

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #3

Harvest Through 7/1/2023 (Statistical Week 26)

(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	778	465	-40%	63	58	-8%	215	264	+23%	-	-	-	-	2	-
Chignik	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska Peninsula	9,279	2,938	-68%	5,047	287	-94%	1,281	534	-58%	-	-	-	6	10	+67%
Bristol Bay	5,732	9,719	+70%	-	-	-	2	10	+400%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cook Inlet	250	409	+64%	-	4	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince William Sound	2,325	3,106	+34%	1	46	-	2,816	7,167	+155%	-	22	-	61	49	-20%
Southeast	16	41	+156%	11	20	+82%	74	689	+831%	-	-	-	123	133	+8%
Other*	3,637	-	-100%	173	-	-	128	3	-98%	-	5	-	124	5	-
Statewide	22,017	16,678	-24%	5,295	415	-92%	4,516	8,670	+92%	-	27	-	314	199	-37%

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 *Region information data suppressed by ADF&G for harvester or processor confidentiality. **Chinook figures exclude harvest before week 20.

The overall Alaska salmon harvest is down about 19% from 2022 through Statistical Week 26. Continuing a pattern from last week, sockeye and Chinook harvests are down year-to-date while the keta salmon harvest is up.

Fishing picked up in Bristol Bay in the last few days. Regional sockeye harvests totaled 3.8 million fish (an estimated ex-vessel weight of about 10,000 mt) through July 1. Despite strong early-season Bristol Bay numbers, statewide sockeye harvests are down 24%, largely because of lower sockeye harvests in the Alaska Peninsula.

Fishermen in Bristol Bay (Alaska's largest sockeye-producing region) are forecast to catch 37 million sockeye salmon this year, with the harvest peaking in the next few weeks. Although the 2023 Bristol Bay forecast is considerably less than the record 2022 harvest, the decline in fish counts may be partially counteracted by larger fish. Early season Bristol Bay sockeye averaged 5.6 pounds this year, the Port Moller Test Fishery reported. This is up from a regional average of 5.1 pounds last year.

The keta harvest remains above the 2022 and five-year-average harvests to date, although the pace of harvest fell last week. About 800,000 keta were caught statewide last week, well under the five-year-average for this week of about 1.2 million.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection (Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	6,762	48,188	14%
Pink	303	122,213	<1%
Keta	2,960	16,004	18%
Coho	8	2,960	<1%
Chinook	39	242	16%
Total	10,072	189,607	5%

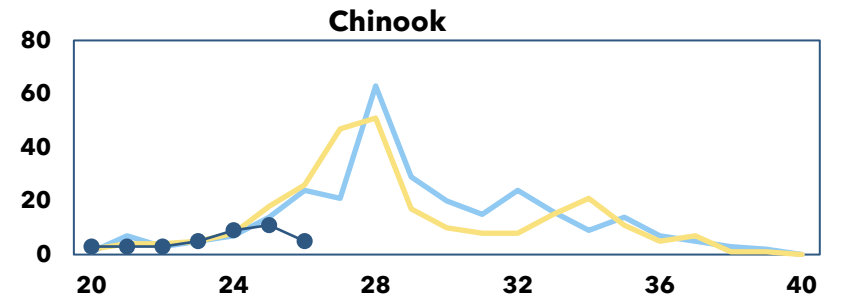
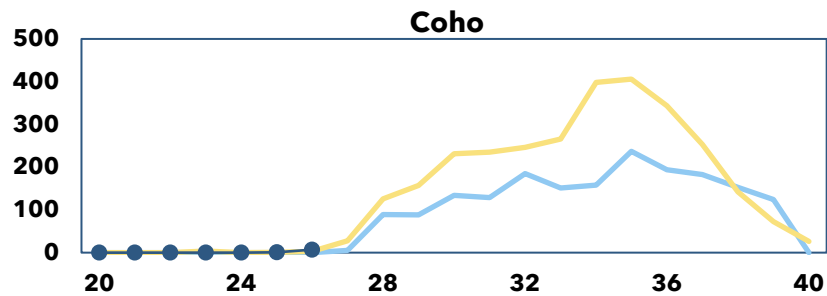
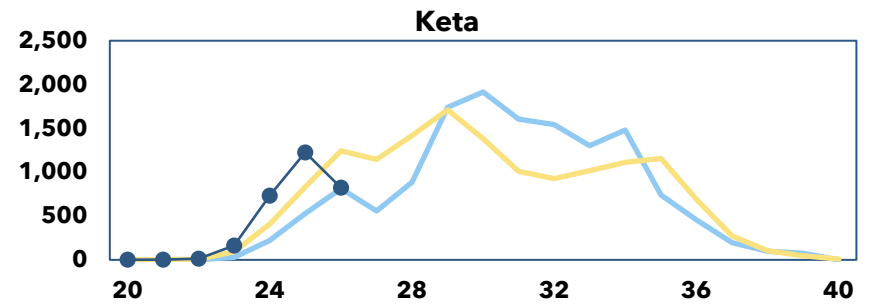
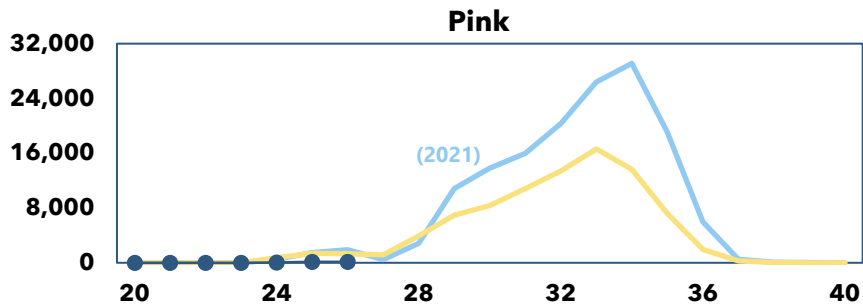
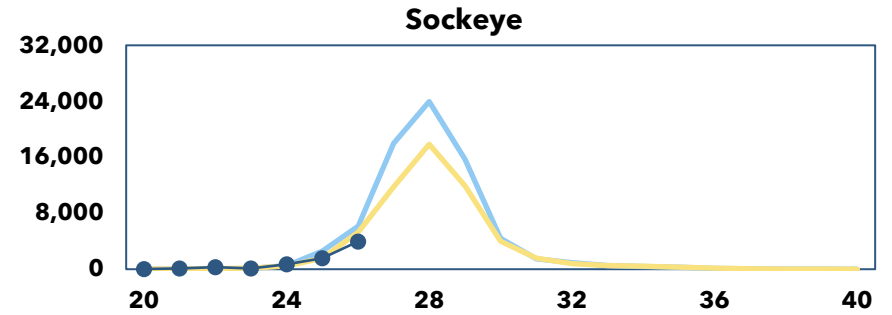
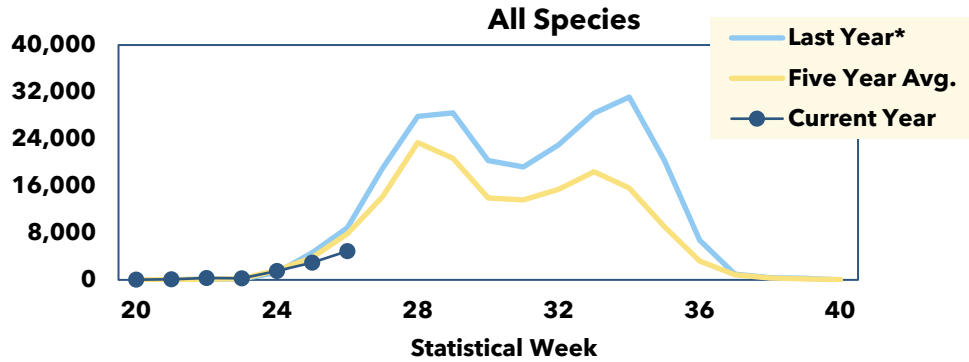


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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