

2023 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #8

Harvest Through 8/05/2023 (Statistical Week 31)

(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	-	-	254	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	3,007	2,380	-21%	3,465	4,981	+44%	1,008	1,554	+54%	31	216	+597%	24	14	-42%
Chignik	562	1,515	+170%	6	151	-	95	44	-54%	29	24	-17%	5	-	-100%
Alaska Peninsula	18,025	5,723	-68%	7,796	2,892	-63%	1,942	1,605	-17%	66	252	+282%	48	19	-60%
Bristol Bay	138,991	99,565	-28%	4	3	-25%	736	624	-15%	13	13	-	31	20	-35%
Cook Inlet	3,125	4,115	+32%	614	2,284	+272%	333	379	+14%	91	163	+79%	11	-	-100%
Prince William Sound	4,184	4,585	+10%	40,717	40,157	-1%	5,882	13,554	+130%	4	40	+900%	80	49	-39%
Southeast	1,223	1,546	+26%	13,845	27,123	+96%	14,927	24,218	+62%	918	972	+6%	805	627	-22%
Statewide	169,117	119,429	-29%	66,447	77,595	+17%	24,923	42,232	+69%	1,152	1,680	+46%	1,004	729	-27%

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.

Despite a smaller sockeye harvest this year, the statewide harvest across all species is now down only 8% from last year (2021 for pinks) because of a larger keta harvest and recent surge in pink salmon harvests.

Most of Alaska's pink salmon harvest has taken place in Prince William Sound in recent years, where the harvest is at similar levels as year-to-date 2021. While the Southeast pink salmon harvest is smaller than in Prince William Sound, it is up nearly 100% from 2021 and has surpassed its pre-season forecast of 19 million fish. Biologists predict this region's pink salmon harvest could surpass three times this forecast by the end of the season.

Increasing global wild salmon supply (from particularly strong Russian pink and keta salmon harvests) and lower prices may influence participation for the remainder of the season for both pink salmon and keta salmon. Trade press reported that Alaska processors announced changes last week including price drops, delivery limits, and shorter operating seasons.

The statewide sockeye harvest has now reached 99% of the predicted total harvest, with volume down 29% from the 2022 harvest. While the Chinook harvest is down 27% year-over-year in estimated weight, harvests increased last week, marking the beginning of the late summer run. Coho harvests are up from 2022, but down 20% from the five-year average.

2023 Harvest vs. Projection (Thousands of Fish)

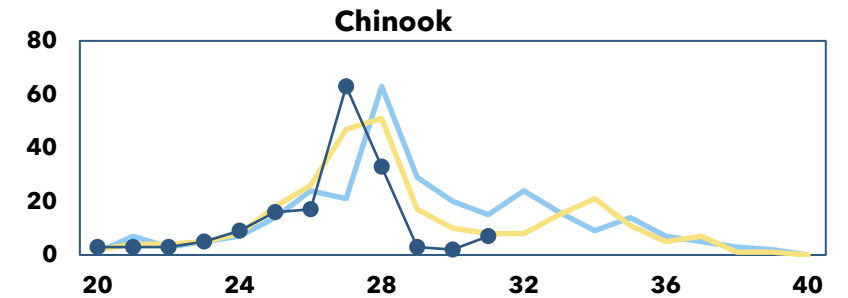
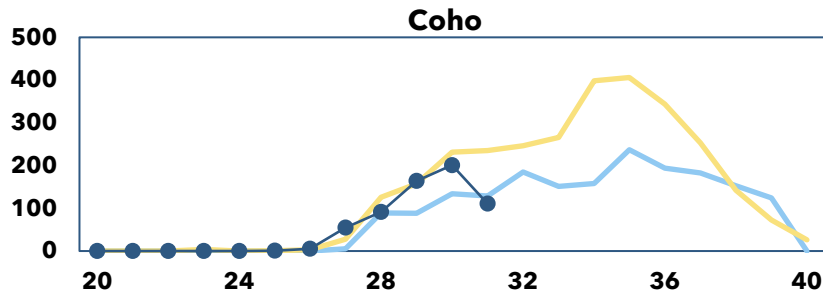
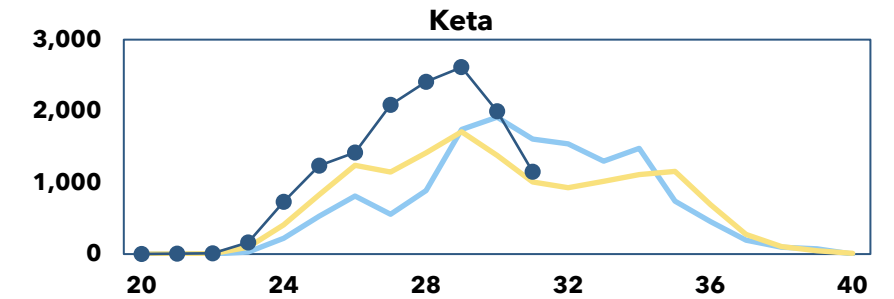
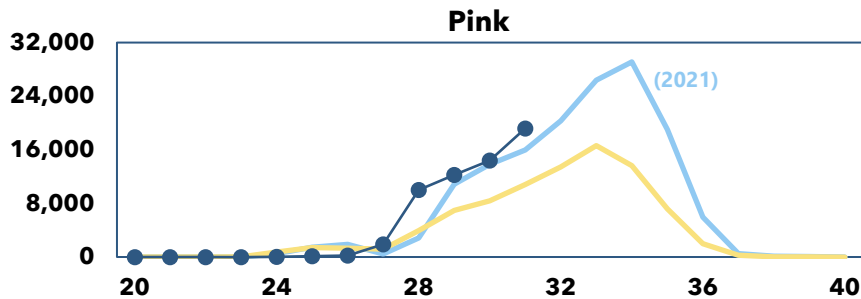
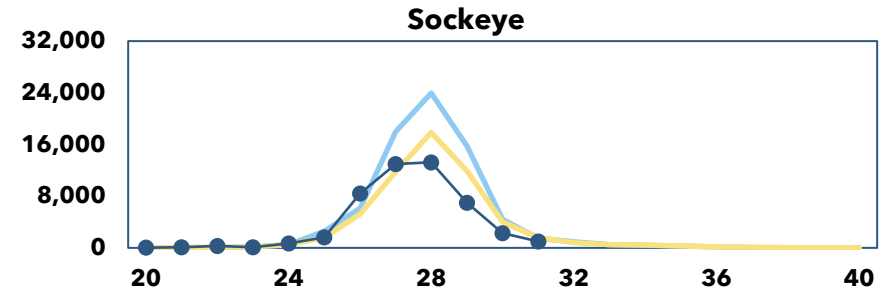
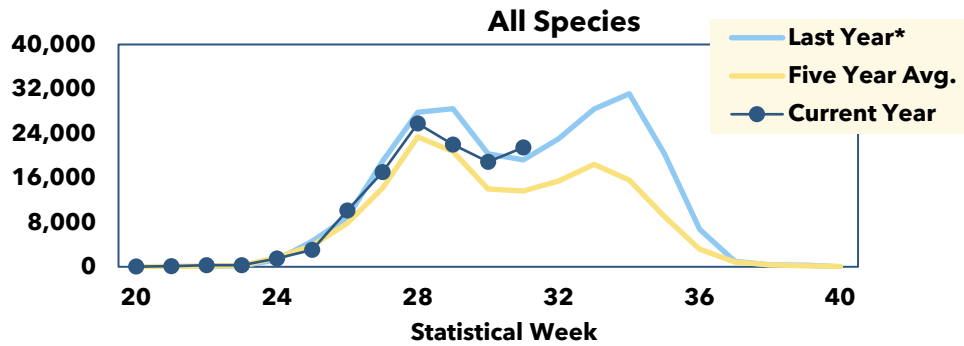
	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	47,759	48,188	99%
Pink	58,167	122,213	48%
Keta	13,833	16,004	86%
Coho	628	2,960	21%
Chinook	164	242	68%
Total	120,551	189,607	64%



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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