

# 2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #5

Harvest Through 7/15/2023 (Statistical Week 28)

(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	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	1,523	1,121	-26%	390	877	+125%	367	866	+136%	-	43	-	14	9	-36%
Chignik	-	660	-	-	1	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Alaska Peninsula	14,884	4,381	-71%	5,755	600	-90%	1,600	979	-39%	-	77	-	26	13	-50%
Bristol Bay	97,803	81,589	-17%	-	1	-	464	509	+10%	-	-	-	27	20	-26%
Cook Inlet	1,002	1,703	+70%	6	72	-	9	102	-	-	20	-	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	3,622	4,189	+16%	3,115	13,121	+321%	4,440	11,454	+158%	-	4	-	80	49	-39%
Southeast	253	218	-14%	641	696	+9%	1,884	5,407	+187%	238	145	-39%	554	475	-14%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>119,087</b>	<b>93,861</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>9,907</b>	<b>15,372</b>	<b>+55%</b>	<b>8,764</b>	<b>19,351</b>	<b>+121%</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>+21%</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>-21%</b>

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 Alaska sockeye salmon harvest leveled off earlier than it has in recent years, and the pink salmon harvest began to ramp up during Statistical Week 28 (through July 15 this year and July 9 in 2022). The keta harvest continues to be well above recent-year harvests and the Chinook harvest is down. Overall, the estimated harvest volume is down about 7% from 2022 (2021 for pinks).

Statistical Week 28 has seen the peak of the sockeye salmon season in recent years in Bristol Bay and Alaska in general, with a peak Bristol Bay single-week harvest of nearly 22 million fish in 2022. This year the Statistical Week 28 Bristol Bay sockeye harvest was about 12 million fish, up only slightly from the week before.

The first major pink salmon harvests of the summer came in last week in Prince William Sound, where fishermen in the general seine fishery caught more than 6 million pink salmon. Early data indicate the Prince William Sound pink salmon weigh 3 pounds on average this year, slightly smaller than last year. The 2023 statewide pink salmon harvest forecast is 122 million fish, about half of it in Prince William Sound.

## 2023 Harvest vs. Projection

(Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	37,347	48,188	78%
Pink	11,306	122,213	9%
Keta	6,535	16,004	41%
Coho	109	2,960	4%
Chinook	119	242	49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,416</b>	<b>189,607</b>	<b>29%</b>

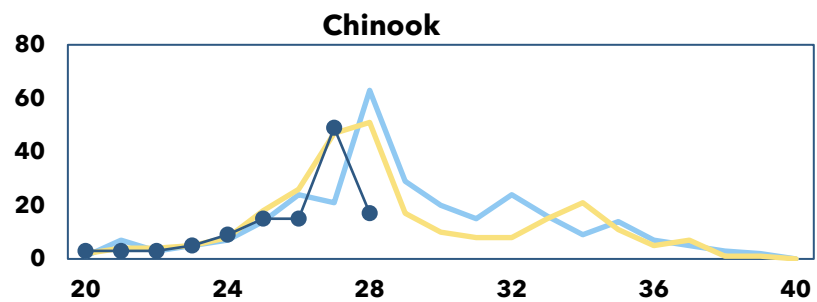
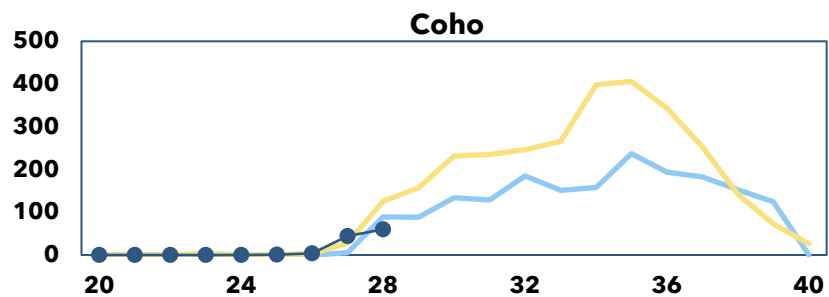
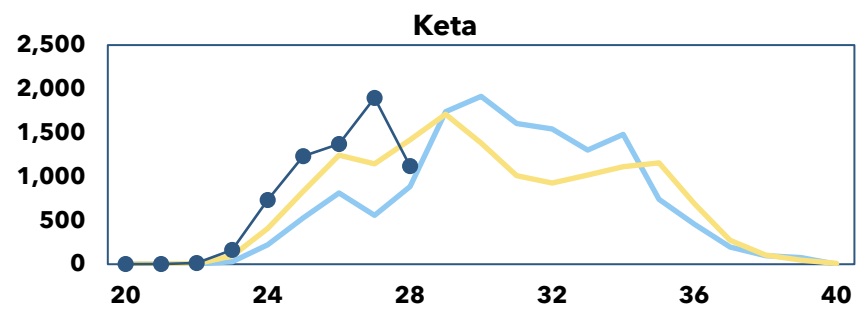
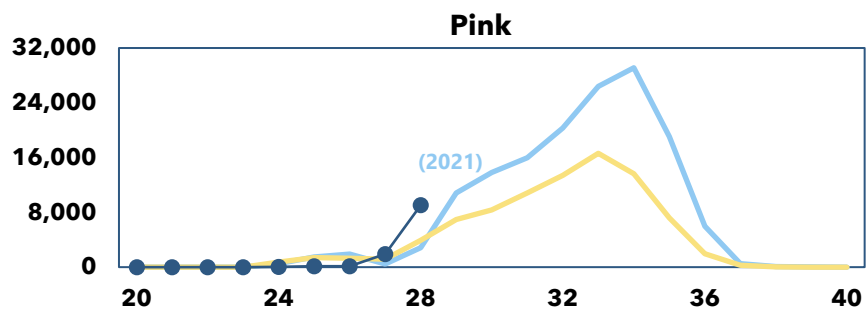
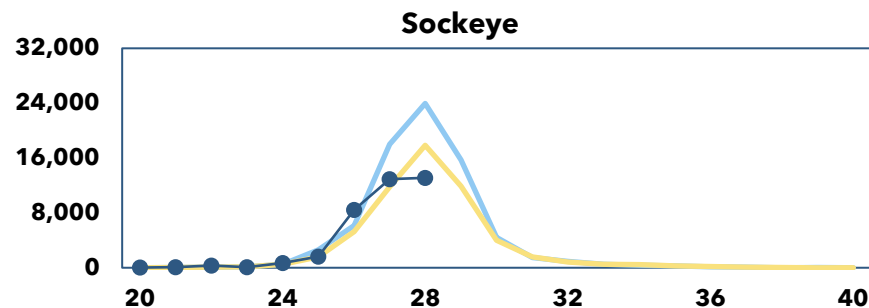
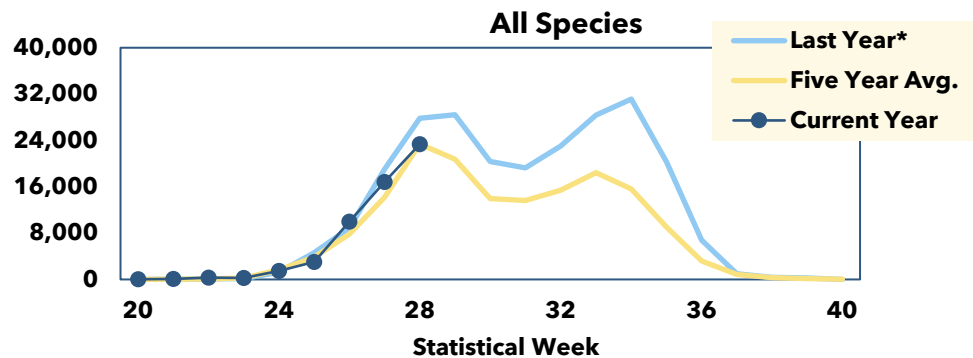


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# Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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