

CHAPTER IV - FRASER RIVER AND PUGET SOUND PINK SALMON ASSESSMENTS

Two major runs comprise the pink salmon population available to Council fisheries during odd-numbered years: the Fraser River (British Columbia) run, which is more abundant, and the Puget Sound run. The 2009 run size forecast for Fraser pinks is 17.54 million fish, below the forecast of 19.6 million in 2007. The 2009 Puget Sound pink salmon run size forecast is 5.47 million; with 5.14 million natural and 3,300 hatchery fish.

Table IV-1 provides a summary of recent run sizes and 2009 forecasts.

TABLE IV-1. Estimated annual run sizes (odd-numbered years 1977-2007) and preliminary forecast (2009) for Fraser River and Puget Sound pink salmon in millions of fish.

Year	Puget Sound	Fraser River ^{a/}
1977	0.88	8.21
1979	1.32	14.40
1981	0.50	18.69
1983	1.01	15.35
1985	1.76	19.10
1987	1.57	7.17
1989	1.93	16.63
1991	1.09	22.18
1993	1.06	16.98
1995	2.11	12.90
1997	0.44	8.18
1999	0.95	3.59
2001	3.50	21.17
2003	2.30	26.00
2005	1.23	10.00
2007	3.34	11.00
2009 ^{b/}	5.47	17.54

a/ Total run size.

b/ Preliminary forecast.

