

Alaska Chinook Salmon Outlook & Summary

Market Commentary

In 2019, Alaska's commercial harvest of Chinook salmon (also known as king) is expected to rebound slightly from 2018. Harvest levels at historic lows have pushed values higher. Limited supply and strong demand are expected to maintain prices in 2019. Copper River landings through the first weeks of the season are tracking the five-year average.

Harvest Summary & 2019 Forecast, Thousands of Fish

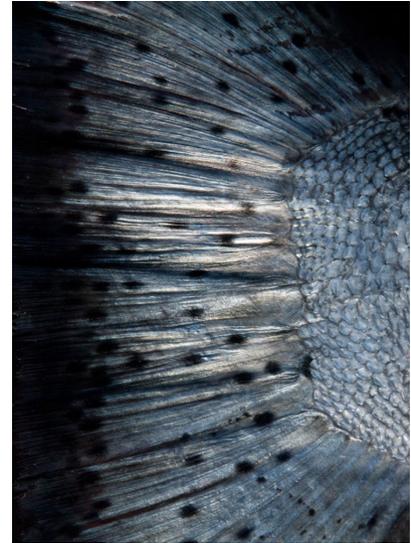
ALASKA REGION	2015	2016	2017	2018P	2019F
Southeast	354	311	174	160	138
PWS	23	13	15	8	28
Bristol Bay & Peninsula	98	47	54	65	59
Kodiak	7	7	7	4	7
Cook Inlet	23	11	9	3	8
Other	2	20	3	1	11
Alaska Total	507	409	262	241	250
Alaska Total (Millions lbs.)	5.95	4.88	3.19	2.86	3.02

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game; North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission; trade publications.

Historical Ex-Vessel Value & Price

YEAR	AVG. PRICE/LB.	VALUE (\$M)
2009	\$2.71	\$14
2010	\$3.47	\$19
2011	\$3.54	\$22
2012	\$3.96	\$18
2013	\$4.18	\$17
2014	\$4.25	\$25
2015	\$3.48	\$21
2016	\$4.87	\$24
2017	\$5.84	\$18
2018P	\$5.68	\$16

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game (click for link).



Chinook, Alaska's State Fish, are the Rarest and Most Valuable Alaska Salmon Species

	<u>Pink</u>	<u>Keta</u>	<u>Sockeye</u>	<u>Coho</u>	<u>King</u>
Price	\$0.35	\$0.64	\$1.28	\$1.15	\$4.72
Volume	410	143	259	32	4

Avg. annual 2013-2018 prices and harvest volume in million lbs.

Key Products & Markets Avg. 2014-17

Fresh Bled Whole Fish
(26% value)
U.S.

Frozen H&G (31% value)
U.S.

Fresh H&G (14% value)
U.S.

Historical First Wholesale Price/lb., by Trimester

PERIOD	FROZEN H&G	FRESH H&G	FROZEN FILLETS
T1 - 2016	\$3.30	\$12.18	\$6.16
T2 - 2016	\$3.69	\$8.44	\$8.54
T3 - 2016	\$4.53	\$10.63	\$12.76
T1 - 2017	\$4.89	\$13.08	\$10.33
T2 - 2017	\$7.19	\$9.82	\$14.50
T3 - 2017	\$6.06	\$8.49	-
T1 - 2018	\$5.34	\$15.12	\$14.76
T2 - 2018	\$9.30	\$10.88	\$17.64
T3 - 2018	\$4.97	\$13.29	\$16.10

Source: Alaska Department of Revenue (Alaska Salmon Price Report, click for link).

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