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2012 SOUTHEAST ALASKA PINK SALMON HARVEST FORECAST

The Southeast Alaska pink salmon harvest in 2012 is predicted to be weak, with a point estimate of 17 million fish (80% confidence interval: 10–29 million fish). An actual harvest of 17 million pink salmon would be well below the recent 10-year average of 40 million pink salmon. The 2012 forecast is an average of two forecasts: 1) a forecast of the trend in the harvest, and 2) the forecast trend adjusted using 2011 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/static/fishing/PDFs/commercial/2012_se_pink_salmon_harvest_forecast.pdf

Department staff will be available to discuss this forecast and plan for the 2012 season at the SE Alaska Purse Seine Task Force Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2011, in Sitka. In addition, staff from the NOAA Auke Bay Laboratories plan to attend this meeting and present their 2012 pink salmon harvest forecast for Southeast Alaska.

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