



## Advisory Announcement

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## 2026 SOUTHEAST ALASKA CHINOOK SALMON RUN FORECASTS

The 2026 Chinook salmon run forecasts for the Situk, Chilkat, Taku, Stikine, and Unuk Rivers stocks have been completed. These forecasts are germane to “large” fish that are at least 28” in total length and are based on recent brood year age at return and run data along with performance-based hindcasts.

Chinook salmon forecast for:

- Situk River total run is **900** large fish, **within** the escapement goal range of 500 to 1,000 fish.
- Chilkat River total run is **2,650** large fish, **within** the escapement goal range of 1,750 to 3,500 fish.
- Taku River terminal run is **34,000** large fish, **within** the escapement goal range of 19,000 to 36,000 fish.
- Stikine River terminal run is **16,700** large fish, **within** the escapement goal range of 14,000 to 28,000 fish.
- Unuk River total run is **1,800** large fish, **at the lower bound** of the escapement goal range of 1,800 to 3,800 fish.

The department monitors and has escapement goals for 11 Chinook salmon stocks in Southeast Alaska. In 2025, 7 of these 11 stocks achieved their escapement goals. The Taku, King Salmon, Stikine, and Andrew Creek stocks have been retained in Stock of Management Concern (SOC) status by the Alaska Board of Fisheries. Board approved action plans are located on the ADF&G website at: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon#management>

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