

# 2020 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #5

Harvest Through Statistical Week 28 (7/11/2020)

(Thousand Fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook		
	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY
AYK	0	0	-	64	8	-88%	281	29	-90%	0	0	-	0	1	-
Kodiak	436	255	-42%	88	104	18%	107	196	83%	13	16	23%	1	3	200%
Chignik	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
AK Pen. & Aleutian Is.	1,211	1,135	-6%	405	1,726	326%	668	501	-25%	80	4	-95%	14	5	-64%
Bristol Bay	33,947	22,995	-32%	0	0	-	684	246	-64%	0	0	-	15	5	-67%
Cook Inlet	574	296	-48%	91	7	-92%	9	7	-22%	7	1	-86%	0	2	-
Prince William Sound	1,669	838	-50%	1,711	2,977	74%	2,663	1,563	-41%	0	0	-	16	4	-75%
Southeast	37	12	-68%	52	99	90%	703	308	-56%	108	35	-68%	91	56	-38%
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>37,874</b>	<b>25,531</b>	<b>-33%</b>	<b>2,411</b>	<b>4,921</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>7,387</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>-61%</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>-73%</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>-29%</b>

Note: Data is subject to revision and excludes some volume to maintain confidentiality (particularly for Kodiak and AK Pen. & Aleutian Islands.) Chinook harvest excludes winter fishery. Regional totals may not sum to statewide total.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Led by Bristol Bay, the 2020 season is improving after a summer of slow fishing. Last week's harvest of 22 million salmon was double the entire harvest of the eight prior weeks. While optimism has increased, statewide production continues to lag comparable years with some areas well below normal harvest.

Last week's statewide harvest of 18.3 million sockeye brings the current season within 20% of the 5-year average. Incredibly productive fishing in Bristol Bay saw records fall across the region with many harvesters put on limits. Bristol Bay is a third behind the strong 2019 season, slightly below the 5-year average, and slightly above the 10-year average. Sockeye fishing improved in Kodiak and the AK Pen. & Aleutian Is. region but remained slow in Cook Inlet, Southeast, and PWS. Historically low escapement counts in Chignik have prevented any meaningful harvest.

The pink harvest of about 4.9 million fish is double the 2018 pace. (This figure should be considered a lower bound as some data is withheld by ADF&G to preserve harvester/processor confidentiality.) PWS has contributed about 60% of the pink harvest followed by AK Pen. & Aleutian Is. with nearly all the remainder.

The YTD harvest of 2.8 million keta ranks among the smallest in at least 15 years, down 60% from 2019 and the 5-year average. The slow harvest is particularly disappointing to residents of the AYK region and Southeast due to the relative importance of the species to their annual harvest. The current week is typically the peak for keta harvest, though strong fishing has increasingly occurred through the end of August.

Coho volume typically trends higher in mid-July to an average weekly production level of about 200,000 to 400,000 fish through September.

## 2020 Harvest v. Projection

(Thousand Fish)

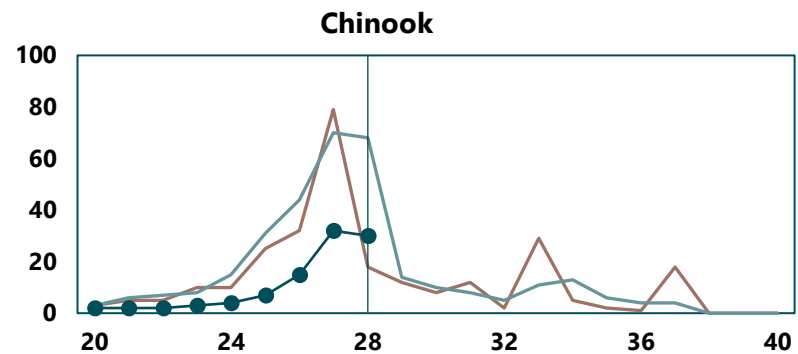
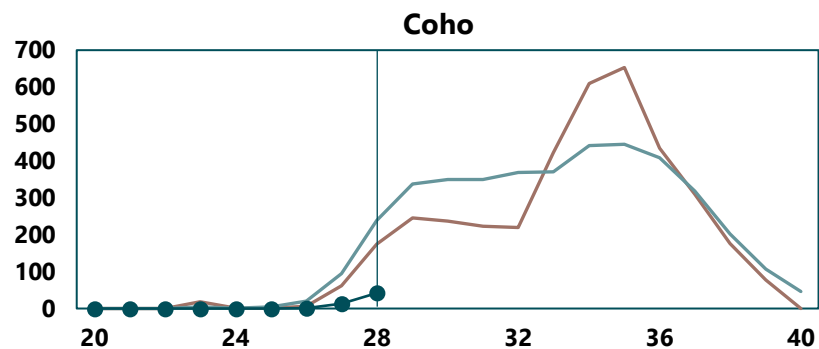
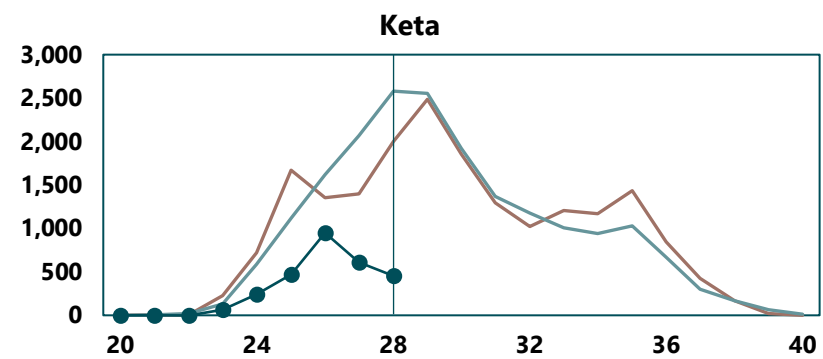
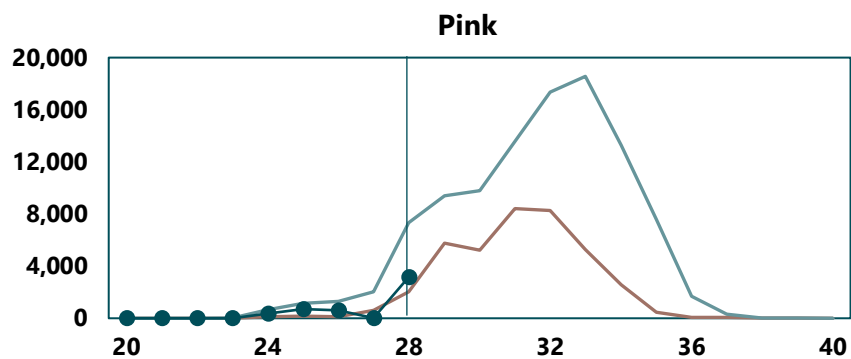
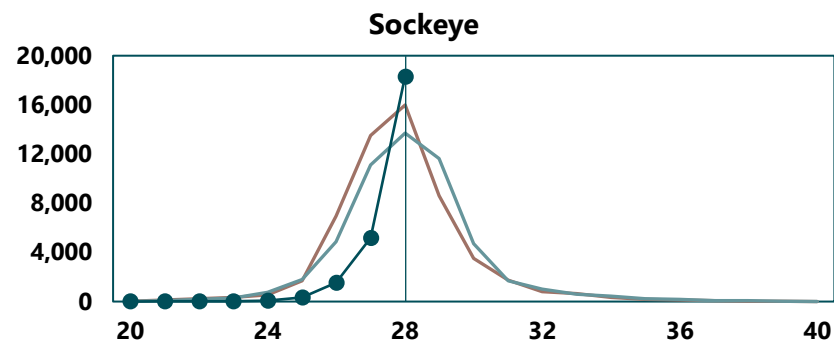
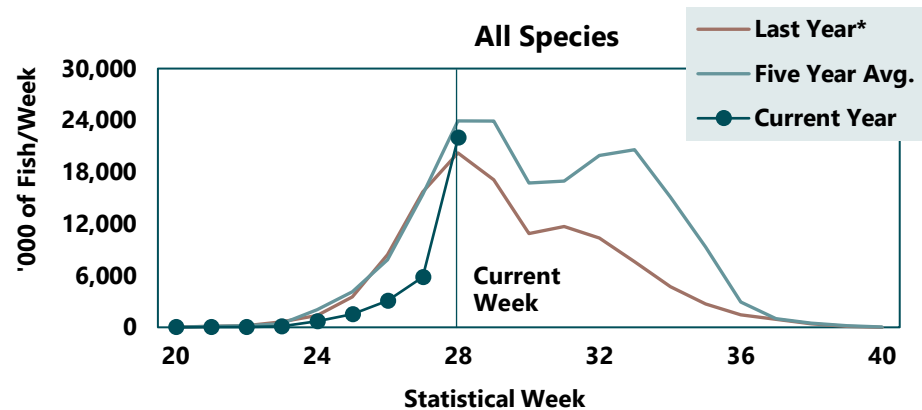
	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	25,531	48,100	53%
Pink	4,921	60,600	8%
Keta	2,850	19,400	15%
Coho	56	4,200	1%
Chinook	97	320	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,455</b>	<b>132,620</b>	<b>25%</b>

Where to buy Alaska seafood (click for link): [ASMI Suppliers Directory](#)



# Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2020

(Thousands of Fish per Week)



\*Last year uses 2018 pink salmon instead of 2019 (most recent even-year).

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Statistical Week	18-22	23-26	27-31	32-35	36-40
Approximate Mth.	May	June	July	August	September