Chinook salmon

**IDENTIFICATION**

**SCIENTIFIC NAME**
Oncorhynchus tshawytscha

**SPECIES NAMES**
Chinook salmon, King Salmon

**COMMON NAMES**
Chinook salmon, king salmon

**STOCK IDENTIFICATION**

**RELATED LINKS:**
- Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
- Annette Islands Reserve salmon: MSC Recertified
- Fishery Profile: [https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/2190](https://www.fishsource.org/fishery_page/2190)

**ASSESSMENT**

**Strengths**
1. Alaska is displaying responsiveness to emerging stock status issues through the regulatory listing of some stocks, declaration of a State of Disaster in some management regions in 2002, and development of a statewide research plan to address knowledge gaps with the species. 2. The 2009 edition of the Pacific Salmon Treaty (PST) stipulated an overall reduction in exploitation rate of the Southwest troll fishery by 35% for 2009-2018 to protect weak stocks. 3. Monitoring of harvest and stock composition in the troll fishery is fairly robust.

**Weaknesses**
1. Many stocks in the Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim and Cook Inlet regions are exhibiting depressed returns. 2. Mean length at age measures are exhibiting declines among Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim stocks. 3. High cumulative overage (harvest vs. post-season allowable catch) is noted in the Southeast Alaska troll fishery in 1999-2011. Overages in one year are not corrected for in the next year. 4. The release of adipose fin-clipped hatchery fish without Coded Wire Tags by Pacific Northwest hatcheries is a potential threat to the integrity of the Coded Wire Tagging stock composition monitoring program, long used to estimate hatchery and wild contributions to catch. 5. High incidental mortality in the Southeast Alaska troll fishery, amounting to approximately 14% of the legal harvest.

**SCORES**

**Management Quality:**

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**MSC**

- Annette Islands Reserve salmon
- MSC Recertified

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**RETAILERS & SUPPLY CHAIN**

- Monitor the progress in closing out conditions placed upon the MSC certification of the fishery and if agreed timelines are met, offer assistance in closing conditions where possible.