

Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #14

Harvest Through Statistical Week 36

(Figures Shown in Thousands of Fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook		
	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2017	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2019	YoY
AYK	3	5	67%	20	89	345%	1,960	1,133	-42%	361	191	-47%	16	4	-75%
Kodiak	1,613	2,044	27%	25,154	32,437	29%	464	512	10%	396	338	-15%	2	6	200%
Chignik	0	614	-	7,079	2,236	-68%	1	153	-	0	220	-	0	4	-
AK Pen. & Aleutian Is.	3,695	3,954	7%	21,831	20,456	-6%	1,147	1,358	18%	367	524	43%	20	27	35%
Bristol Bay	41,938	43,275	3%	33	5	-85%	1,635	1,104	-32%	163	75	-54%	46	31	-33%
Cook Inlet	1,188	1,952	64%	2,186	1,905	-13%	164	180	10%	247	171	-31%	3	2	-33%
Prince William Sound	1,312	2,548	94%	43,238	47,278	9%	2,850	5,331	87%	437	421	-4%	7	18	157%
Southeast	635	737	16%	34,580	19,540	-43%	10,877	6,258	-42%	1,282	950	-26%	150	147	-2%
Statewide	50,384	55,129	9%	134,121	123,946	-8%	19,098	16,029	-16%	3,253	2,890	-11%	244	239	-2%

2019 YTD through 9/07/19; 2018 YTD through 9/08/18. Data is subject to revision.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

The 2019 Alaska commercial salmon harvest is winding down. The YTD harvest totals 198 million fish, which is about 8 percent (18 million fish) lower than in 2017. Still, the 2019 season is on track to be the 8th largest harvest since 1975, measured by number of fish.

Production of more than 55 million sockeye in 2019 represents the largest harvest since 1995 and the fourth strongest season since 1975. About 130,000 sockeye were harvested last week, primarily in Kodiak.

Nearly 124 million pink salmon have been harvested YTD, 8 percent behind 2017's pace. Productive fishing in recent weeks has closed the gap between 2019 and 2017: four weeks ago, the deficit was 20 percent. About 3.5 million pinks were added to the total last week, the second strongest harvest for statistical week 36 in at least 12 years. Kodiak was the source of 2.9 million of these fish; the 2019 season may be the area's second-largest pink harvest since 1975.

The YTD keta harvest of 16 million fish is 16 percent behind 2018 and 7 percent lower than the five-year average. Although Southeast is well below last year's harvest (and its 2019 forecast), the area has produced 39 percent of the Alaska total — the most of any region. PWS has harvested nearly double their forecasted volume and contributed 33 percent to this year's production. Historical data indicate about 500,000 fish are typically harvested through the end of the season over the next three weeks.

Although the data may be revised upward, preliminary numbers show coho production slowing last week to about 250,000 fish; the five-year average for the week is nearly 500,000. The YTD total of about 2.9 million fish is 11 percent lower than in 2018 and 23 percent behind the five-year average. Chinook production of nearly 240,000 fish is nearly equal to the 2018 harvest. Chinook production through the remainder of the season is expected to be minimal, based on historical data.

2019 Harvest v. Forecast

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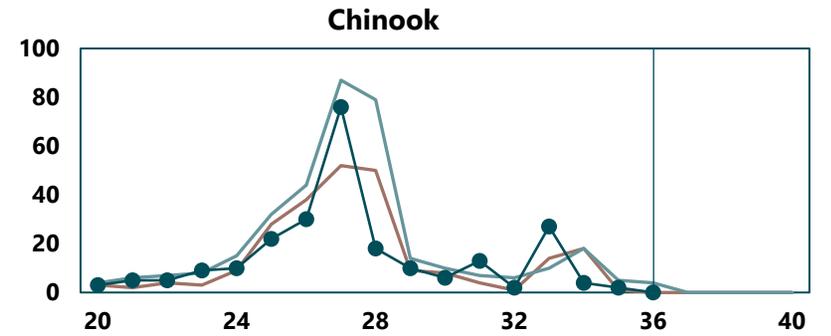
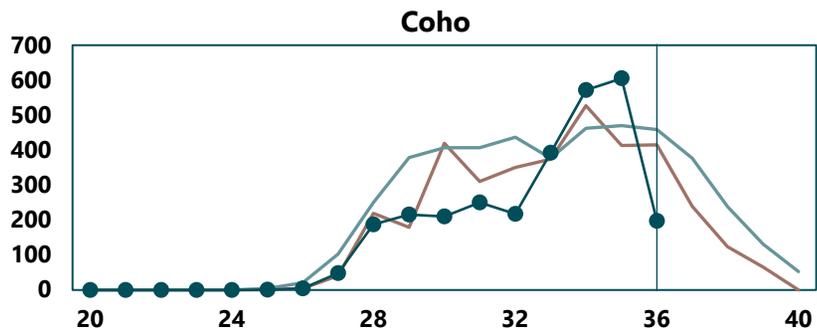
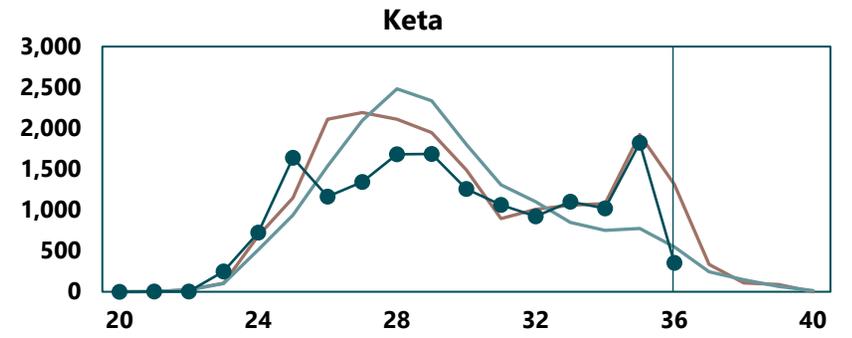
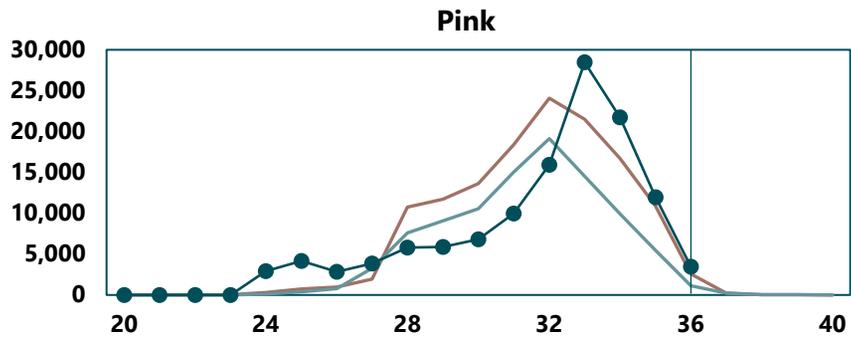
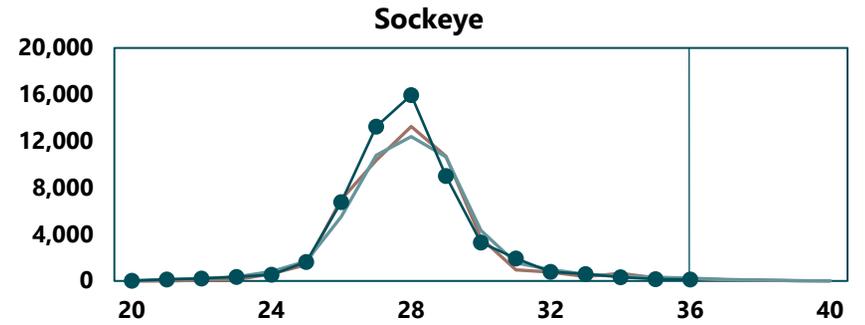
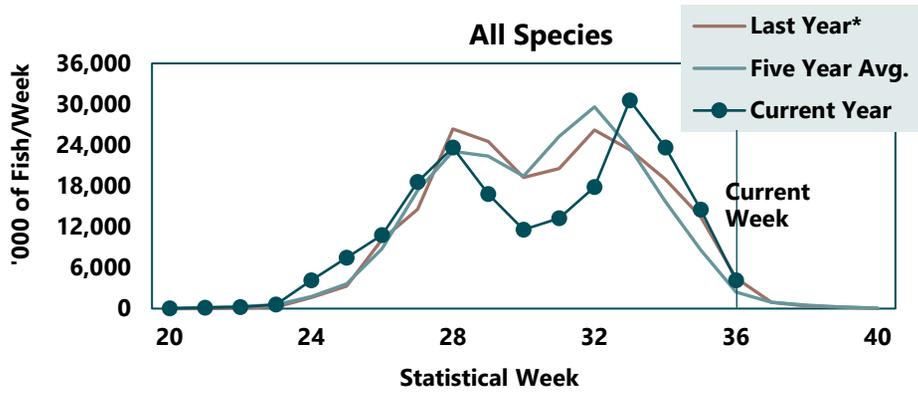
	Harvest	Forecast	% Realized
Sockeye	55,129	41,686	132%
Pink	123,946	137,830	90%
Keta	16,029	28,962	55%
Coho	2,890	4,628	62%
Chinook	239	250	96%
Total	198,233	213,356	93%

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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2019

(Thousands of Fish per Week)



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

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Statistical Week	18-22	23-26	27-31	32-35	36-40
Approximate Mth.	May	June	July	August	September