

# Alaska Salmon Forecast & Preliminary Harvest - 2016

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish)

Catch As Of: 11/23/2016

Fishing Region	Sockeye		Chinook		Coho		Pink		Keta	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2014	2016	2015	2016
	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast	Actual	Forecast
<b>Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>1,480</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		3		<1		304		335		1,442
<b>Kodiak</b>	<b>3,104</b>	<b>3,692</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>10,678</b>	<b>16,200</b>	<b>771</b>	<b>645</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		2,079		8		209		3,236		405
<b>Chignik</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>349</b>	<b>849</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>150</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		1,386		21		94		141		118
<b>Alaska Peninsula &amp; Aleutian Is.</b>	<b>5,935</b>	<b>3,579</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>13,422</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>948</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		5,981		15		261		2,884		513
<b>Bristol Bay</b>	<b>36,574</b>	<b>29,520</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>1,302</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>762</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		37,330		30		91		752		1,042
<b>Cook Inlet</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>4,412</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>904</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>250</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		2,643		11		139		476		201
<b>Prince William Sound</b>	<b>3,388</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>43,902</b>	<b>23,439</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>3,100</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		1,937		12		478		13,269		3,431
<b>Southeast Alaska</b>	<b>1,528</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>2,146</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>37,092</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>11,523</b>	<b>11,349</b>
<i>Preliminary Catch</i>		1,501		305		2,223		18,295		9,036
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>55,035</b>	<b>47,333</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>3,865</b>	<b>4,415</b>	<b>95,306</b>	<b>90,146</b>	<b>18,248</b>	<b>18,683</b>
<i>Catch to Date</i>		52,861		401		3,800		39,389		16,188
<i>Catch vs. Last Year</i>		-4%		-23%		-2%		-59% (vs. 2014)		-11%

Sources: Alaska Department of Fish and Game and McDowell Group estimates, compiled by ASMI Seafood Market Information Service.

## SUMMARY ANALYSIS

The 2016 summer salmon season produced over 112 million salmon, based on preliminary harvest records. Although this is a substantial number of fish, it is well below the expected total harvest. Pink salmon harvests fell 59 percent short of the preseason forecast, which prompted Governor Walker to ask for a "federal disaster declaration" in several pink salmon harvest areas. Sockeye posted second-largest harvest of the last 20 years, with last year being the largest harvest during that time. Large sockeye harvests were seen in Bristol Bay and the Alaska Peninsula, while Cook Inlet, Prince William Sound, Kodiak, and Chignik came up short of their forecast. Keta (i.e. chum) fell 11 percent short of the forecast, as Southeast harvests came up short. Chinook harvests fell 23 percent short of the forecast, run strength generally improved in Cook Inlet and AYK, but declined in much of Southeast and the Copper River region. Coho salmon fell 2 percent short of the forecast. All harvest volumes shown above are preliminary, but will not be revised until next spring.



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