With last week’s harvest of 14 million fish, the 2019 commercial salmon harvest totals 193 million fish through August 31st. This harvest is about 10 percent behind the 2017 pace, or 20 million fewer fish.

About 150,000 sockeye were harvested last week, with a third coming from Chignik. Kodiak and AK Pen. & Aleutian Islands produced most of the remainder.

Roughly 120 million pinks have been harvested this year, with about half the total realized in the last three weeks. This improved trajectory has the current season at 87 percent of the 2019 ADF&G pink salmon forecast. Nearly 12 million pinks were harvested last week, the second-strongest volume for statistical week 35 in at least 12 years. PWS led production with about 5.1 million fish landed, followed closely by Kodiak with 4.6 million fish harvested.

Last week’s harvest of 1.5 million keta brings the YTD total to a little more than 15 million fish. Current harvest levels are 14 percent behind the 2018 pace and about half of the 2019 forecast. Southeast experienced its strongest weekly harvest of the year last week with production of roughly 1.2 million fish. However, the region is only at about a quarter of its anticipated harvest. While the season is tapering, modest volume is still expected from Southeast, PWS, and AYK, among other regions.

The 2019 YTD coho harvest of 2.6 million fish is 8 percent behind 2018. Southeast has contributed about one-in-three coho harvested in 2019. AK Pen. & Aleutian Islands account for 20 percent and PWS totals nearly 15 percent. Historical data indicate at least 100,000 fish are usually harvested over the next four weeks, including the current week. Total harvest of 241,000 chinooks brings the YTD volume close to 2018’s level.

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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2019

(Thousands of Fish per Week)

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