

2020 Weekly Alaska Salmon Harvest Update #7

Harvest Through Statistical Week 30 (7/30/2020)

(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	12	-84%	392	63	-84%	0	0	-	0	1	-
Kodiak	1,132	529	-53%	458	1,565	242%	262	276	5%	32	46	44%	3	4	33%
Chignik	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-	0	0	-
AK Pen. & Aleutian Is.	2,442	2,025	-17%	650	2,140	229%	866	595	-31%	173	26	-85%	18	18	0%
Bristol Bay	42,355	37,948	-10%	19	1	-95%	892	256	-71%	21	2	-90%	15	5	-67%
Cook Inlet	1,353	665	-51%	729	527	-28%	67	29	-57%	70	24	-66%	0	1	-
Prince William Sound	1,980	909	-54%	10,020	8,331	-17%	3,005	1,905	-37%	1	1	0%	16	4	-75%
Southeast	177	64	-64%	1,374	1,058	-23%	2,548	904	-65%	329	119	-64%	94	107	14%
Statewide	51,548	41,795	-19%	13,982	13,253	-5.2%	11,729	3,999	-66%	744	218	-71%	207	146	-29%

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.

The focus of Alaska's salmon harvest is shifting from sockeye to pink as Bristol Bay winds down. Although the season has improved significantly over the past four weeks, many areas of the state are behind historical averages.

The 2020 sockeye harvest is nearly complete. While Kodiak, Southeast and other areas will see sockeye landings through September, less than 10% of the annual sockeye catch is typically harvested after statistical week 30. Preliminary data from ADF&G indicate the average weight of 2020 Bristol Bay sockeye are slightly more than 5.0 pounds, extending a trend of declining average weight for the species. Nearly 42 million sockeye have been harvested statewide, a pace 19% behind last year's record production but on par with the 10-year average.

This week and next are typically the peak of the pink harvest. Measured by number of fish, the current pace is comparable to 2018, but generally behind the longer-term even-year average. Harvest has been relatively strong in Kodiak and the AK Peninsula. & Aleutian Islands region but lagging in Southeast. PWS is behind 2018 and its historical average.

Just four million keta have been landed in 2020, the lowest for this point in the season in at least 12 years (and likely more). Only Kodiak is ahead of 2019, with all other areas behind. Southeast and the AYK region are particularly slow, with both far behind historical levels.

Coho landings are also trending below typical levels with YTD harvest of 218,000 fish. In most years, at least one million coho have been harvested by week 30. Chinook landings are behind the 2019 pace, though harvest in Southeast is ahead of last year.

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2020 Harvest v. Projection

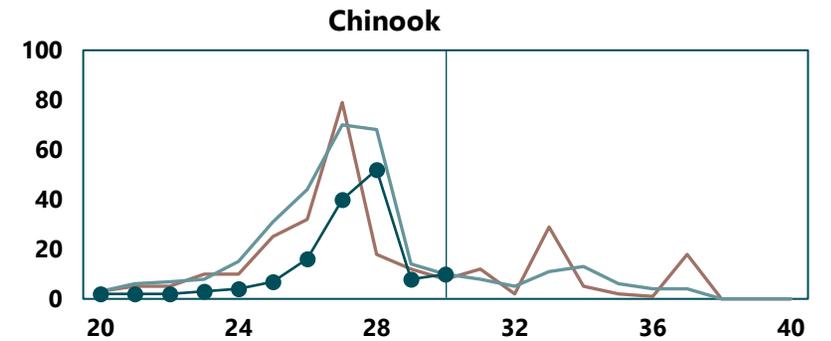
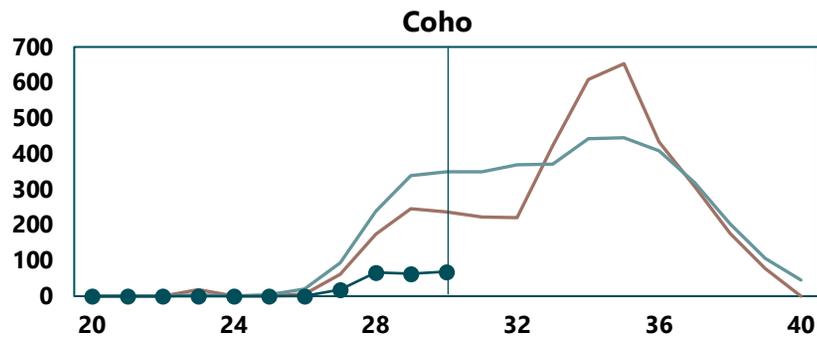
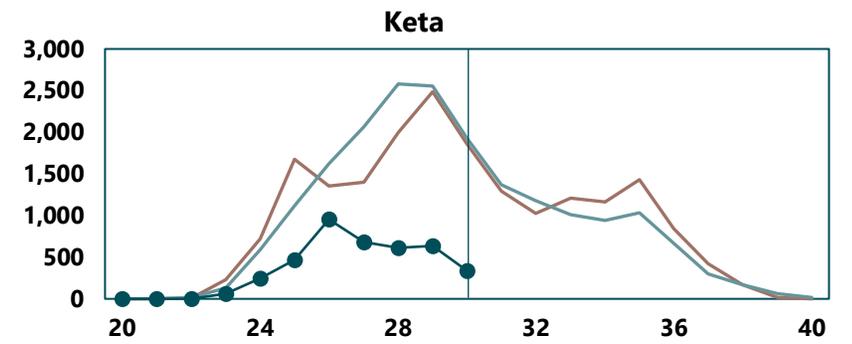
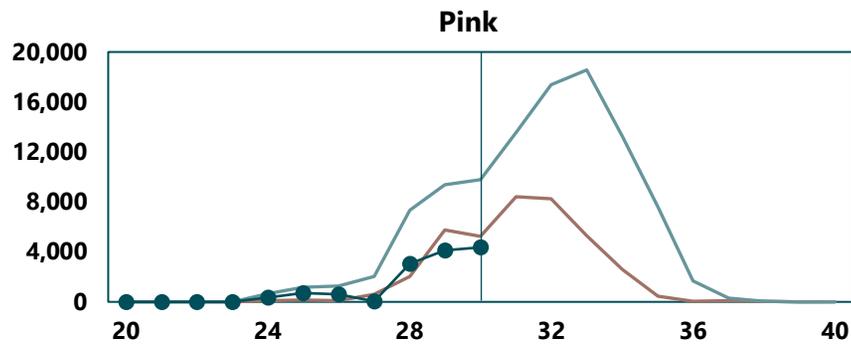
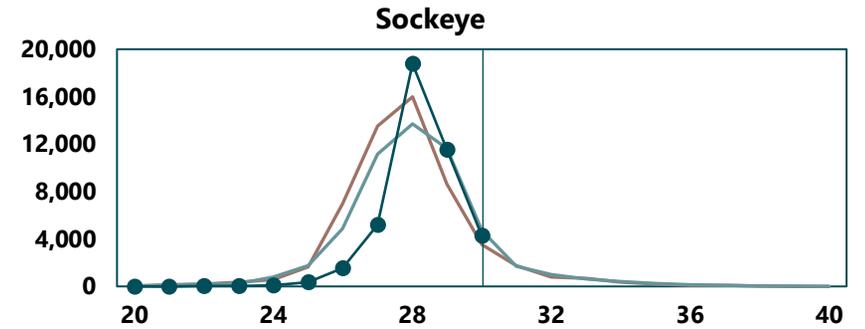
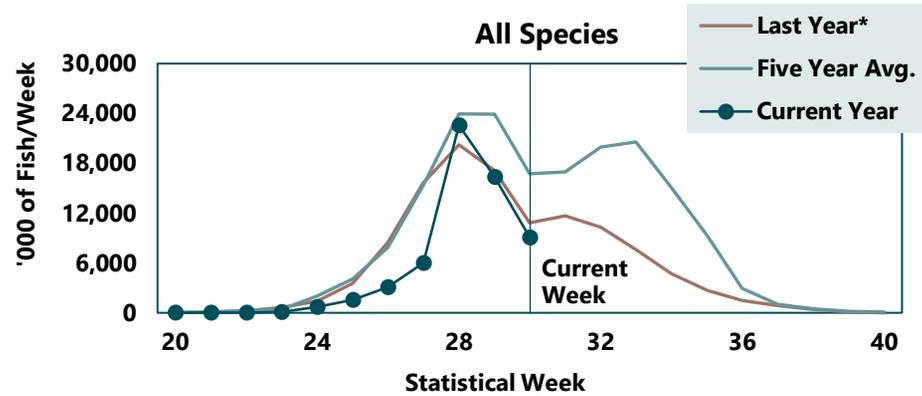
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	Harvest	Projection	% Realized
Sockeye	41,795	48,100	87%
Pink	13,253	60,600	22%
Keta	3,999	19,400	21%
Coho	218	4,200	5%
Chinook	146	320	46%
Total	59,411	132,620	45%



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