The Future of Alaska’s Salmon Returns

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Current Status

Alaska Salmon Catch, All Species

- H. Other
- H. Chum
- H. Pink
- Wild

Year

Total Catch (millions)
Bristol Bay sockeye salmon

Plot showing millions of fish caught and present value in millions of dollars from 1955 to 2000.
SE Alaska pink salmon

[Diagram showing millions of fish caught from 1955 to 2000 with corresponding catch value in millions of dollars.]
There are plenty of fish

Economic issues are paramount

- but –

Effective economic solutions depend on how many fish we’ll see

markets

fishing methods and quality

processing infrastructure
How many salmon were there?
    (Irene Gregory-Eaves)
How does the environment affect salmon?
    (Nate Mantua)
How well can we predict salmon abundance?
    (Randall Peterman)
How does all this affect the salmon industry?
    (Gunnar Knapp)
How we can screw it all up!
    (Robin Waples)