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The Alaska salmon canning season, now at an end except for winding up operations in a few localities, resulted in a pack of 4,808,000 cases by the first of September, with prospects that the total pack will be about 4,900,000 cases, the Office of the Coordinator of Fisheries reported today.

The final production will be about half a million cases less than was packed last year and slightly less than the packs of 1940 and 1942. The largest pack of Alaska salmon in recent years was made in 1936, when the industry produced 8,438,000 cases.

Some decline compared with last year had been expected, largely because of an anticipated scarcity of fish. The sharpest decline occurred in the pack of red salmon in western Alaska and of pink salmon in the central districts.

The pack, by species, had reached the following totals by September 2: red salmon, 1,566,150 cases; pink salmon, 2,038,116 cases; chum salmon, 992,626 cases; coho salmon, 177,339 cases; king salmon, 33,675 cases.

About 90 percent of all salmon caught by U. S. fishermen are taken in Alaska. Important salmon fishing areas in the United States are the Columbia river and Puget Sound, for which complete figures are not yet available.