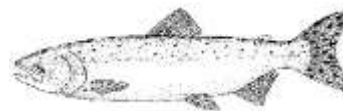

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2014 SOUTHEAST ALASKA PINK SALMON HARVEST FORECAST

The Southeast Alaska pink salmon harvest in 2014 is predicted to be in the *average* range, with a point estimate of 22 million fish (80% confidence interval: 8–36 million fish). An actual harvest of 22 million pink salmon would be well below the recent 10-year average of 41 million pink salmon, but is close to the average harvest over the past five even years. The 2014 forecast was produced in two steps: 1) a forecast of the trend in harvest, and 2) the forecast trend adjusted using 2013 juvenile pink salmon abundance data provided by the NOAA Fisheries, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Auke Bay Laboratories. A brief discussion and description of the forecast methods can be found at:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#/forecasts>

Department staff will be available to discuss this forecast and plan for the 2014 season at the SE Alaska Purse Seine Task Force Meeting scheduled for December 3, 2013, in Ketchikan. In addition, staff from the NOAA Auke Bay Laboratories plan to attend this meeting and present their 2014 pink salmon harvest forecast for Southeast Alaska.

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