



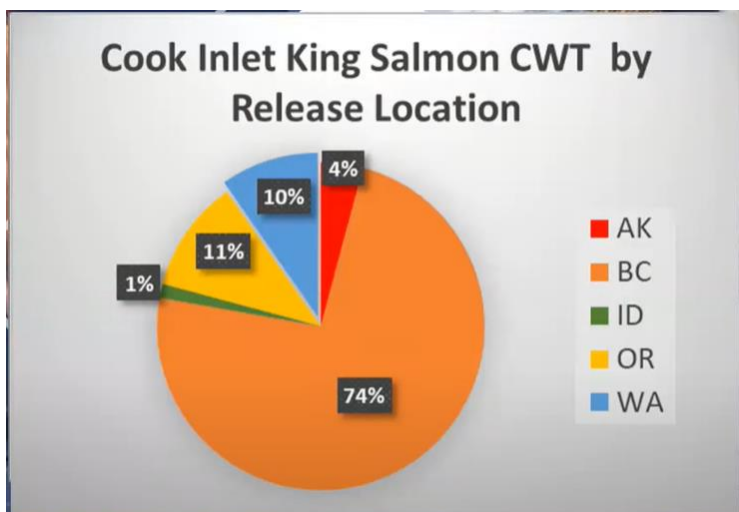
Winter King Salmon in Kachemak Bay

The Homer Chamber of Commerce and the Winter King Salmon Committee regularly consult with our area Fish & Game biologists to ensure that this **one-day tournament** does not have a negative impact on the Lower Cook Inlet king salmon population. The Homer Winter King Salmon Tournament takes place in March when the native or spawning Cook Inlet king salmon are not typically in our ocean waters.

According to AK Fish & Game:

Most of the Chinook salmon caught in the open water of Kachemak Bay are 'feeder king salmon' or 'winter king salmon,' which weigh anywhere from 10 pounds to more than 50 pounds. These fish are not ready to return to their home streams outside of Cook Inlet to spawn and are feeding and growing in the saltwaters before making their journey to their spawning grounds. Feeder king salmon are present in Kachemak Bay throughout the year. **Source:** [FISHING IN THE KACHEMAK BAY AREA](#)

The harvest in the winter king fishery is comprised of a large mixture of stocks from throughout the northwest. The graph below shows the data from Coated Wire Tags of hatchery fish that were harvested in Kachemak Bay during the latest study from 2014-2017. Only 4% of those fish studied were from Alaska. Genetic mixed stock analysis during that same timeframe did not detect Cook Inlet stocks in any harvest year. **Source:** [Online Fishing Forum: Kachemak Bay Winter King Salmon Fishing.](#)



Data from Coated Wire Tags of Hatchery Fish 2014-2017