

Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #9

Harvest Through Statistical Week 31

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook		
	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2017	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY
AYK	3	4	33%	20	88	340%	1,280	553	-57%	80	18	-78%	16	4	-75%
Kodiak	547	1,484	171%	7,982	10,011	25%	422	356	-16%	79	47	-41%	2	6	200%
Chignik	0	314	-	1,699	340	-80%	1	75	-	0	47	-	0	3	-
AK Pen. & Aleutian Is.	3,127	3,463	11%	7,994	11,674	46%	1,031	979	-5%	260	203	-22%	20	25	25%
Bristol Bay	41,731	43,115	3%	32	5	-84%	1,628	1,073	-34%	49	28	-43%	46	29	-37%
Cook Inlet	1,145	1,819	59%	671	317	-53%	150	146	-3%	184	119	-35%	3	2	-33%
Prince William Sound	1,279	2,482	94%	24,640	13,141	-47%	2,696	4,914	82%	16	4	-75%	7	17	143%
Southeast	307	279	-9%	15,397	4,113	-73%	5,508	2,021	-63%	506	330	-35%	116	100	-14%
Statewide	48,139	52,960	10%	58,435	39,689	-32%	12,716	10,117	-20%	1,174	796	-32%	210	186	-11%

2019 YTD through 8/03/19; 2018 YTD through 8/04/18. Data is subject to revision.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Summary

As of August 3rd, more than 100 million salmon have been harvested commercially in Alaska this season. While the statewide sockeye harvest has exceeded expectations, pink and keta harvests are starting to disappoint.

About 53 million sockeye have been harvested YTD, a pace 10 percent ahead of 2018. Production of less than a million fish per week is expected through the end of the season. Chignik is finally seeing landings with current volume equal to about a third of the ADF&G 2019 forecast.

Pink salmon harvest is a third lower than 2017 YTD. Based on historical data, Alaska is unlikely to produce the 25 million fish per week needed to reach the 138 million fish forecast by the end of the season. Pink production slowed statewide last week in most areas, with PWS and Southeast well behind the recent odd-year pace. If Kodiak can match 2017's production through the end of the season, that area is on track to meet its forecast of 27 million fish. PWS and Southeast are 47 and 73 percent behind the YTD 2017 harvest, respectively.

With about a month and a half left in the keta season, the harvest of 10 million fish is 20 percent behind YTD 2018. Harvesting activity will need to improve significantly to meet the forecast of 29 million keta. While PWS has already exceeded their forecast by 75 percent, nearly all other areas in Alaska are below expectations for the species. Southeast has harvested about two million keta, roughly 10 percent of their forecasted amount. The AYK harvest is 57 percent lower than last year's strong season and 43 percent below the five-year average.

Although coho volume is about half the five-year average at this point in the season, at least eight weeks of harvest remain. Harvest of 186,000 Chinook is about three-fourths of the 2019 forecast and 11 percent behind YTD 2018.

2019 Harvest v. Forecast

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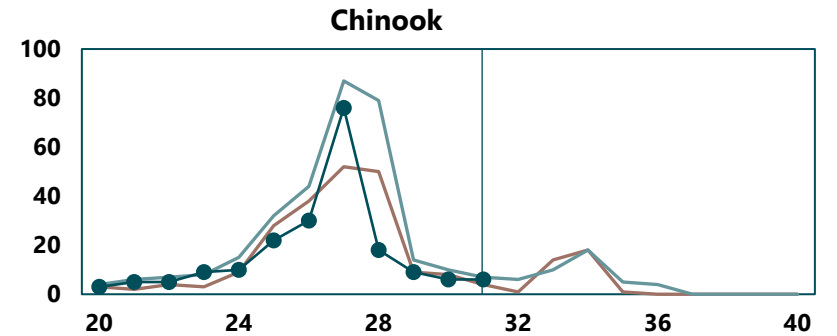
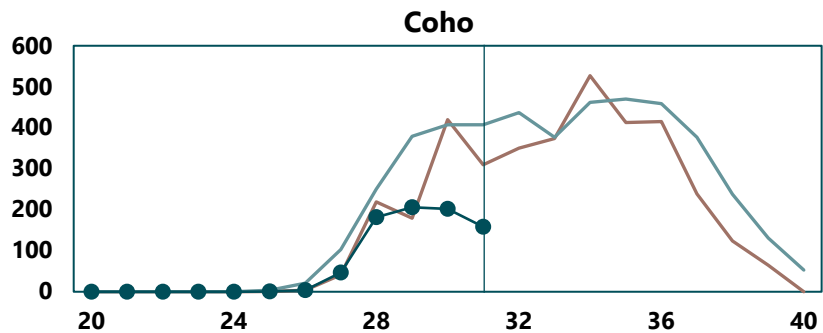
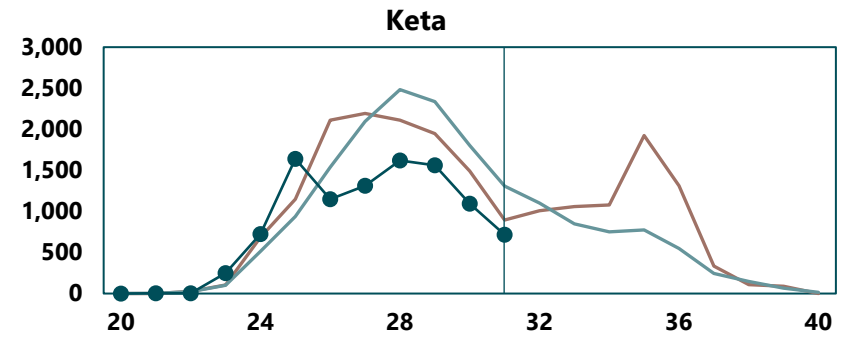
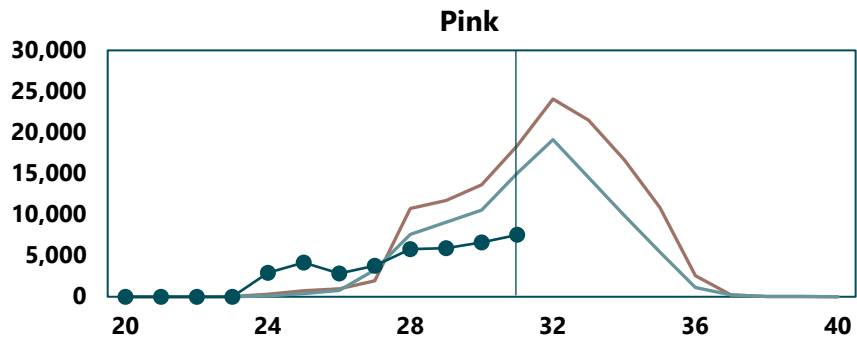
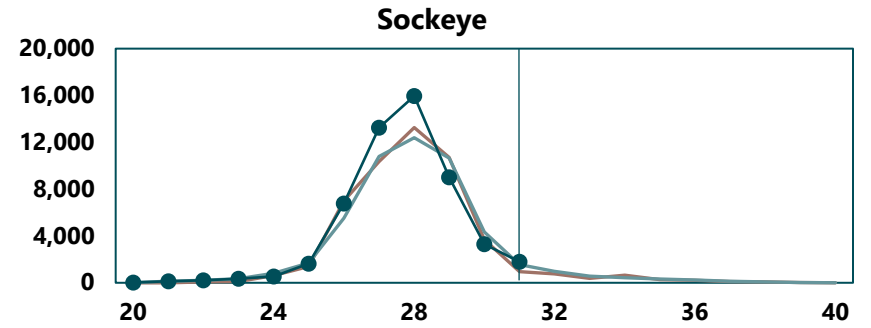
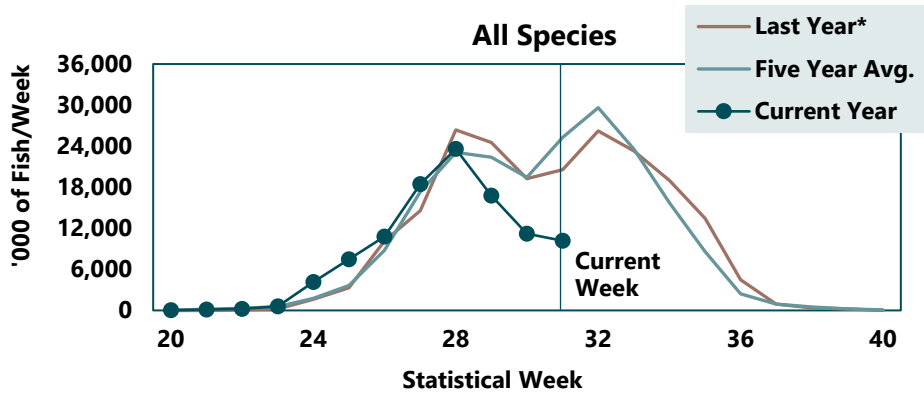
	Harvest	Forecast	% Realized
Sockeye	52,960	41,686	127%
Pink	39,689	137,830	29%
Keta	10,117	28,962	35%
Coho	796	4,628	17%
Chinook	186	250	74%
Total	103,748	213,356	49%

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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2019

(Thousands of Fish per Week)



*Last year uses 2017 pink salmon instead of 2018 (most recent odd-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