## Alaska Salmon Forecast & In-Season Harvest Update - 2018

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish) Catch As Of: 6/12/18

	Soc	Sockeye		Chinook		Coho		Pink		Keta	
Fishing Region	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2016	2018	2017	2018	
	Harvest	Forecast	Harvest	Forecast	Harvest	Forecast	Harvest	Forecast	Harvest	Forecast	
Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim	3	4	0	4	330	320	336	50	1,672	3,475	
YTD Catch		0		0		0		0		3	
Kodiak	2,477	2,611	7	13	366	400	3,200	8,700	1,891	1,017	
YTD Catch		21		0		0		0		3	
Chignik	895	834	4	9	227	114	141	702	609	208	
YTD Catch		0		0		0		0		0	
Alaska Peninsula & Aleutian Is.	7,078	5,069	14	20	355	333	2,883	1,505	2,030	1,023	
YTD Catch		96		1		0		14		52	
Bristol Bay	38,790	37,598	41	32	241	158	752	917	1,495	993	
YTD Catch		0		0		0		0		0	
Cook Inlet	2,143	2,354	9	8	319	207	482	2,057	442	278	
YTD Catch		108		0		0		0		0	
Prince William Sound	1,437	1,825	15	14	559	408	13,051	32,752	5,391	4,001	
YTD Catch		<i>75</i>		7		0		0		210	
Southeast Alaska	801	1,296	174	118	2,854	3,010	18,400	23,000	11,428	9,984	
YTD Catch		0		16		0		0		1	
Statewide	53,624	51,589	262	218	5,251	4,949	39,246	69,682	24,958	20,977	
YTD Catch		300		24		0		14		269	
Harvest Pace vs. Last Year (thru Stat Week #23)	-76%		-43%		N/A		N/A	(vs. 2016)	5) 119%		
Sources: Alaska Department of Fish and Game and McDowell Group estimates, compiled by ASMI Seafood Market Information Service.								Total YTD Harvest:		607	

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## **SUMMARY**

This is the first seasonal weekly Alaska salmon harvest update for 2018. Alaska is anticipating a strong salmon harvest in 2018 for all species but Chinook. Pink salmon harvest of a forecasted 69.7 million fish in 2018 is nearly double the extremely slow 2016 season. (Due to pink salmon's two-year lifecycle, even years are compared to even years.) Forecasted 2018 sockeye harvest of about 51.6 million fish is slightly lower than 2017's harvest, but higher than the historical average. The forecasted 2018 harvest of 21.0 million keta is lower than the record-breaking 2017 season, but historically strong. Anticipated coho harvest of 4.9 million fish in 2018 is comparable to 2017's harvest. Chinook harvest of 218,000 fish in 2018 are forecasted to be among the lowest on record, and weaker than the difficult 2017 season.



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Through the first weeks of the 2018 salmon season, the pace of sockeye harvest is lagging behind the YTD totals of 2017 while keta harvest is higher. Total sockeye harvest of 300,000 fish is 76 percent behind last year's pace; keta harvest of 269,000 fish represents double the pace. ADF&G is the primary source for this data, in addition to McDowell Group estimates. Suppliers of Alaska salmon can be found by clicking on the ASMI Suppliers Directory link, or visiting the Alaska Seafood Suppliers directory at http://suppliers.alaskaseafood.org/.



