

2020 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #6

Harvest Through Statistical Week 29 (7/18/2020)

(Thousand Fish)

	Sockeye			Pink			Keta			Coho			Chinook		
	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2018	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY	YTD 2019	YTD 2020	YoY
AYK	0	0	-	73	11	-85%	357	40	-89%	0	0	-	0	1	-
Kodiak	677	396	-42%	149	554	272%	171	235	37%	22	29	32%	2	3	50%
Chignik	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
AK Pen. & Aleutian Is.	1,881	1,564	-17%	476	1,789	276%	765	548	-28%	136	9	-93%	17	10	-41%
Bristol Bay	40,937	34,301	-16%	0	0	-	865	287	-67%	0	0	-	15	9	-40%
Cook Inlet	897	493	-45%	515	55	-89%	33	16	-52%	42	7	-83%	0	1	-
Prince William Sound	1,946	885	-55%	6,493	5,817	-10%	2,963	1,665	-44%	0	0	-	16	4	-75%
Southeast	92	30	-67%	435	477	10%	1,727	592	-66%	219	78	-64%	93	102	10%
Statewide	48,032	37,669	-22%	8,743	8,705	-0.4%	9,873	3,383	-66%	508	123	-76%	199	132	-34%

Note: Data is subject to revision and excludes some volume to maintain confidentiality (particularly for Kodiak and AK Pen. & Aleutian Islands.) Chinook harvest excludes winter fishery. Regional totals may not sum to statewide total.

Source: Alaska Department of Fish & Game.

Last week's harvest pushed the total statewide catch past 50 million salmon, weighing in at an estimated 240 million pounds. While two weeks of strong fishing in Bristol Bay have lifted statewide totals, other areas of the state remain below expectation.

Harvest of about 11.6 million sockeye last week brings the yearly total for the species to just under 38 million fish. Bristol Bay has contributed around 90% of the total, with the region exceeding the 2020 ADF&G projection of 34.5 million fish. Other sockeye fisheries are behind the typical pace, with Kodiak and Ak Pen. & Aleutian Islands faring better than PWS, Cook Inlet, and Southeast.

The pink salmon harvest pace is similar to 2018 and slightly below the 10-year average (for even numbered years.) The peak of the statewide pink harvest is typically the last week of July or first week of August. According to the ADF&G harvest projection, PWS will contribute most pink production this year followed by Southeast and Kodiak. The Ak Pen. & Aleutian Islands region has exceeded its modest 2020 projection for the species.

Keta harvest continues to disappoint. Landings of about 3.4 million fish is about 54% lower than 2019 and 68% behind the 5-year average. Among all regions, Kodiak and Ak Pen. & Aleutian Islands are faring the best—and current figures exclude a full week of fishing for both regions due to confidentiality requirements. AYK and Southeast are 89% and 66% behind 2019, respectively.

Coho production is also behind 2019 and the 5-year average. Statewide Chinook landings are about a third lower than the 2019 pace, though Southeast production is relatively strong.

2020 Harvest v. Projection

(Thousand Fish)

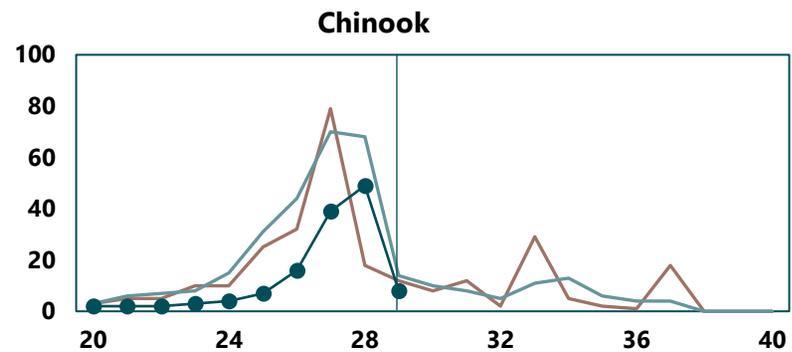
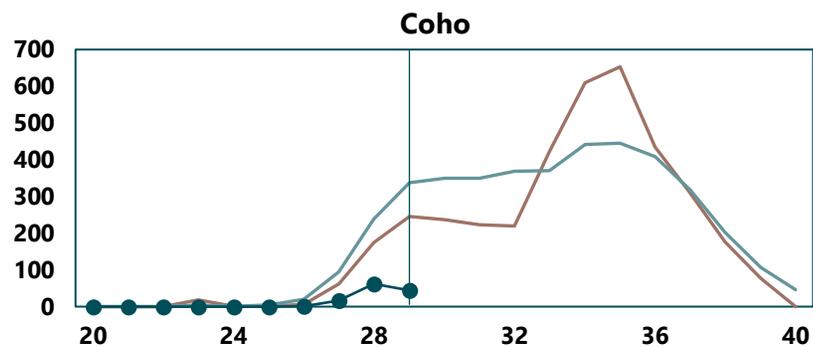
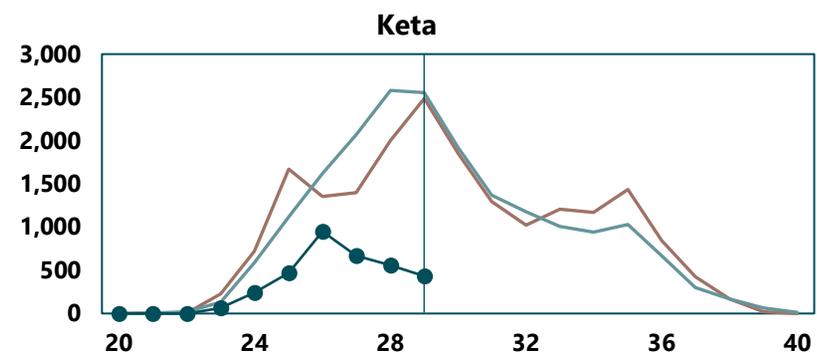
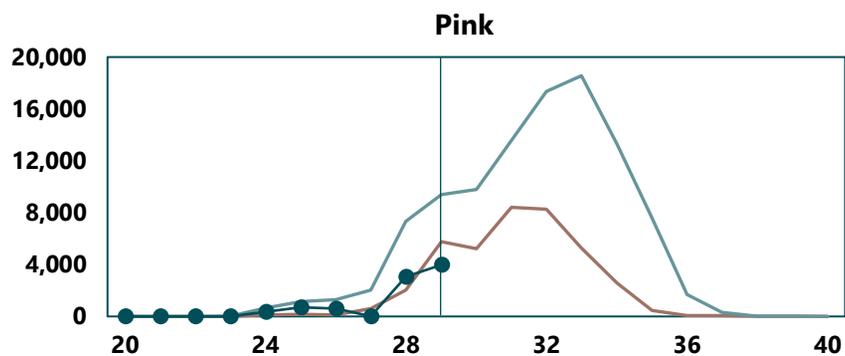
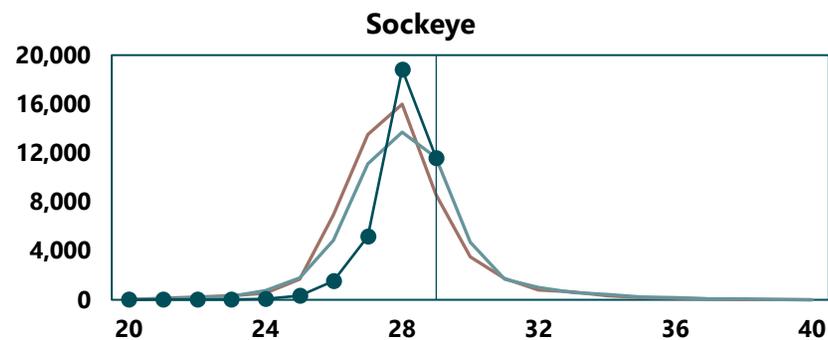
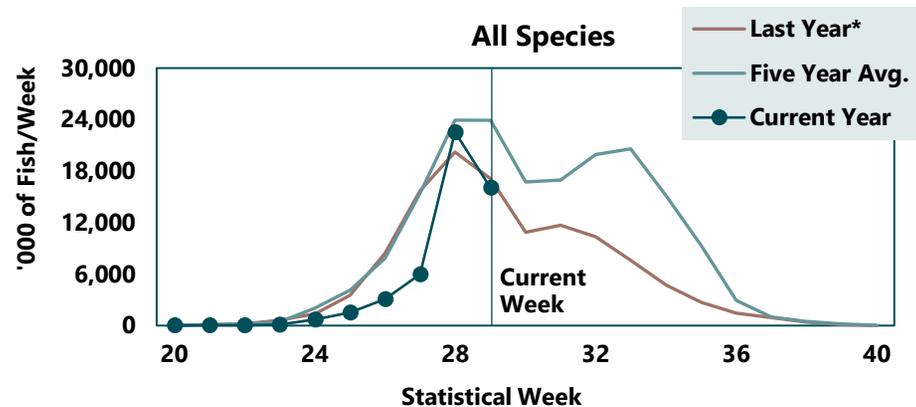
	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	37,669	48,100	78%
Pink	8,705	60,600	14%
Keta	3,383	19,400	17%
Coho	123	4,200	3%
Chinook	132	320	41%
Total	50,012	132,620	38%

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Salmon Harvest by Statistical Week, 2020

(Thousands of Fish per Week)



*Last year uses 2018 pink salmon instead of 2019 (most recent even-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