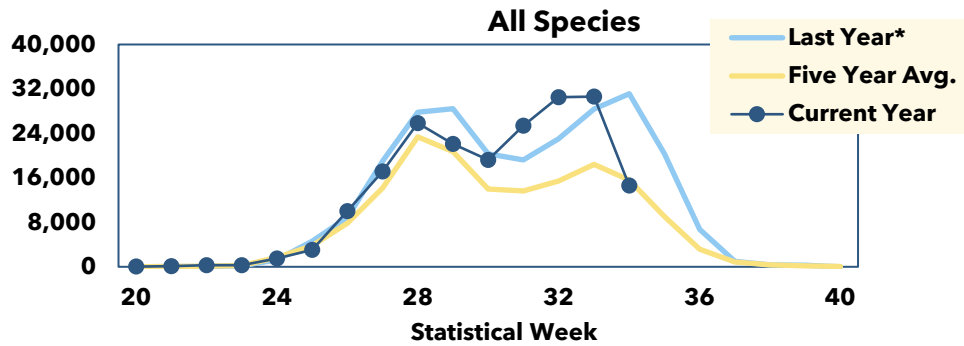


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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