

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #4

Harvest Through 7/8/2023 (Statistical Week 27)

(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 | - | - | 14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Kodiak | 939 | 727 | -23% | 84 | 343 | +308% | 244 | 437 | +79% | - | 9 | - | 5 | 7 | +40% |
| Chignik | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Alaska Peninsula | 11,786 | 3,701 | -69% | 5,495 | 305 | -94% | 1,444 | 760 | -47% | - | 3 | - | 16 | 10 | -38% |
| Bristol Bay | 47,196 | 51,138 | +8% | - | - | - | 257 | 329 | +28% | - | - | - | 20 | 16 | -20% |
| Cook Inlet | 488 | 905 | +85% | 1 | 49 | | 3 | 49 | | - | 8 | - | 11 | - | -100% |
| Prince William Sound | 3,151 | 3,924 | +25% | 116 | 2,141 | | 3,712 | 10,175 | +174% | - | 4 | - | 80 | 49 | -39% |
| Southeast | 132 | 106 | -20% | 180 | 80 | -56% | 451 | 1,787 | +296% | 13 | 39 | +200% | 277 | 267 | -4% |
| Statewide | 63,692 | 60,501 | -5% | 5,876 | 2,922 | -50% | 6,111 | 13,551 | +122% | 13 | 63 | +385% | 409 | 349 | -15% |

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.

Alaska's total salmon harvest is similar to year-to-date 2022 (2021 for pinks) through Statistical Week 27. The relative pace of the harvest is up from last week largely because of Alaska Department of Fish & Game revisions to Week 26 data.

Half of the statewide sockeye salmon forecast has now been caught. In Bristol Bay, the number of sockeye harvested is down slightly from 2022, although the estimated weight is up because of larger fish this year. An ADF&G biologist said this week the 2023 Bristol Bay harvest may fall below the forecast of 36 million fish, citing a recent lull in activity as well as harvest composition data showing fewer four-year-old fish than expected. Even if the Bristol Bay forecast is achieved this year, it will be much smaller than the record 2022 harvest of more than 60 million fish.

The statewide keta harvest continues to be strong, more than double year-to-date 2022 and up 18% from the five-year-average.

In Southeast Alaska at least 38,000 Chinook salmon have been caught in the summer troll fishery, which began July 1. Average Chinook weights in that fishery have been 10.5 pounds, down about half a pound from last year.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection

(Thousands of Fish)

| | Harvest | Projection | % Realized |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| Sockeye | 24,092 | 48,188 | 50% |
| Pink | 2,041 | 122,213 | 2% |
| Keta | 4,626 | 16,004 | 29% |
| Coho | 23 | 2,960 | 1% |
| Chinook | 74 | 242 | 31% |
| Total | 30,856 | 189,607 | 16% |

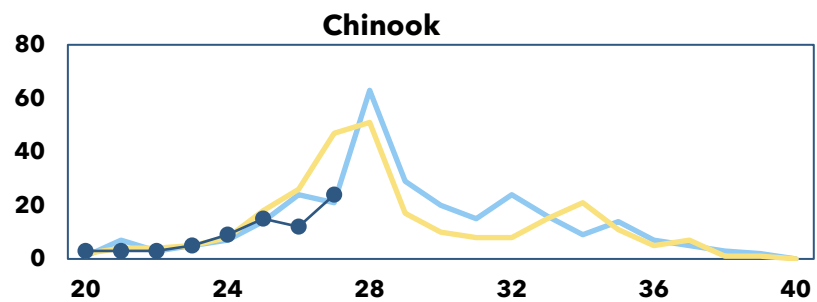
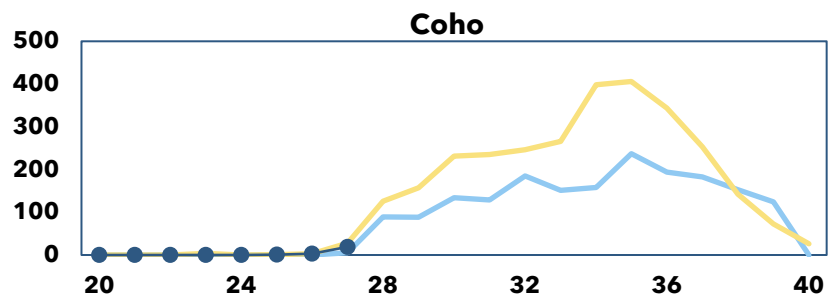
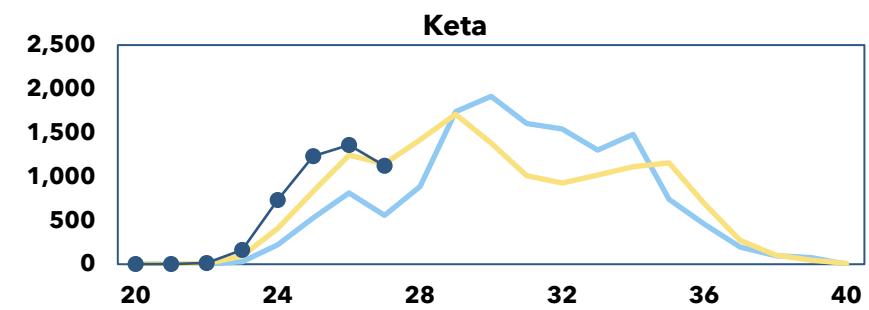
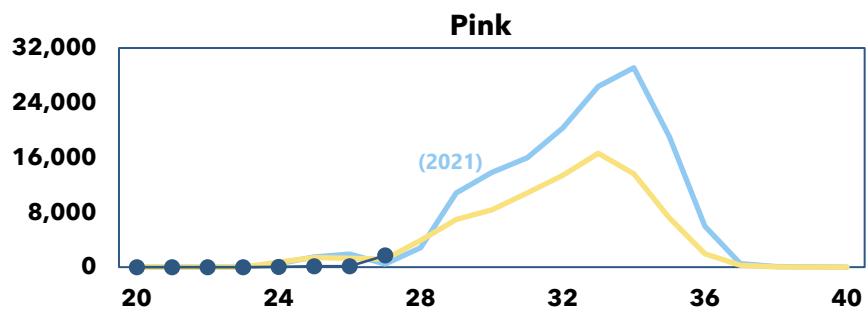
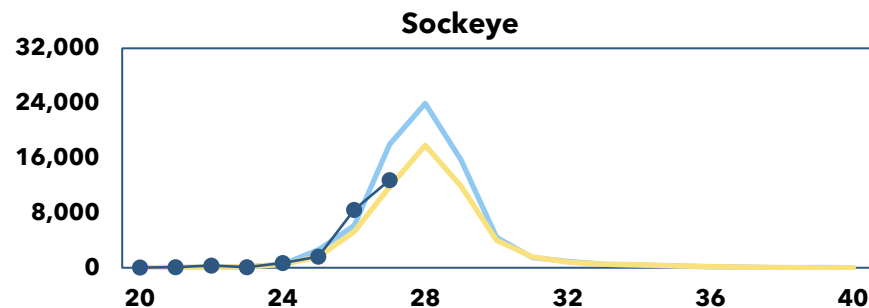
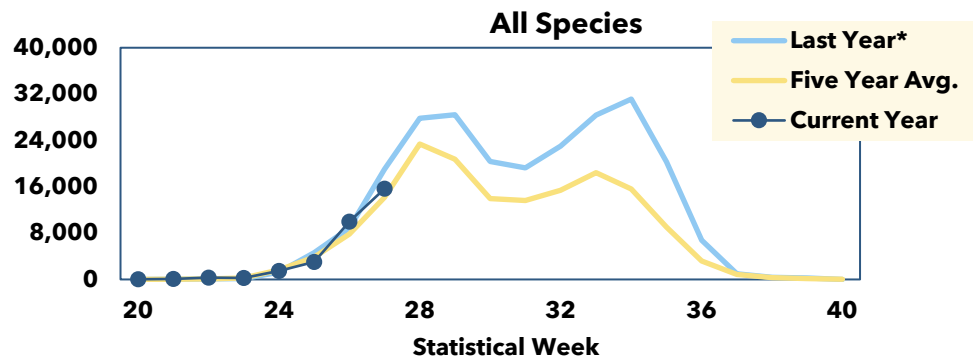


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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 |