

2026 Alaska Pink Salmon Outlook & Summary

Market Commentary

Spring 2026

Global pink salmon harvest is forecast to fall 17% in 2026 from the 2022/2024 average baseline. The low forecast is driven largely by the forecast in Russia, which is usually the world's largest pink salmon producer. Alaska's pink forecast is up from the previous even-numbered year (pink salmon have two-year lifecycles with smaller populations on even-numbered years) but is low when compared to a longer baseline. Alaska pink salmon ex-vessel values dropped to their lowest level in more than a decade in 2024 and were similarly low in 2025.

Harvest Summary & 2026 Forecast, Million Pounds

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026F	21-25	5-yr Avg.*	26F vs Avg.
PWS	210	100	177	33	144	60	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	66	-10%
Southeast	134	68	149	58	68	61	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	63	-4%
Kodiak	83	50	78	25	109	39	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	37	+5%
Alaska Peninsula	50	20	54	0	50	15	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	10	+53%
Other	11	2	14	4	9	4	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	3	+48%
Alaska Total	488	240	471	120	380	179	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	180	0%
Russia Total	916	320	1,050	299	465	236	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	309	-24%
Global Total	1,413	571	1,530	433	846	415	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	502	-17%

Sources: ADF&G, various trade publication, and McKinley Research Group calculations. * Odd years only used for 5-year average. Columns may not sum to totals because of rounding or exclusion of small salmon-producing nations in global break downs.

Historical Ex-Vessel Price & Value

	Avg. Price/Lb.	Ttl. Value (\$M)
2016	\$0.37	\$54
2017	\$0.40	\$207
2018	\$0.48	\$73
2019	\$0.33	\$137
2020	\$0.38	\$80
2021	\$0.45	\$221
2022	\$0.56	\$131
2023	\$0.38	\$171
2024	\$0.30	\$42
2025P*	\$0.30	\$114

Source: ADF&G. *Preliminary



Average Price ('24/'25P) and % of Total AK Wholesale Value ('24)

	Sockeye	Pink	Keta	Coho	Chinook
Ex-Vessel \$/lb.	\$1.21	\$0.30	\$0.54	\$1.34	\$6.05
Wholesale Value %	62%	17%	17%	3%	1%

Note: Wholesale value % limited to 2024 due to data availability.

Key Wholesale Products

Frozen H&G

55% by value

Key Markets: China
(re-export to U.S. and Europe)

Canned

45% by value

Key Markets: U.S., U.K., Australia

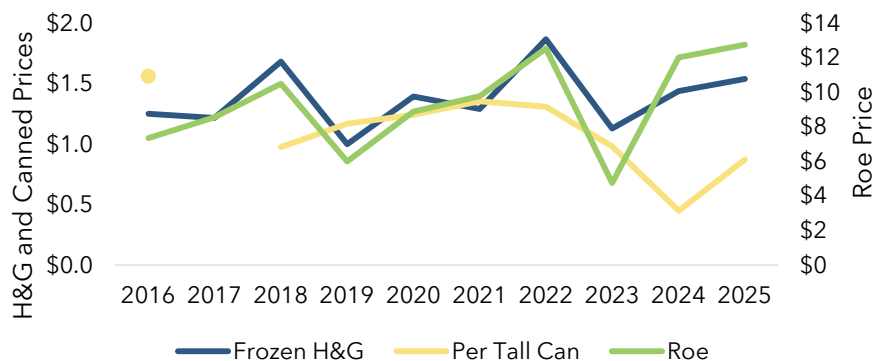
Roe

0.5% by value

Markets: Japan, Eastern Europe

Note: Values are 2023/2024 averages. Values may not sum due to rounding.

First Wholesale Prices for Key Products, 2016-2025



Source: ADF&G and AKDOR (2025)



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