

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #6

Harvest Through 7/22/2023 (Statistical Week 29)

(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	-	-	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	2,117	1,825	-14%	925	1,534	+66%	596	1,232	+107%	6	126	-	19	12	-37%
Chignik	159	1,070	+573%	-	123	-	27	30	+11%	3	19	-	2	-	-100%
Alaska Peninsula	16,894	4,809	-72%	6,047	883	-85%	1,681	1,118	-33%	11	119	-	32	13	-59%
Bristol Bay	129,974	95,628	-26%	1	3	+200%	631	584	-7%	3	5	-	31	20	-35%
Cook Inlet	2,017	2,864	+42%	61	171	+180%	46	188	+309%	8	43	-	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	3,827	4,618	+21%	16,119	26,051	+62%	5,401	12,740	+136%	-	11	-	80	49	-39%
Southeast	427	487	+14%	2,157	2,898	+34%	5,684	10,963	+93%	440	331	-25%	666	566	-15%
Statewide	155,415	111,301	-28%	25,310	31,667	+25%	14,066	26,920	+91%	471	654	+39%	841	660	-22%

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 down slightly year-over-year through Statistical Week 29 due largely to reduced harvests of sockeye salmon in Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula. Harvests of Chinook salmon are also down, while keta, pink, and coho salmon harvests are up so far.

Statewide, 92% of the 2023 sockeye salmon forecast of 48 million fish has been caught as sockeye salmon runs begin to wind down. In Bristol Bay, the harvest has surpassed the lower bound of the pre-season forecast, but remains 26% lower than last year at the same time in estimated ex-vessel weight.

Pink salmon harvests are up 25% in estimated weight from 2021 (pink salmon are compared to the previous odd-numbered years because of the fish's two-year lifecycle), driven by a strong early season harvest in Prince William Sound and Southeast Alaska. In Southeast, an Alaska Department of Fish and Game bulletin issued last week stated that the Southeast pink harvest is now projected to be more than twice the preseason forecast of 19 million fish, based on the strength of the early run. The season is still in the early stage, so this projection could change significantly.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection (Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	44,360	48,188	92%
Pink	23,371	122,213	19%
Keta	8,979	16,004	56%
Coho	243	2,960	8%
Chinook	148	242	61%
Total	77,101	189,607	41%

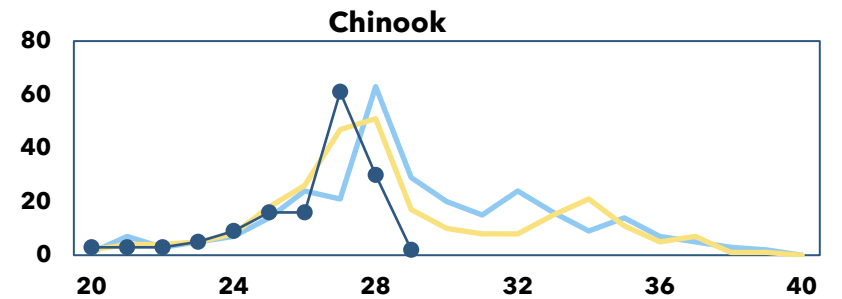
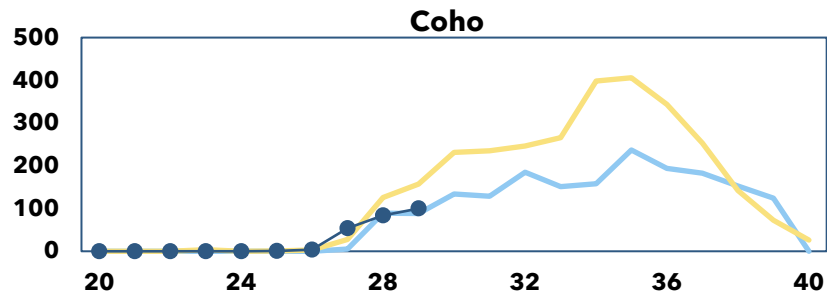
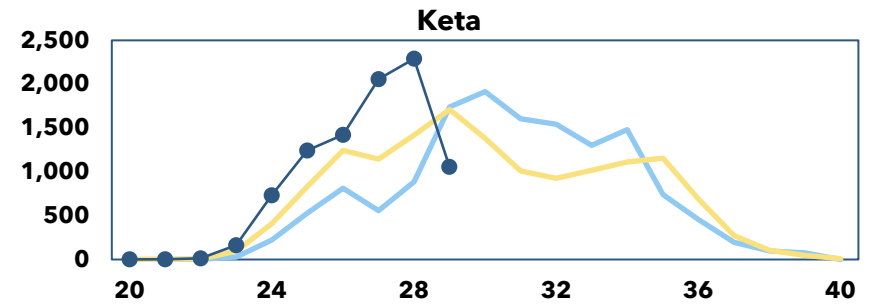
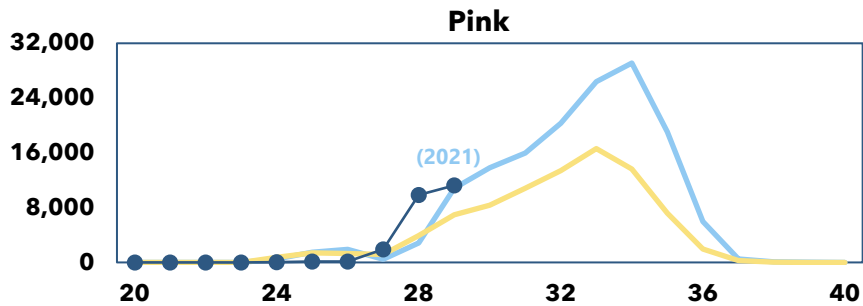
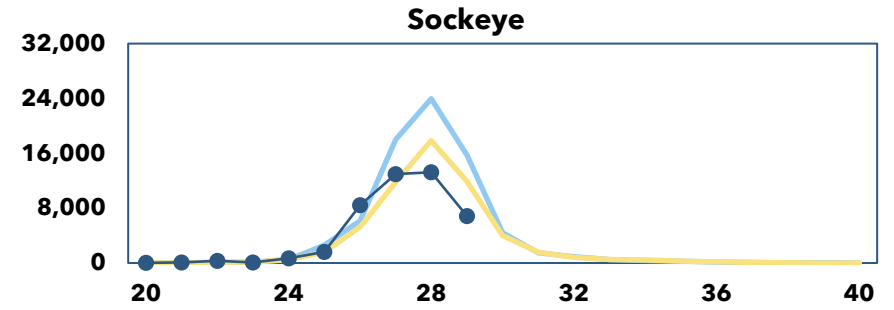
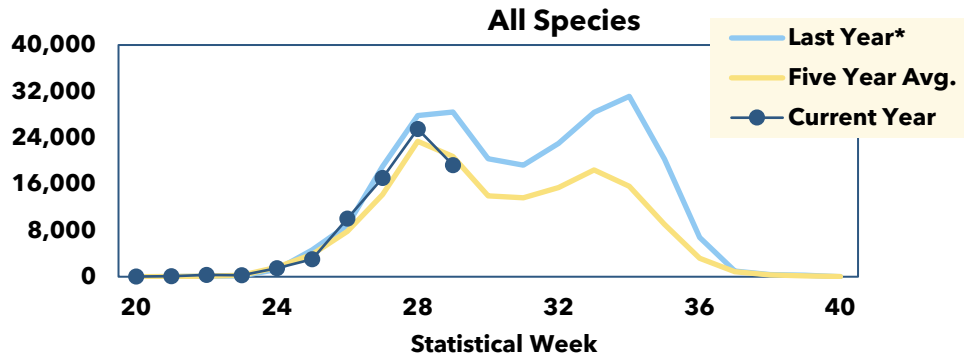


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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