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PRELIMINARY 1995 COMMERCIAL SALMON
HARVEST STATISTICS FOR ALASKA

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The Alaska Department of Fish and Game annually provides salmon forecasts with estimates of the commercial salmon harvest from the previous year (Frenette 1996). Annual sport fish harvest estimates, based on mail surveys, are available annually from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. The most recent of these is Mills (1995), and it covers the 1994 season. Estimates for the 1995 sport fishery are expected to be available later in 1996. Catch estimates for the subsistence fisheries in 1995 are not yet available.

The current 1995 all-species catch estimate for the commercial salmon fishery is 218 million fish (Table 1). Nearly 985 million pounds of Alaskan salmon entered fish markets in 1995 (Table 2), with an estimated exvessel value of \$461 million. The exvessel value is down from the estimated \$480 million for the 1994 season. Tables 3 through 6 provide detailed estimates of commercial harvests for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's four fishery management regions (Figure 1). Figures 2 through 6 provide historical catch estimates from 1970 to 1995 for the five salmon species harvested commercially in Alaska.

The 1995 all-species Alaska salmon catch set yet another new record. The previous record, set in 1994, was 196 million salmon. With very few exceptions, Alaska's salmon runs are healthy; most spawning stock sizes are very near levels the Alaska Department of Fish and Game considers ideal.

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Table 1. Preliminary 1995 Alaska commercial salmon harvests by fishing area and species, in thousands of fish.

Fishing Area	Species					Total
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
Southeast Region Total	209	1,780	3,310	47,900	10,900	64,100
Prince William Sound	68	1,520	965	16,100	758	19,400
Upper Cook Inlet	17	2,900	400	131	518	3,970
Lower Cook Inlet	2	264	16	2,850	20	3,150
Bristol Bay	100	44,400	45	0	949	45,500
Central Region Total	187	49,100	1,430	19,100	2,250	72,100
Kodiak Area	19	4,500	308	42,800	1,500	49,100
Chignik	5	1,700	280	2,000	380	4,400
South Peninsula	17	3,000	261	16,300	1,720	21,300
North Peninsula	8	3,270	135	12	99	3,520
Aleutian Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westward Region Total	49	12,500	988	61,100	3,700	78,300
AYK Region Total ^a	205	198	651	82	2,140	3,280
TOTAL ALASKA	650	63,600	6,380	128,000	19,000	218,000

^a The Upper Yukon River catch includes the estimated harvest to produce roe sold.

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Table 2. Preliminary 1995 Alaska commercial salmon harvests by fishing area and species, in thousands of pounds.

Fishing Area	Species					Total
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
Southeast Region Total	3,460	10,300	25,100	152,000	89,000	280,000
Prince William Sound	1,690	8,700	8,100	58,800	6,060	83,000
Upper Cook Inlet	538	17,100	2,580	410	3,630	24,300
Lower Cook Inlet	63	1,560	103	8,840	140	10,700
Bristol Bay	1,960	244,000	300	0	6,200	252,000
Central Region Total	4,250	271,000	11,100	68,100	16,000	370,000
Kodiak Area	353	24,400	2,100	146,000	11,200	184,000
Chignik	91	11,700	2,000	7,200	2,940	23,900
South Peninsula	217	16,100	1,620	57,400	12,000	87,300
North Peninsula	102	17,500	836	42	710	19,200
Aleutian Islands	0	0	0	0	0	0
Westward Region Total	763	69,700	6,560	211,000	26,900	310,000
AYK Region Total	3,600	1,370	4,580	254	15,300	25,100
TOTAL ALASKA	12,100	352,000	47,300	431,000	147,000	985,000

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Table 3. Preliminary 1995 Southeast Alaska commercial salmon harvests by fishing area and species, in thousands of fish.

Fishing Area	Species					Total
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
Tree Point Drift Gillnet	1	164	54	790	634	1,640
Prince of Wales Gillnet	1	207	171	448	300	1,130
Stikine River Gillnet	2	77	18	38	54	189
Southern Districts Seine	0	837	393	38,000	1,970	41,200
Annette Island Fisheries	0	55	51	1,930	133	2,170
Southern Southeast Total	4	1,340	687	41,210	3,090	46,300
Taku-Snettisham Gillnet	5	103	84	41	350	583
Lynn Canal Gillnet	1	80	79	5	366	531
Yakutat Set Net	9	154	298	54	3	518
Northern Districts Seine	0	57	192	4,788	580	5,620
Northern Southeast Total	15	390	653	4,890	1,300	7,250
Southeast Troll ^a	135	27	1,740	714	277	2,890
Hatchery Terminal Area Fisheries						
Gillnet	4	1	10	6	569	590
Seine	25	13	33	665	4,100	4,840
Private Hatchery Fishery	25	8	188	410	1,510	2,140
Miscellaneous ^b	1	2	1	22	24	50
SOUTHEAST REGION TOTAL	209	1,780	3,310	47,900	10,900	64,100

^a Includes chinook salmon caught by troll gear from 11 October 1994 to 30 September 1995.

^b Includes salmon that were confiscated, sport fish derbies, or commercial test fisheries.

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Table 4. Preliminary 1995 Central Region Alaska commercial salmon harvests by fishing area and species, in thousands of fish.

Fishing Area	Species					Total
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
Bering River	0	22	282	0	0	300
Copper River	66	1,270	543	20	56	1,960
PWS General	0	20	90	9,630	66	9,810
PWS Hatcheries	1	63	13	5,090	232	5,400
Coghill District ^a	1	78	35	1,070	382	1,570
Unakwik District ^a	0	2	0	0	0	0
Eshamy District	0	61	2	89	20	170
PWS Miscellaneous ^b	0	5	0	159	2	170
Prince William Sound Total	68	1,520	965	16,100	758	19,400
Southern District	2	164	5	2,480	5	2,660
Kamishak District	0	36	6	169	10	221
Outer District	0	18	1	192	0	211
Eastern District	0	46	4	12	0	62
Lower Cook Inlet Total	2	264	16	2,850	20	3,150
Central District	13	2,800	324	120	478	3,740
Northern District	4	101	76	11	40	232
Upper Cook Inlet Total	17	2,900	400	131	518	3,970
Naknek-Kvichak	5	20,400	1	0	238	20,600
Nushagak District	80	4,450	5	0	363	4,900
Egegik District	1	14,500	22	0	62	14,600
Ugashik District	2	4,500	8	0	63	4,570
Togiak District	12	599	9	0	223	843
Bristol Bay Total	100	44,400	45	0	949	45,500
CENTRAL REGION TOTAL	187	49,100	1,430	19,100	2,250	72,100

^a Includes both seine and gillnet catches.

^b Educational permits, confiscated fish, test fish, etc.

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Table 5. Preliminary 1995 Arctic-Yukon-Kuskokwim Region Alaska commercial salmon harvests by fishing area and species, in thousands of fish.

Fishing Area	Species					Total
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
Kuskokwim River	31	92	472	0	606	1,200
Kuskokwim Bay	41	106	84	0	101	332
Kuskokwim Area Total	72	198	556	0	707	1,530
Lower Yukon River	118	0	40	0	396	550
Upper Yukon River ^a	6	0	7	0	699	710
Yukon River Total	124	0	47	0	1,095	1,270
Norton Sound Total	9	0	48	82	43	182
Kotzebue Area Total	5	0	0	0	291	291
TOTAL AYK REGION	210	198	651	82	2,140	3,280

^a The Upper Yukon River catch includes the estimated harvest to produce roe sold.

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Table 6. Preliminary 1995 Westward Region Alaska commercial salmon harvests by fishing area and species, in thousands of fish.

Fishing Area	Species					Total
	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	
Kodiak Area Total	19	4,500	308	42,800	1,500	49,100
Chignik Area Total	5	1,700	280	2,000	380	4,400
South Peninsula	17	3,000	261	16,300	1,720	21,300
North Peninsula	8	3,270	135	12	99	3,520
Alaska Peninsula Total	25	6,270	400	16,310	1,820	24,800
Aleutian Islands Total	0	0	0	0	0	0
WESTWARD REGION TOTAL	49	12,500	988	61,100	3,700	78,300

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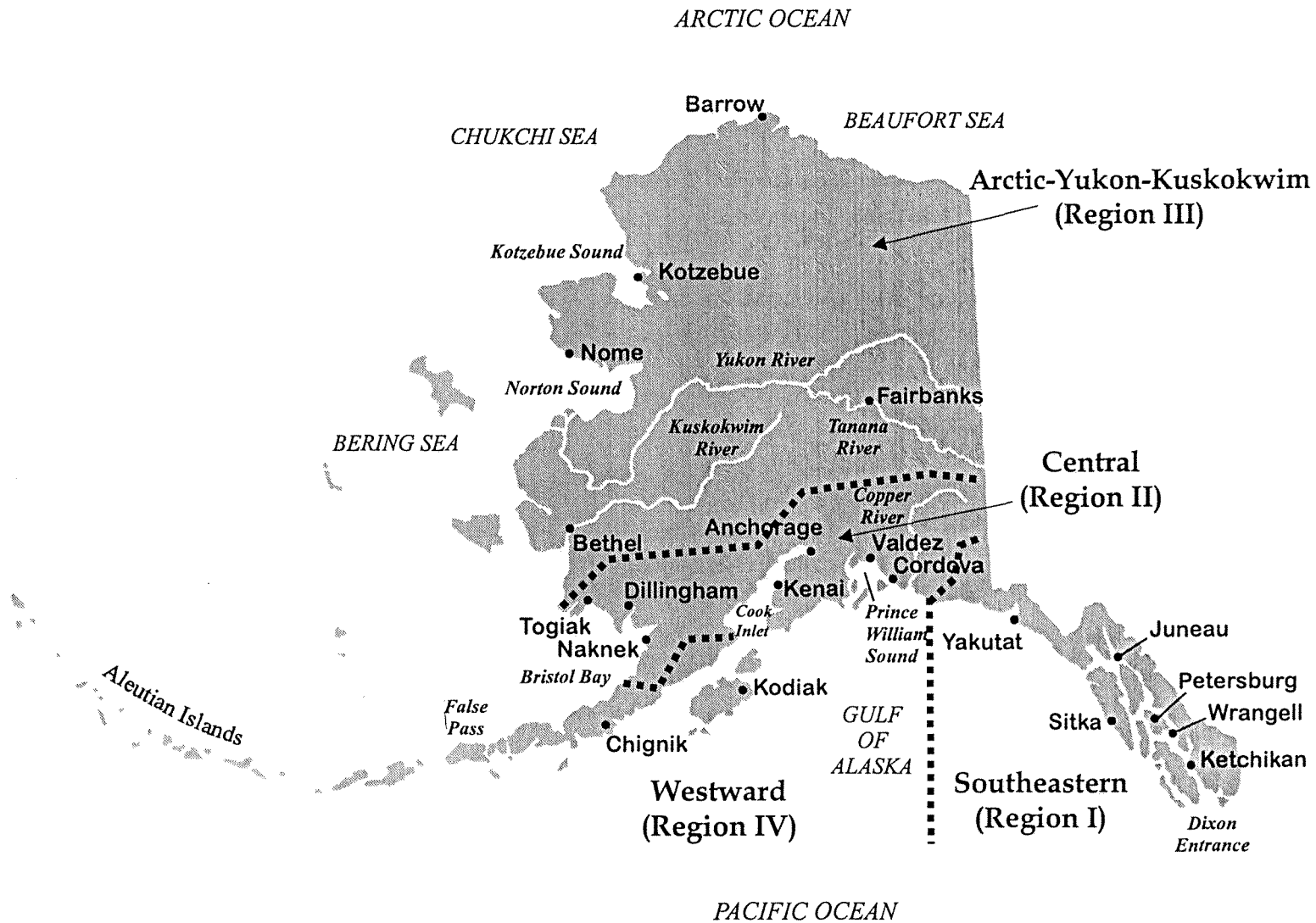


Figure 1. The four management regions (Southeast, Central, AYK, and Westward) of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Commercial Fisheries Management and Development Division.

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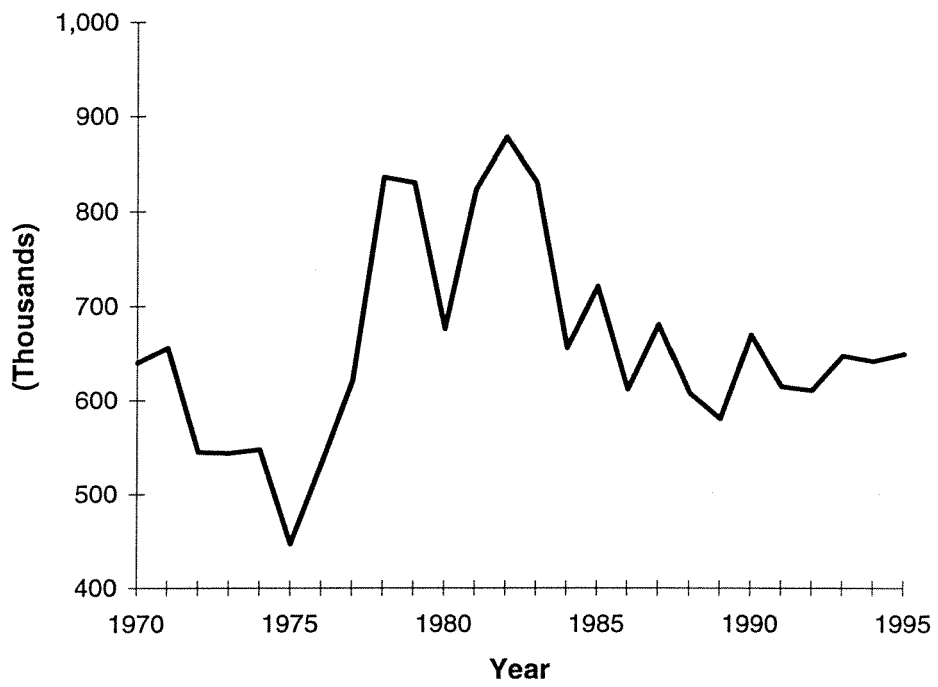


Figure 2. The commercial catch of Alaskan chinook salmon, 1970–1995.

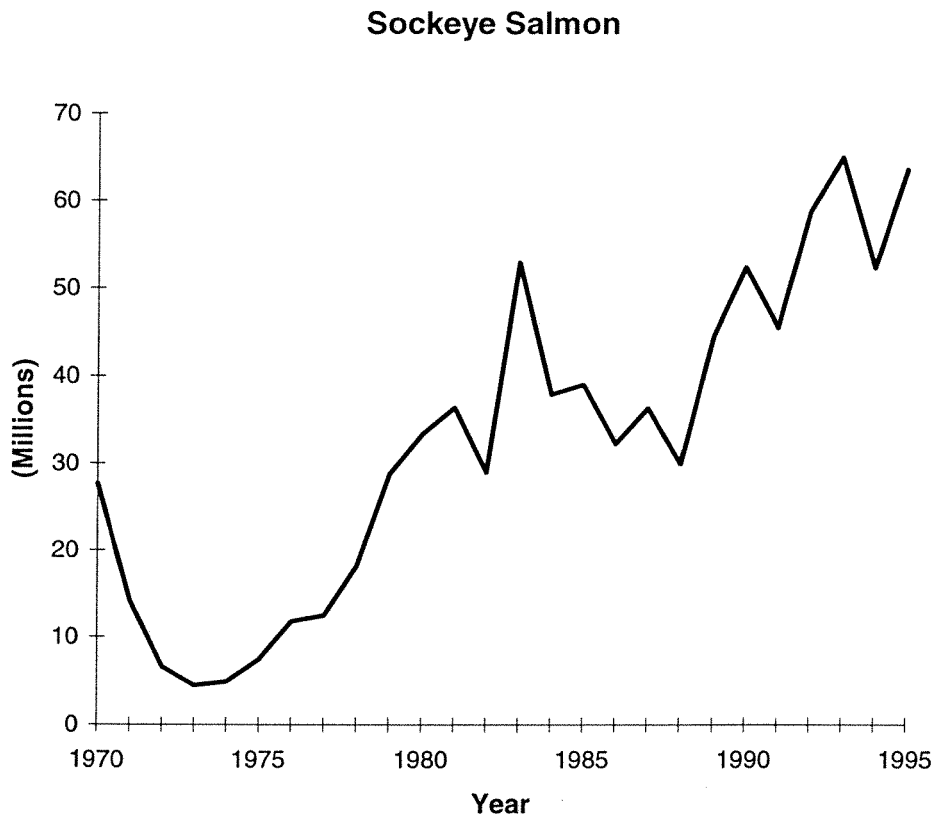


Figure 3. The commercial catch of Alaskan sockeye salmon, 1970–1995.

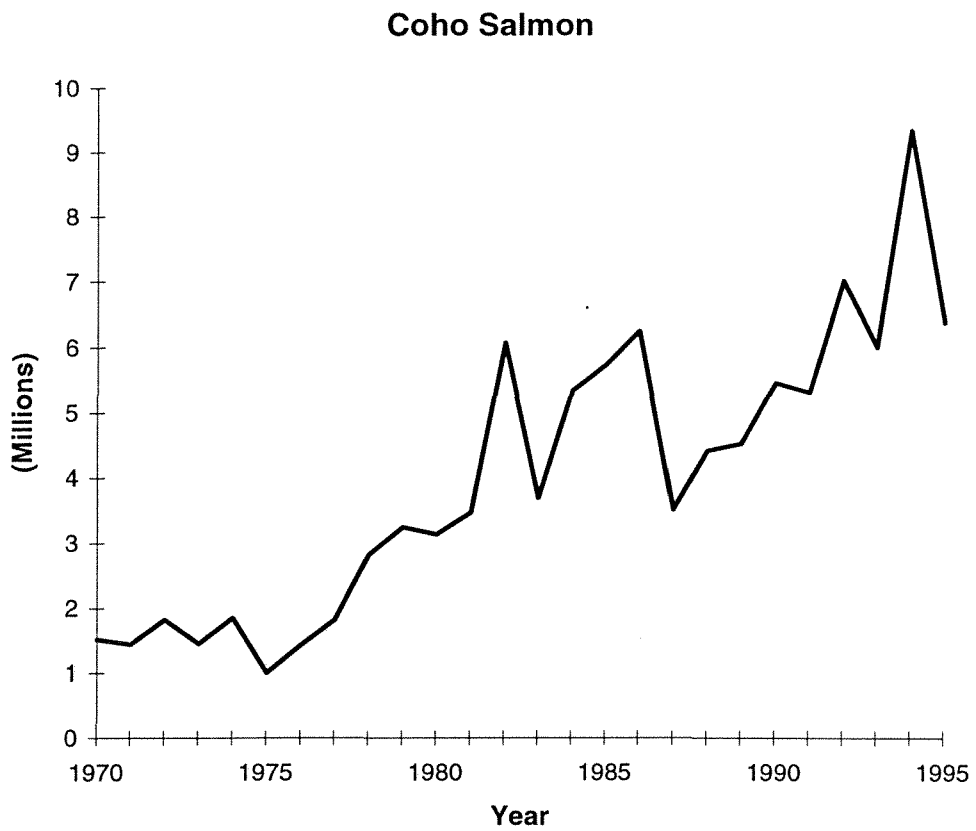


Figure 4. The commercial catch of Alaskan coho salmon, 1970–1995.

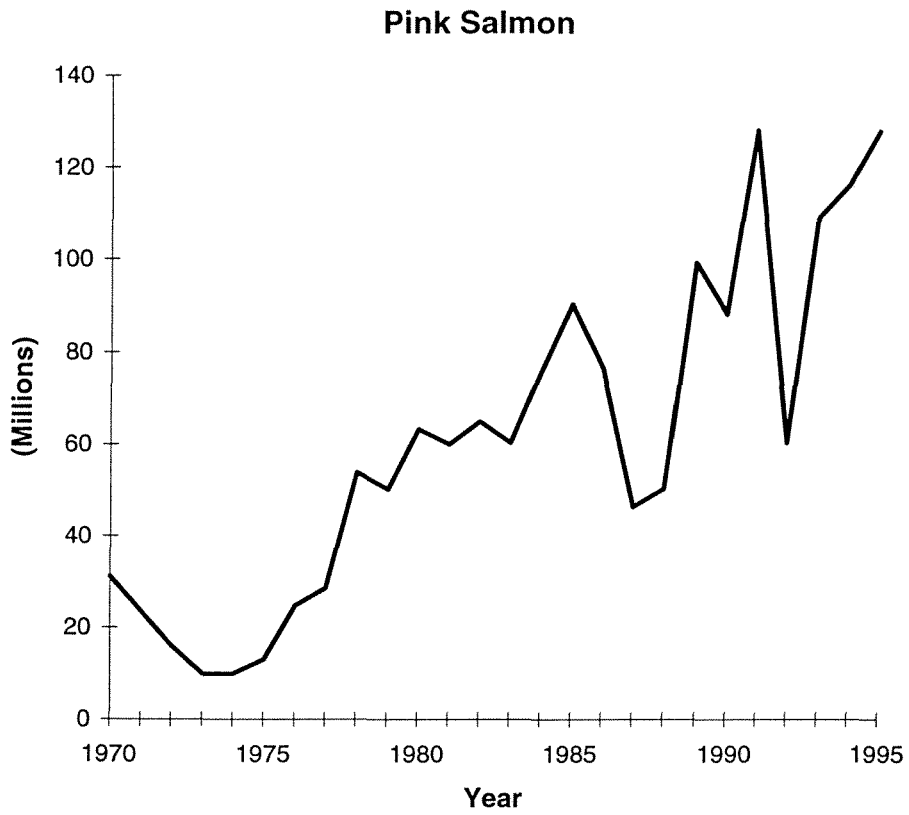


Figure 5. The commercial catch of Alaskan pink salmon, 1970–1995.

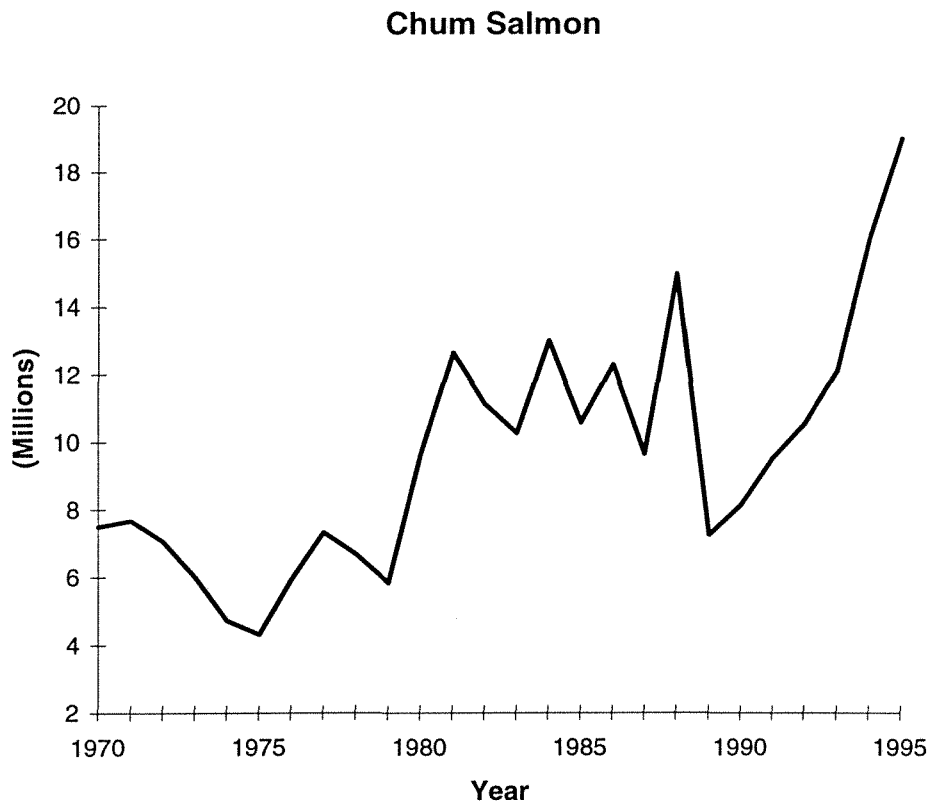


Figure 6. The commercial catch of Alaskan chum salmon, 1970–1995.