

# Alaska Sockeye Salmon Outlook & Summary

## Market Commentary

Sockeye salmon harvest in Alaska for 2019 is expected to return to the long-term average after four consecutive years of above average production due primarily to Bristol Bay. Wholesale prices rose to record-setting levels in 2018. While lower global supply should support ex-vessel prices, high values could soften demand. Strong early-season prices from the Copper River fishery are an encouraging indicator of demand.

## Harvest Summary & 2019 Forecast, Million Pounds

ALASKA REGION	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018P	2019F
AK Peninsula & Aleutians	19	33	34	41	19	15
Bristol Bay	162	193	201	208	216	134
Cook Inlet	16	15	15	12	6	17
Chignik	4	8	8	5	<1	12
Kodiak	17	15	11	13	9	6
PWS	20	17	10	8	6	12
Other	10	10	9	5	2	18
<b>Alaska Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>215</b>
<b>Alaska, Canada, &amp; Russia</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>330</b>

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



## Historical Ex-Vessel Price & Value

YEAR	AVG PRICE/LB.	VALUE (\$M)
2009	\$0.90	\$233
2010	\$1.09	\$264
2011	\$1.31	\$327
2012	\$1.30	\$277
2013	\$1.77	\$318
2014	\$1.53	\$379
2015	\$0.82	\$238
2016	\$1.06	\$306
2017	\$1.12	\$326
2018P	\$1.35	\$349

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



2013-2018 Average

## Sockeye are the Most Valuable of All Alaska Salmon Fisheries

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

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

## Key Products & Markets

Avg. 2014-17

Frozen (66% value)  
U.S. - Japan - Europe

Canned (16% value)  
U.K. - U.S. - Canada

Fresh (17% value)  
U.S. - Canada

## Historical First Wholesale Price/lb., by Trimester

PERIOD	FROZEN H&G	CANNED HALVES	FRESH H&G
T1 - 2016	\$2.41	\$3.03	-
T2 - 2016	\$2.82	\$3.11	\$3.70
T3 - 2016	\$3.07	\$3.39	\$3.87
T1 - 2017	\$3.37	\$3.46	-
T2 - 2017	\$3.46	\$3.57	\$4.87
T3 - 2017	\$3.63	\$3.87	-
T1 - 2018	\$3.58	\$3.88	-
T2 - 2018	\$4.04	\$3.86	\$5.34
T3 - 2018	\$4.03	\$5.02	-

Missing data withheld to preserve confidentiality.

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

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**Suppliers**

**Life History**

**Permit Values**



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