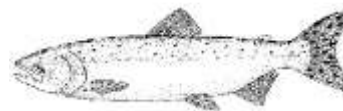

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2018 SOUTHEAST ALASKA PINK SALMON HARVEST FORECAST

The Southeast Alaska pink salmon harvest in 2018 is predicted to be in the *average* range, with a point estimate of 23 million fish (80% confidence interval: 3–44 million fish). An actual harvest of 23 million pink salmon would be below the recent 10-year average harvest of 38 million pink salmon, but near the average even-year harvest since 1960 (25 million). The 2018 pink salmon harvest forecast was based on the average of 5 recent even-year harvests (2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, and 2016). A brief discussion and description of the forecast methods can be found at:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/southeast/2018_se_pink_salmon_harvest_forecast.pdf

Department staff will be available to discuss this forecast and plan for the 2018 season at the SE Alaska Purse Seine Task Force Meeting scheduled for November 28, 2017, in Ketchikan. In addition, staff from the NOAA Auke Bay Laboratories plan to attend this meeting and present their 2018 pink salmon harvest forecast for Southeast Alaska.

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