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

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish) Catch As Of: 8/14/18

	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		3		0		135		76		1,372	
Kodiak	2,477	2,611	7	13	366	400	3,200	8,700	1,891	1,017	
YTD Catch		804		3		124		4,424		437	
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		3,300		20		275		779		1,059	
Bristol Bay	38,790	37,598	41	32	241	158	752	917	1,495	993	
YTD Catch		41,822		41		<i>87</i>		217		1,370	
Cook Inlet	2,143	2,354	9	8	319	207	482	2,057	442	278	
YTD Catch		1,081		3		195		744		174	
Prince William Sound	1,437	1,825	15	14	559	408	13,051	32,752	5,391	4,001	
YTD Catch		1,272		7		29		18,494		3,314	
Southeast Alaska	801	1,296	174	118	2,854	3,010	18,400	23,000	11,428	9,984	
YTD Catch		251		128		<i>554</i>		4,221		4,604	
Statewide	53,624	51,589	262	218	5,251	4,949	39,246	69,682	24,958	20,977	
YTD Catch (thru 8/14/18)		48,533		202		1,399		28,955		12,330	
Harvest Pace vs. Last Year (thru Stat Week #32)	-;	-7%		-14%		-46%		-2% (vs. 2016)		-40%	
Sources: Alaska Department of Fish and Game and McDowell Group estimates, compiled by ASMI Seafood Market Information Service.								Total YTD Harvest: 91		91,419	

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**SUMMARY** 

The YTD 2018 salmon harvest is 5 percent behind 2016 and 40 percent below the 5-year average. With about three weeks left of fishing, YTD statewide pink volume is roughly equal to 2016 (a year that resulted in economic disaster declarations) and more than 40 percent below the previous five even-year harvests. Pink harvests in PWS and Kodiak are about double the YTD 2016 volume, while Southeast is two-thirds lower. Due to the two-year life-cycle of pinks, odd-year harvests are usually much larger than even-years. For this reason, even-year pink harvests are best compared to other even-years. Keta harvest of 12 million fish so far in 2018 is about 20 percent lower than the 5-year average with about three weeks of fishing remaining. YTD coho production is comparable to 2017, but generally below expectations — however, the peak is several weeks away. Sockeye production continues to struggle in Cook Inlet, Southeast, and Chignik, among other areas. In a typical year, from this week forward, about a million additional sockeye are harvested through the end of the season. Harvest of about 200,000 Chinook is 14 percent lower than 2017. 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/.





