

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #13

Harvest Through 9/9/2023 (Statistical Week 36)

(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	-	-	-	368	4	-99%	1,400	460	-67%	31	10	-68%	-	-	-
Kodiak	4,480	4,707	+5%	32,097	34,311	+7%	1,365	2,188	+60%	250	709	+184%	28	17	-39%
Chignik	758	2,427	+220%	1,920	3,029	+58%	191	223	+17%	104	102	-2%	10	2	-80%
Alaska Peninsula	18,433	6,579	-64%	22,597	20,997	-7%	2,191	2,736	+25%	141	498	+253%	52	29	-44%
Bristol Bay	140,030	100,050	-29%	4	3	-25%	758	631	-17%	47	29	-38%	31	20	-35%
Cook Inlet	3,287	4,291	+31%	3,154	3,898	+24%	469	478	+2%	264	224	-15%	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	4,226	4,609	+9%	83,005	76,613	-8%	6,295	14,388	+129%	287	352	+23%	80	49	-39%
Southeast	3,084	2,256	-27%	61,401	59,445	-3%	29,835	38,453	+29%	2,542	2,867	+13%	1,143	691	-40%
Statewide	174,298	124,919	-28%	204,546	198,300	-3%	42,504	59,557	+40%	3,666	4,791	+31%	1,355	808	-40%

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.

This year's Alaska's salmon harvest is 16% larger than the pre-season forecast, but down about 10% from 2022 (2021 for pinks) in estimated ex-vessel weight. Harvests are down for sockeye (-28%) and Chinook salmon (-40%), and up for keta (+40%) and coho (+31%). Pink salmon harvests are down slightly from 2021 (-3%). Coho is the only species with a significant share of the total season harvest still likely to come in during the remaining weeks of the season.

The reduced sockeye harvest was driven largely by Bristol Bay, where the harvest was down 29% from last year's record catch. The pink salmon harvest was down slightly from 2021 in Prince William Sound and Southeast, but up in Kodiak, where four million pinks were harvested last week. The statewide keta harvest has followed an unusual pattern: Preliminary keta data show a single mid-summer harvest peak, rather than separate summer and fall peaks as typical. The total keta harvest increased this week because of Alaska Department of Fish & Game data revisions to previous weeks. Chinook salmon harvests are down from 2022 in regions across the state. Most Chinook are caught in Southeast, where volume is down 40% because of fewer and slightly smaller fish.

In-season harvest totals are unlikely to change substantially as the last few weeks of fishing conclude. The Alaska Department of Fish & Game usually publishes preliminary end of season data in early November.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection

(Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	50,212	48,188	104%
Pink	147,633	122,213	121%
Keta	19,387	16,004	121%
Coho	1,760	2,960	59%
Chinook	182	242	75%
Total	219,174	189,607	116%

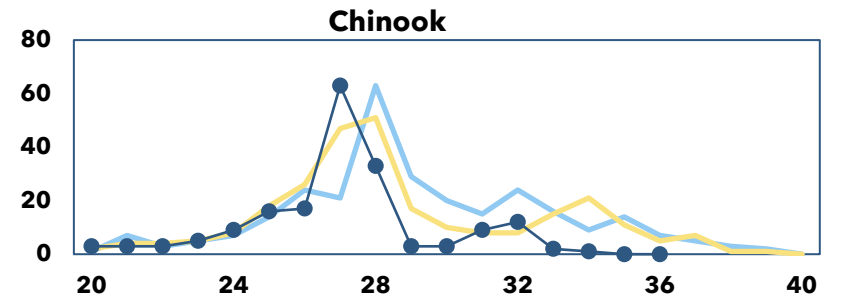
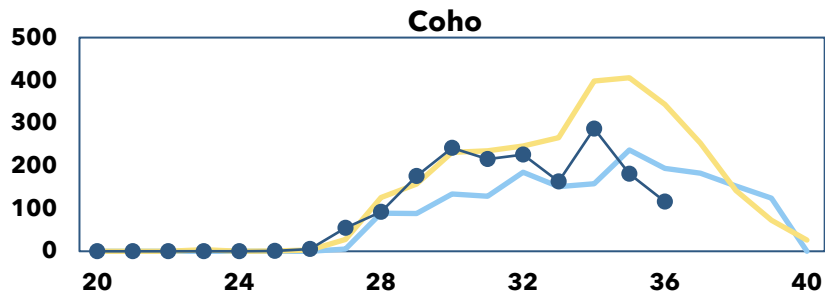
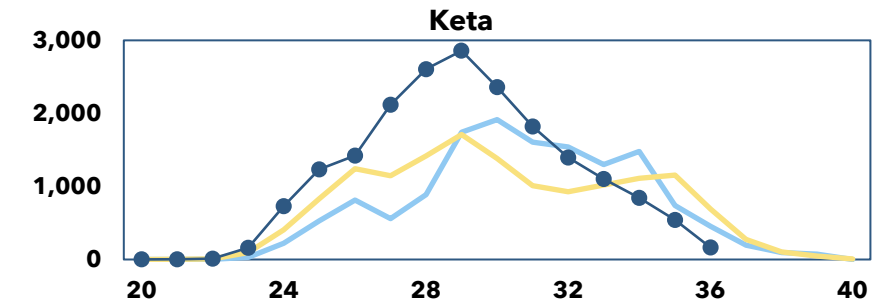
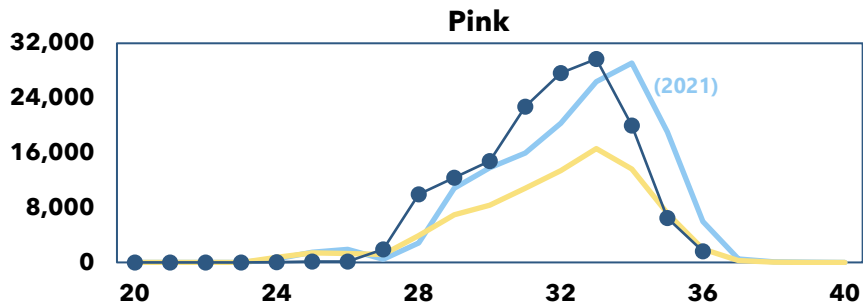
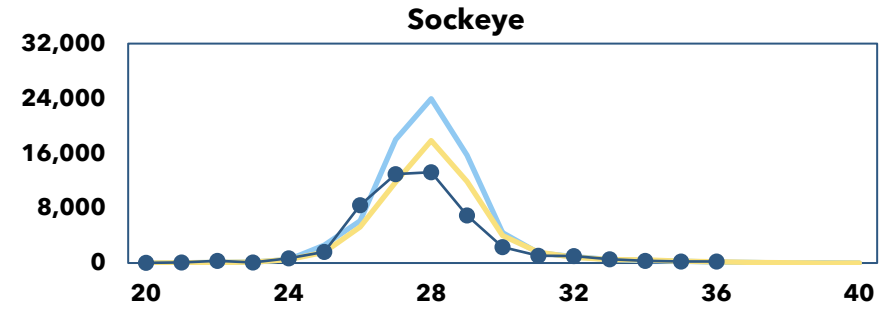
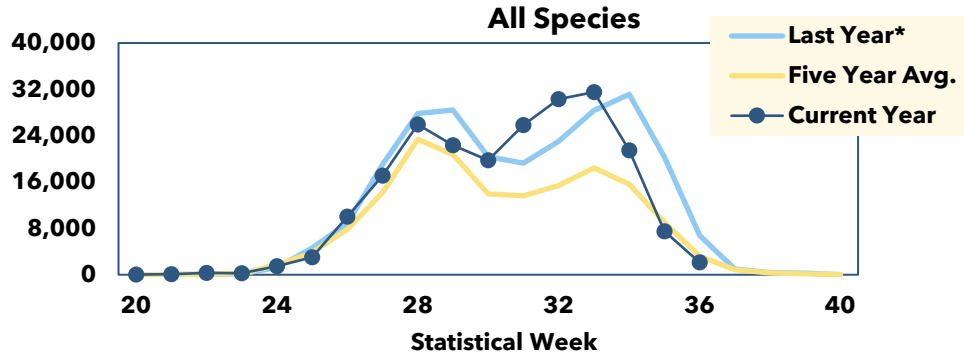


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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