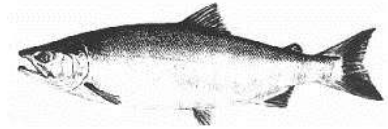


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**2014 PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND AND COPPER RIVER SALMON  
FORECAST SUMMARY**

This news release provides a summary of the 2014 salmon forecasts for the Prince William Sound area. A more complete forecast document providing details on methods, history, data sources, and sources of uncertainty in the forecasts and can be found on the Department of Fish and Game website at the following link: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareapws.salmon#/forecasts>

Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation 2014 projections may be viewed at the following link: <http://pwsac.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2014-PWSAC-Forecast.pdf>

Formal forecasts were calculated for stocks including Copper River Chinook and Sockeye salmon; PWS pink salmon, PWS chum salmon; Coghill and Eshamy lakes sockeye salmon (Table 1). Hatchery forecasts are calculated by Prince William Sound Aquaculture Corporation (PWSAC) and Valdez Fisheries Development Association (VFDA).

Table 1. Total run estimates for the 2014 Prince William Sound area stocks from formal forecasts (thousands of fish).

Area/Production Type	Species	Forecast Estimate	Range	Rank last 20 years (1 = largest run)
<b>Copper River</b>				
<i>Natural Production</i>	Chinook Salmon	62	41–91	14 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Natural Production</i>	Sockeye Salmon	2,100	1,270–2,930	9 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Gulkana Hatchery Production</i>		470	280–650	7 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Total Production</i>		2,560	1,550–3,580	8 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Prince William Sound</b>				
<i>Natural Production</i>	Sockeye Salmon			
Coghill Lake		168	92–363	7 <sup>th</sup>
Eshamy Lake		53	29–77	6 <sup>th</sup>
<i>Total Natural Production</i>		221	140–420	
<i>Natural Production</i>	Pink Salmon	4,300	580–19,000	11 <sup>th</sup> (20 even years)
<i>Natural Production</i>	Chum Salmon	445	190–722	9 <sup>th</sup>

In addition to formal forecasts of total runs, commercial common property (CCP) projections are estimated for most natural stocks and Gulkana Hatchery production (Table 2). Harvest projections for all other hatchery stocks are not available at this time.

Table 2. Commercial common property harvest projections for the 2014 Prince William Sound area by production type, and species (thousands of fish).

Fishing Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
<b>Bering River</b>						
<i>Natural Production</i> <sup>a</sup>	0	15	48	1	0	65
<b>Copper River</b>						
<i>Natural Production</i> <sup>b</sup>	22	1,340	229	29	11	1,631
<i>Hatchery Production</i> <sup>b,c</sup>	0	270	0	0	0	270
<i>Total Production</i>	22	1,600	229	29	11	1,901
<b>Prince William Sound</b>						
<i>Natural Production</i> <sup>d</sup>	0	170	2	3,140	245	3,557
<i>Hatchery Production</i>	0	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Total Production</i>	0	*	*	*	*	*
<b>Area Totals</b>						
<i>Natural Production</i>	22	1,525	279	3,170	256	5,252
<i>Hatchery Production</i>	0	*	*	*	*	*

<sup>a</sup> No formal forecasts are created for these stocks. CCP harvest projections shown are recent 10-year averages.

<sup>b</sup> Harvest estimates for these stocks are from formal forecast models documented in the complete forecast document.

<sup>c</sup> Forecasts completed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

<sup>d</sup> Formal forecasts were completed for Coghill and Eshamy lakes sockeye salmon; and pink and chum salmon from all districts combined. Chinook and coho salmon projections are 10-year average CCP harvests.

\* Total run forecasts are completed by PWSAC and VFDA; however, no commercial harvest projections are available.