



Port Moller Test Fish Catch Update

Catch Update #16, June 25, 2025

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Good evening,

The Port Moller test fishery is shaping up to tell quite a story this year. Today's catch index at Station 8 reached 605 with strong indices observed at neighboring stations as well. This index is the highest single value ever recorded, even since the switch to a deeper net in 2020. While this result is remarkable, it must be viewed in context. The run appears spatially compressed, with a dense band of fish centered near Station 8. Such clustering can inflate indices at individual stations even if the overall run size is more moderate. Ultimately, run strength must be assessed as the average signal across the full transect (i.e., the Daily Catch Index).

It's also possible that changes in sockeye vulnerability to the gear—driven by behavior or environmental factors—are influencing catchability in ways we don't yet understand. Nonetheless, today we observed the highest Daily Catch Index of the season so far, indicating the run is still building at the transect. This strongly suggests a substantial body of fish now lies between the test fishery and the districts. While it remains too early to make firm projections about run timing or size, the odds that this year's return will fall short of forecast are becoming increasingly slim.

PMTF Stock Composition Status: The 5th stock composition (June 23-24) was just released.

Index by Station

S2: 3

S4: 0

S6: 211

S8: 605

S10: 397

S12: 147

S14: 7

S16: 3

S18: 0

S20: 0

S22: 8

S24: 3

Daily Catch Index = 125

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