The 2019 commercial salmon harvest totals about 200 million fish through September 14th. Until last week, the state produced at least a million salmon for 13 consecutive weeks. Historically, an average of 800,000 additional salmon typically are harvested between now and the end of the season, in about three weeks.

YTD sockeye harvest has reached slightly more than 55 million, with minimal additional production expected. Just under 50,000 sockeye were added last week, mostly in Kodiak.

The YTD pink salmon harvest of about 124 million fish is 10 million (about 7 percent) lower than in 2017. That’s 45 percent lower than 2013 levels and 34 percent behind 2015. Roughly 400,000 pinks were harvested last week, nearly all in Kodiak.

Keta volume so far is approaching 17 million fish, about 2.5 million (13 percent) lower than in 2018. Although the current harvest is just 58 percent of the ADF&G forecast, the 2019 season remains comparable to the five-year average. Southeast produced most of the 280,000 keta harvested last week.

The addition of 130,000 coho last week brought the YTD total to about 3.2 million fish, 8 percent behind the 2018 pace. Coho account for at least half of total production during the final weeks of most Alaska salmon seasons. Historical data suggest most of the remaining coho harvest will come from Southeast. Although revisions are expected, preliminary data indicate Alaska’s 2019 Chinook harvest met or slightly exceeded last year’s volume.

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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.