

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #7

Harvest Through 7/29/2023 (Statistical Week 30)

(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	-	-	142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	2,682	2,100	-22%	1,720	2,334	+36%	833	1,380	+66%	15	170	-	21	14	-33%
Chignik	388	1,515	+290%	1	151	-	60	44	-27%	5	24	-	2	-	-100%
Alaska Peninsula	17,674	5,413	-69%	6,347	2,100	-67%	1,821	1,505	-17%	28	232	-	42	16	-62%
Bristol Bay	137,129	98,574	-28%	3	3	0%	696	614	-12%	3	11	-	31	20	-35%
Cook Inlet	2,873	3,674	+28%	262	1,230	+369%	145	275	+90%	33	91	-	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	4,109	4,715	+15%	30,931	31,874	+3%	5,717	12,996	+127%	4	29	+625%	80	49	-39%
Southeast	781	860	+10%	5,369	7,360	+37%	10,750	17,149	+60%	729	587	-19%	748	590	-21%
Statewide	165,636	116,851	-29%	44,633	45,056	+1%	20,022	34,105	+70%	817	1,144	+40%	935	689	-26%

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.

Nearly half of the total statewide salmon harvest forecast has been caught through Statistical Week 30. The total harvest in estimated metric tons is down about 15% year-over-year (2021 for pinks), although up slightly from the five-year-average harvest to date.

The sockeye salmon harvest usually ends at about this time of year. With 97% of the forecast harvested, the sockeye total will likely end up near the pre-season forecast.

While the rate of pink salmon harvest may have dipped in Statistical Week 30, the harvest remains up 5% in estimated weight from 2021 (pink salmon are compared to previous odd or even years because of the salmon's unique two-year life cycle). Last week Russia's federal fishery agency announced wild salmon harvests are up 46% year-to-date from 2021. Because most of Russia's salmon harvest is pink salmon, this will mean more pink salmon on the world market this year if Russia's harvests continue to exceed expectations. The Russian pre-season forecast this year was 375,000 mt of pink salmon, nearly twice the Alaska pink salmon forecast.

Following a strong early season, the Alaska catch of keta and Chinook salmon have been down in recent weeks. The Chinook harvest is down 25% in estimated weight from 2022. The keta harvest is up 70% from 2022, but still relatively low by historical standards.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection (Thousands of Fish)

	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	46,638	48,188	97%
Pink	33,354	122,213	27%
Keta	11,267	16,004	70%
Coho	428	2,960	14%
Chinook	154	242	64%
Total	91,841	189,607	48%

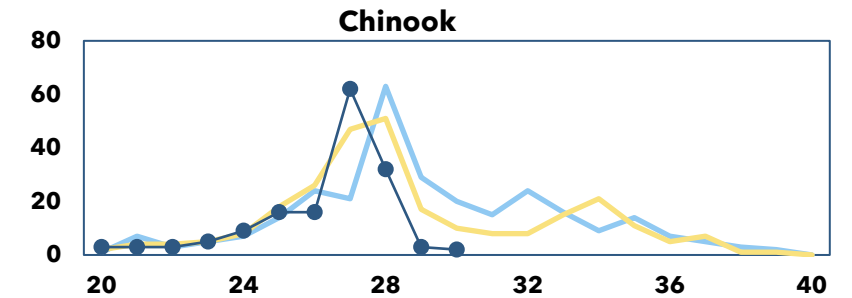
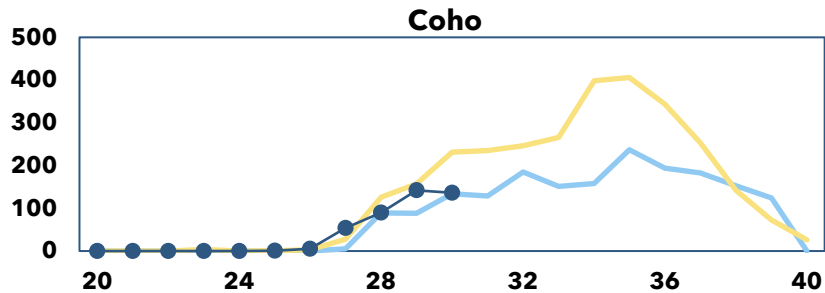
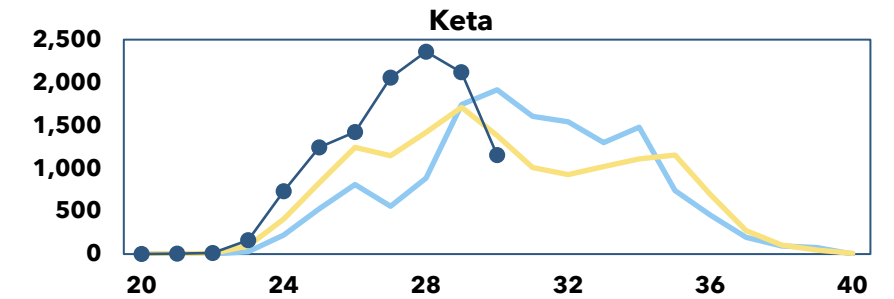
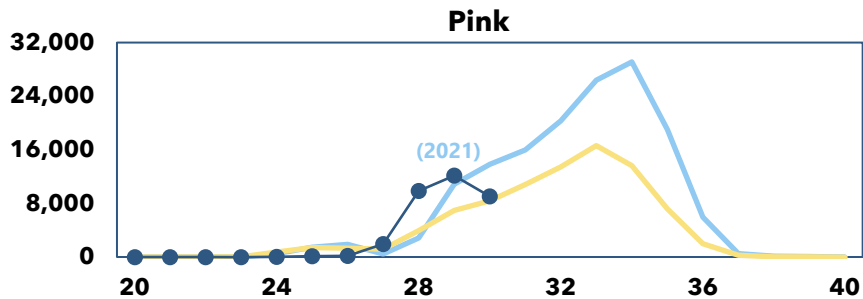
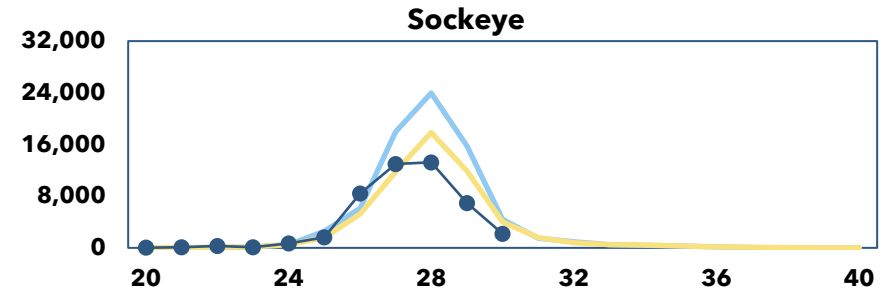
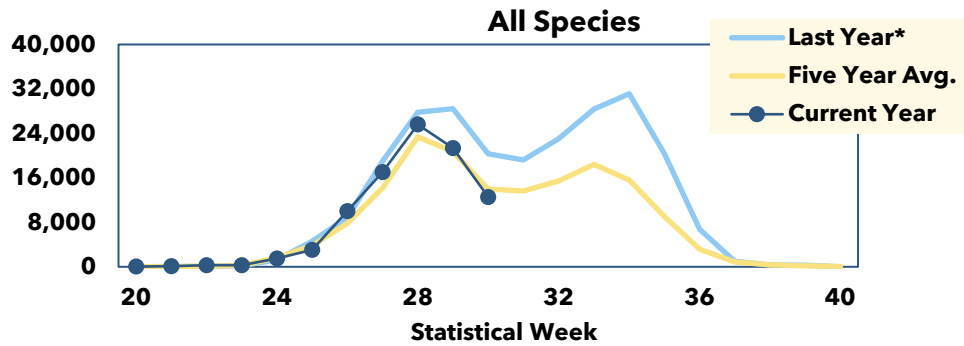


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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2023

(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