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# 2024 North of Falcon Joint Willapa Bay & Grays Harbor Forecast Meeting

February 28, 2024: 6 p.m.- 8 p.m.



Washington  
Department of  
**FISH and  
WILDLIFE**

# Presentation Overview

- Staff Introductions & Meeting Purpose
- North of Falcon Process & Administrative Procedure Act (APA) Process
- 2024 Forecasts and Management Objectives
  - Willapa Bay
  - Grays Harbor
  - Queets & Quinault Rivers

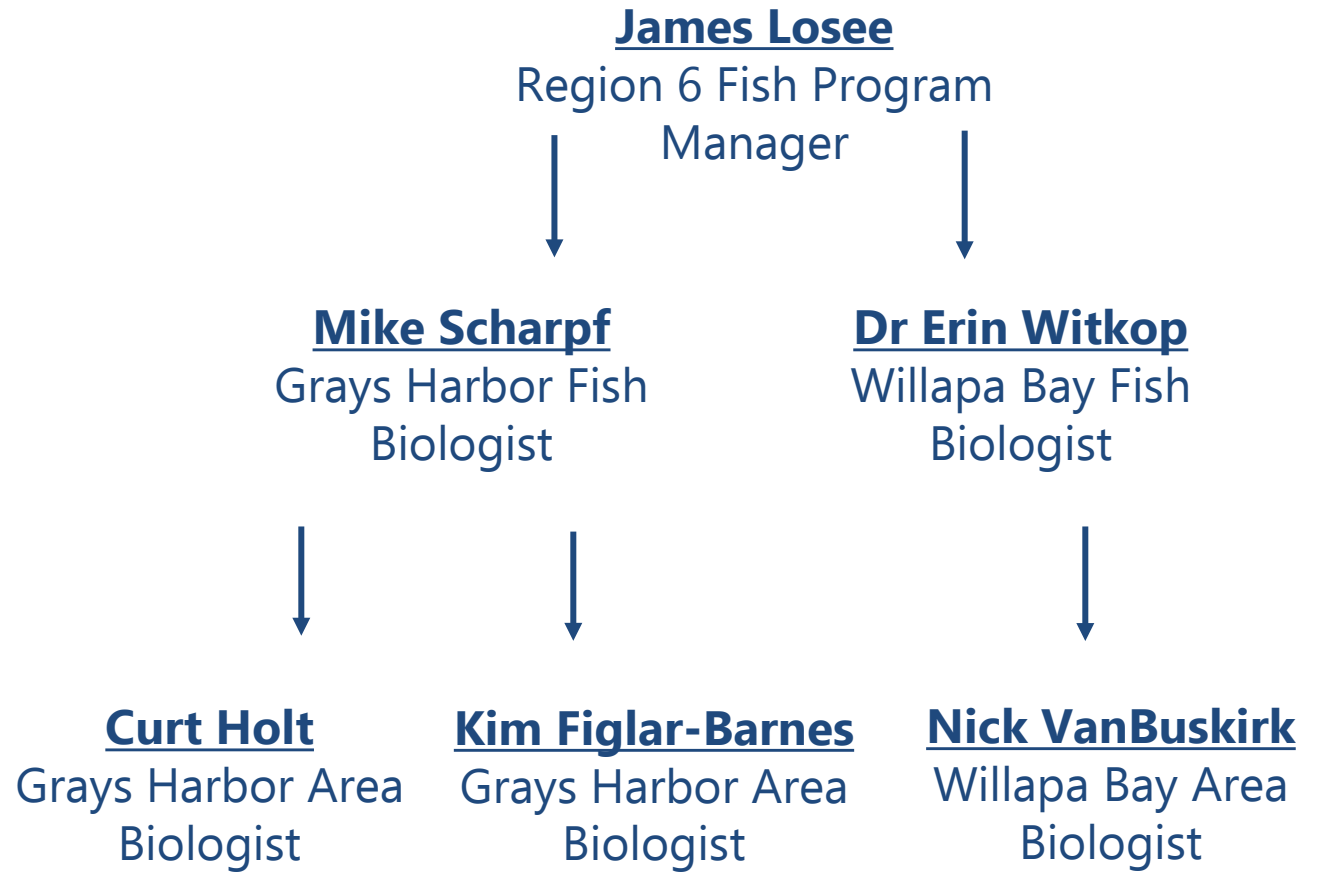


# Staff Introductions

## Statewide Salmon Management



## Region 6 Salmon Management



# Meeting Purpose:

- Introduce the 2024 North of Falcon process
- Provide information for public input
- Answer questions about the information and data
- Hear initial fisheries suggestions from the public for the 2024 salmon season





# **North of Falcon Process & Administrative Procedure Act**

# What is North of Falcon?

North of Falcon is the annual, cooperative process to set salmon seasons in Washington waters.

The name refers to waters north of Oregon's Cape Falcon, which marks the southern border of Washington's management of salmon stocks.

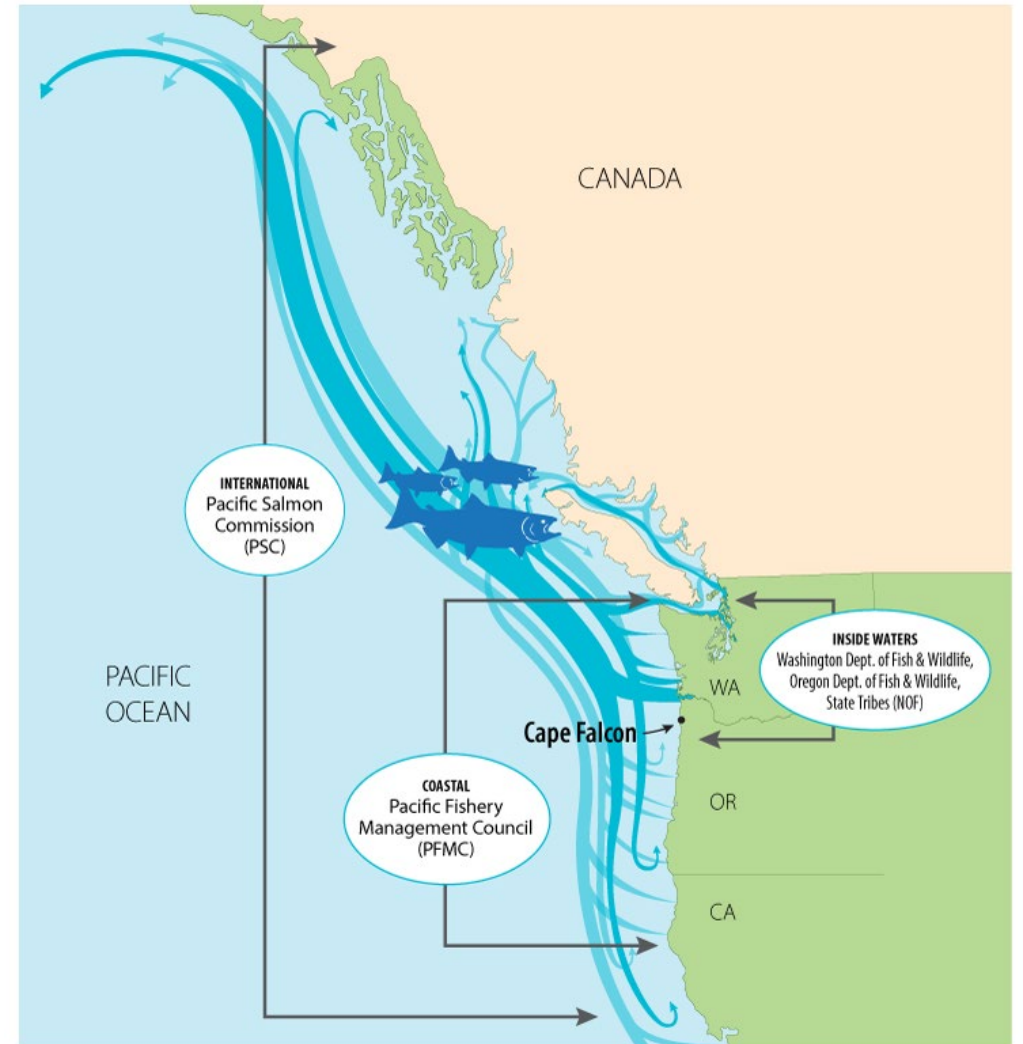
One component of a larger salmon-setting process that also involves the state, tribal governments, federal regulators, other U.S. states, and Canada.



# What guides North of Falcon?

Fishery managers must weigh many factors when developing salmon seasons, including:


- Endangered Species Act (ESA) constraints
- Commission policy
- Pacific Salmon Treaty obligations
- Tribal co-management: Washington's treaty tribes manage their own fisheries, sharing data and splitting harvest with the state
- Extensive monitoring and evaluation of fisheries statewide





# 2024 South Coast NOF Public Meeting Schedule

We  
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DATE	EVENT
Feb 28	<b>Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor Forecast Meeting (online)</b> 6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Register for Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 1	<b>2024 Statewide Salmon Forecast Meeting (hybrid)</b> 9AM PST. Office Building 2 Auditorium, 1115 Washington St. SE. Olympia WA 98501. <a href="#">Register for Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 6-11	<b>Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting #1</b> <a href="#">View Meeting Agenda</a>
March 13	<b>North of Falcon Meeting #1 (hybrid)</b> 9 AM PST. Office Building 2 Auditorium, 1115 Washington St. SE. Olympia WA 98501. <a href="#">Register for Zoom Web Conference</a>

Entire Schedule and links to individual meetings, including other regional meetings, can be found here:

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-meetings>



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DATE	EVENT
March 27	<b>North of Falcon Meeting #2 (hybrid)</b>
	9AM PST. Lynwood Embassy Suites, 20610 44 <sup>th</sup> Ave. W, Lynwood, WA 98036. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
March 28	<b>Joint Willapa Bay and Grays Harbor Fisheries Discussion (online)</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>
April 6-11	<b>Pacific Fishery Management Council Meeting #2</b>
	<a href="#">View Meeting</a>
April 16	<b>Willapa Bay &amp; Grays Harbor Final Draft Fisheries Package (online)</b>
	6PM to 8PM PST. <a href="#">Join Zoom Web Conference</a>

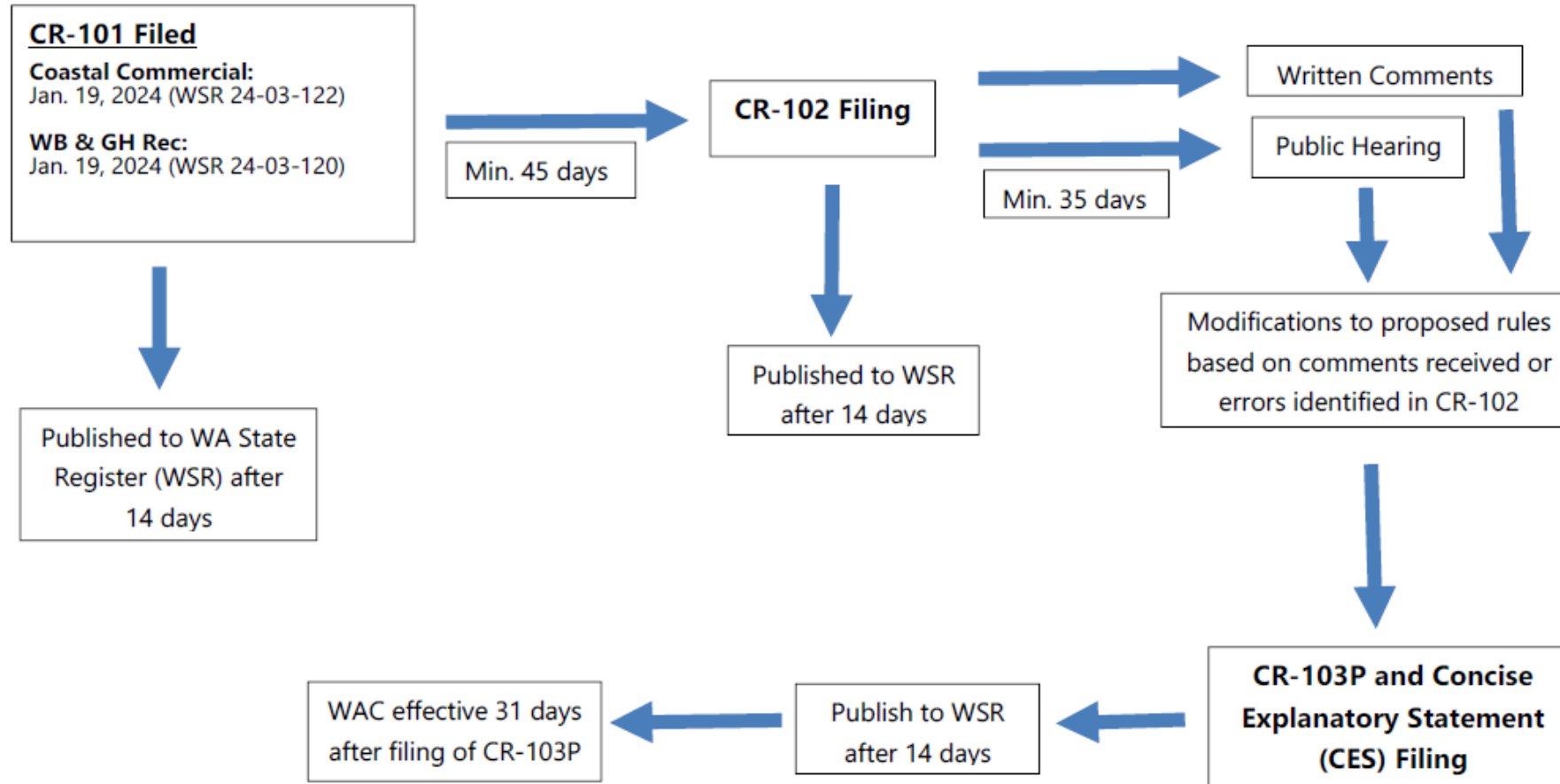
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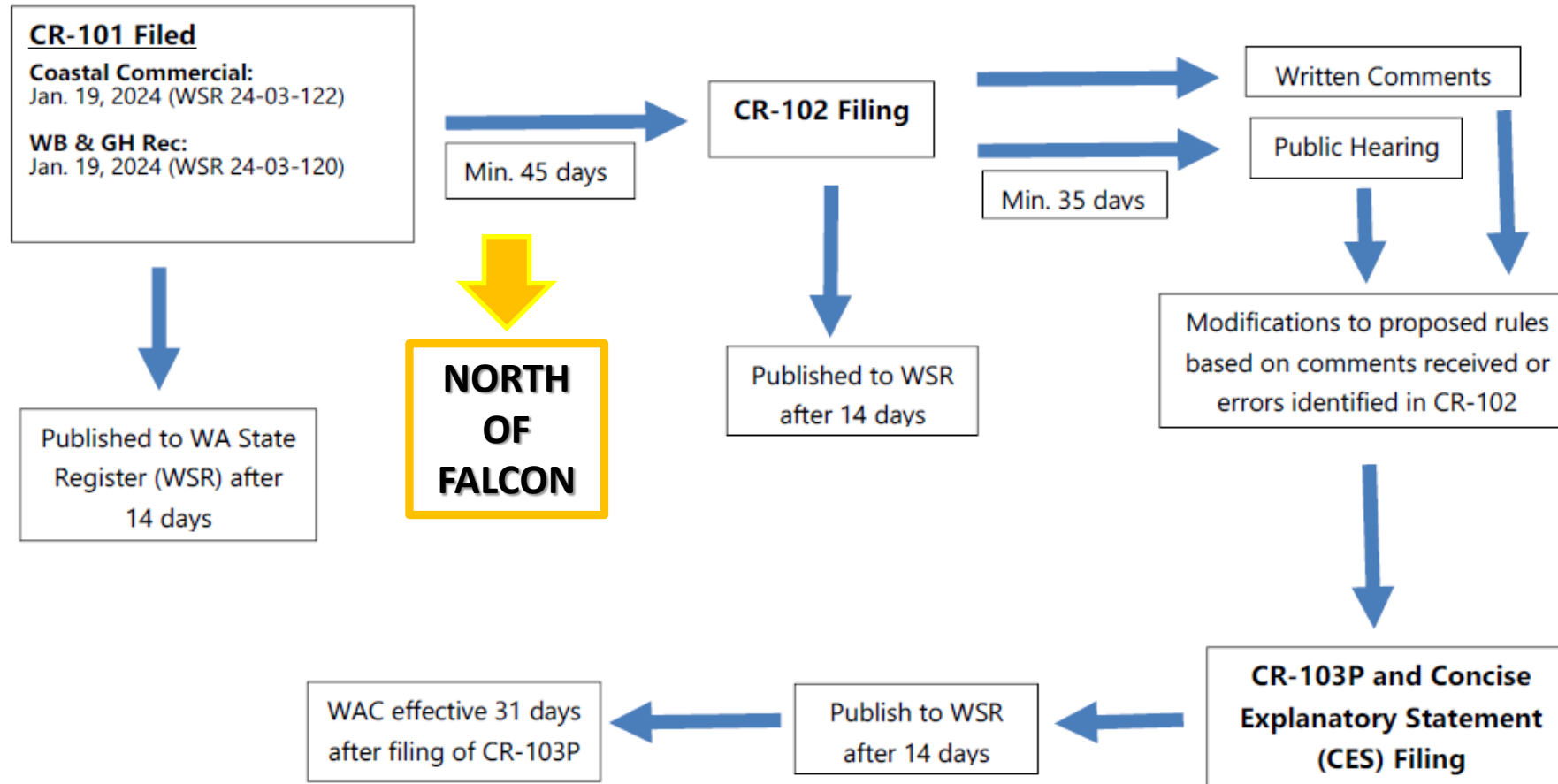
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## Administrative Procedure Act Process



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# 2024 Forecasts & Management Objectives

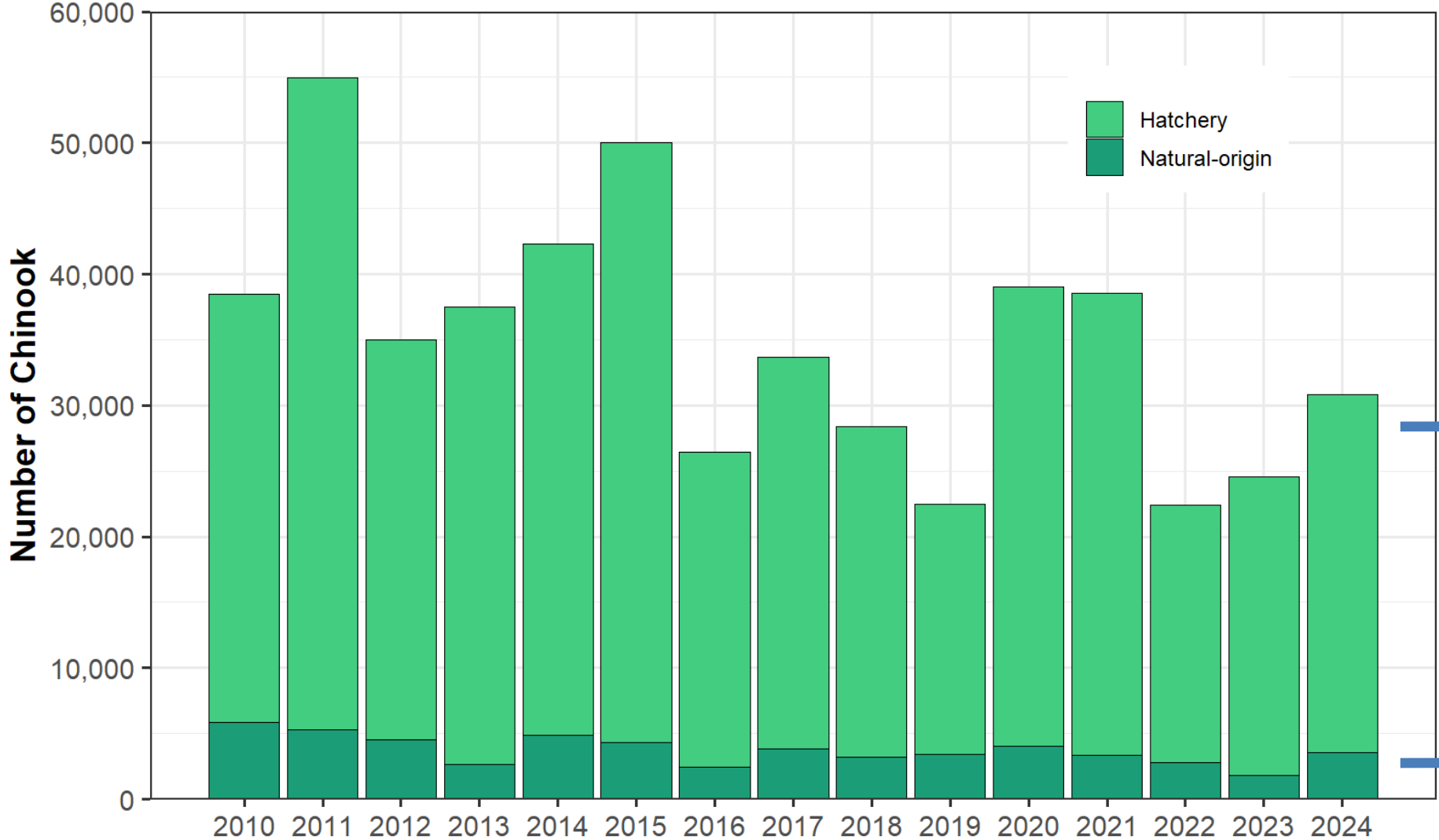
# 2024 Willapa Bay Forecasts:

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Chinook	3,519	27,327	30,846
Coho <i>Ocean Age 3 Forecasts</i>	29,512	91,536	121,048
Chum	78,648	1,742	80,390



# Recent Willapa Bay Trends:

Willapa Bay Fall Chinook Runsize



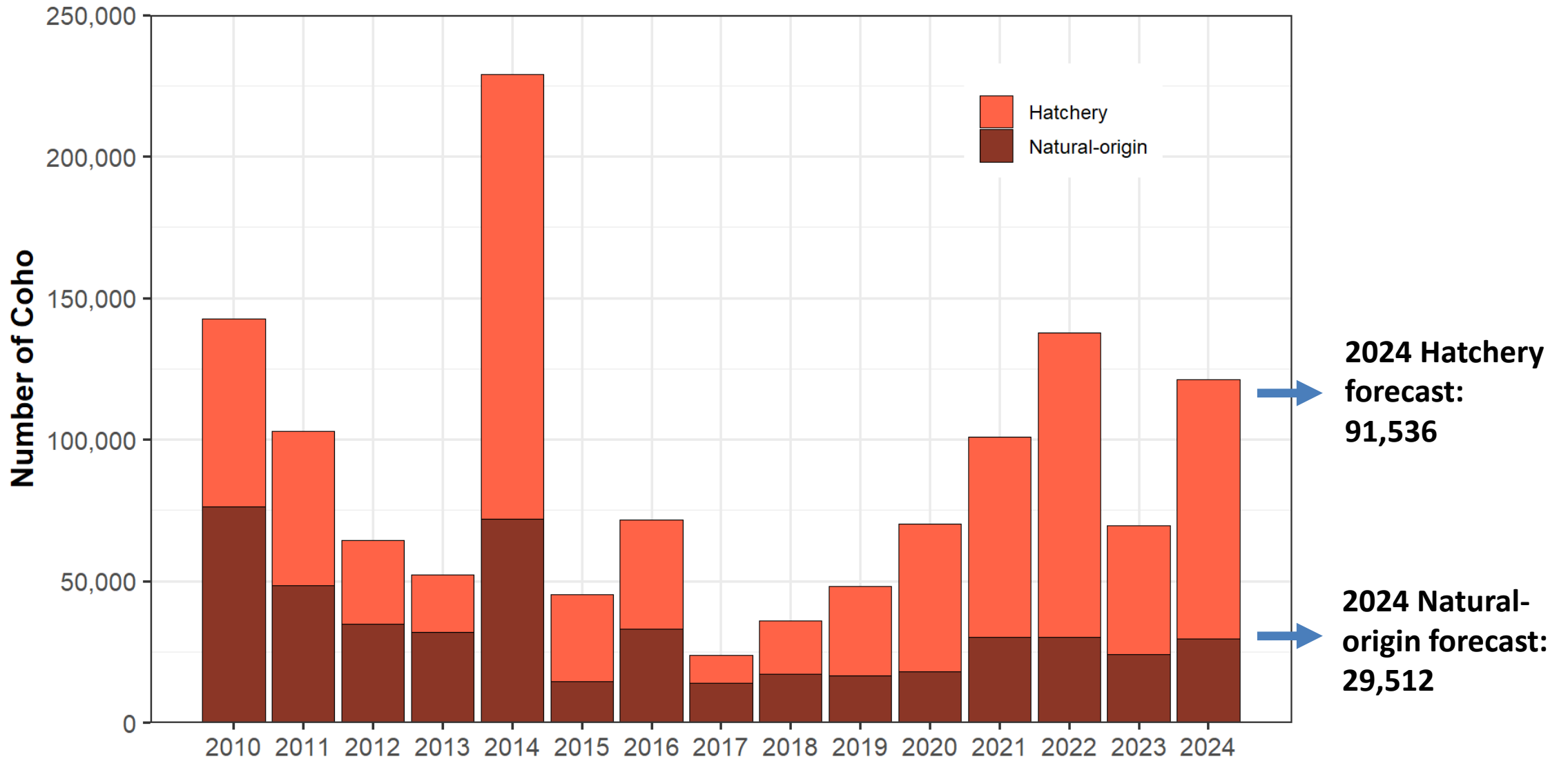
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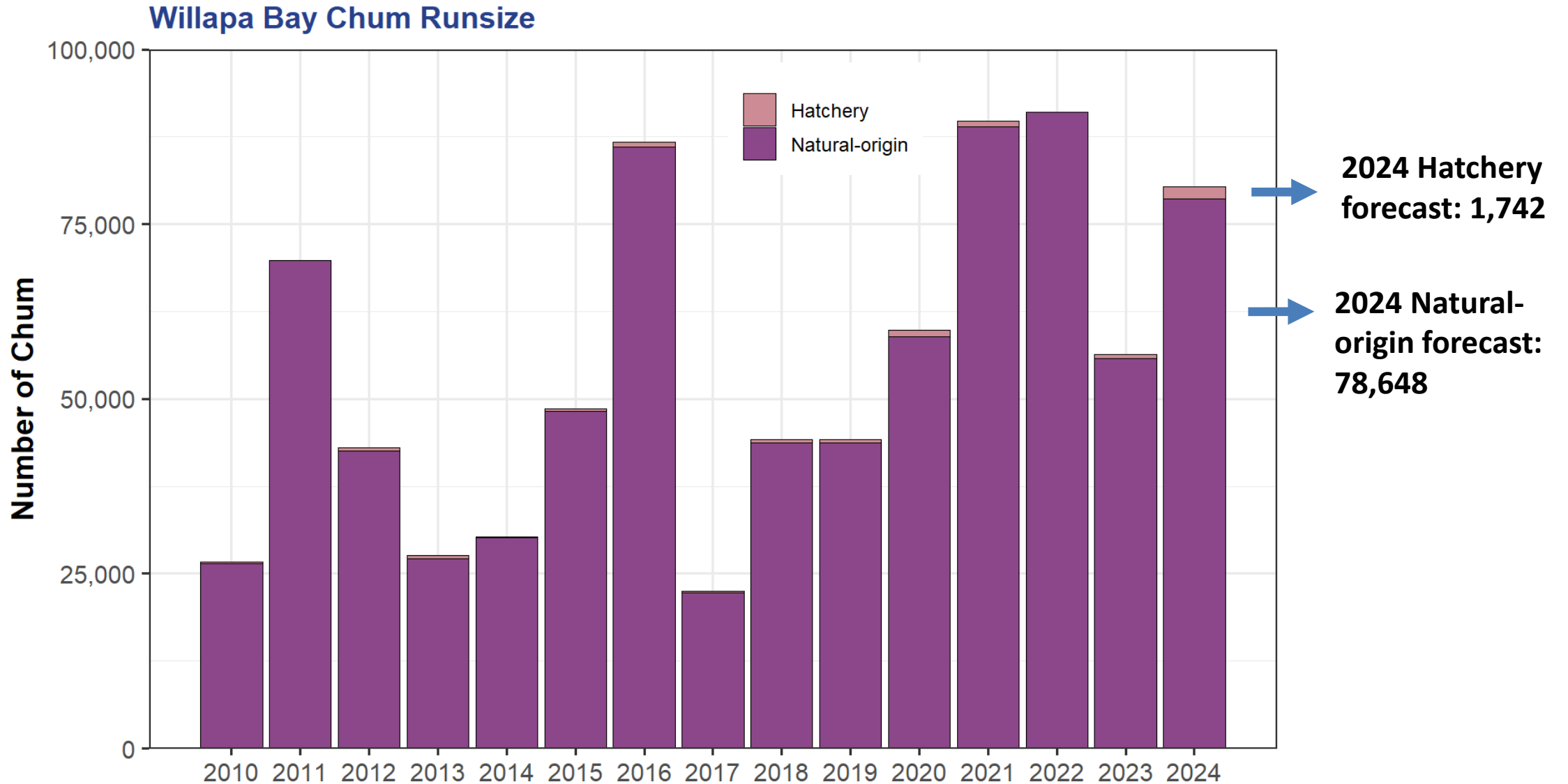
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## Willapa Bay Coho Runsize





# Recent Willapa Bay Trends:



# 2024 Grays Harbor Forecasts:

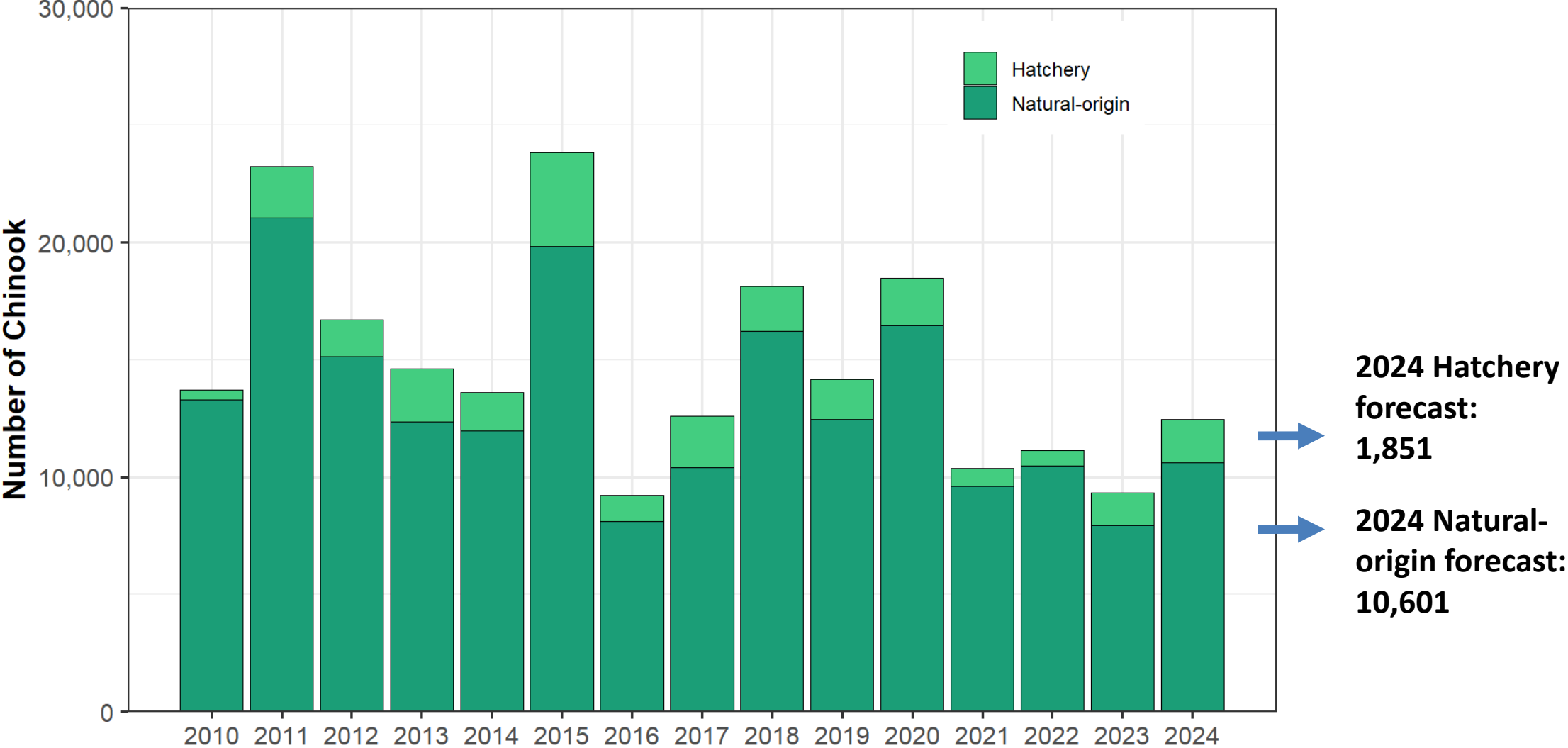
## Chehalis

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Spring Chinook	TBD	0	TBD
Fall Chinook	10,601	1,851	12,452
Coho (incl. South Bay) <i>Ocean Age 3 Forecasts</i>	67,709	52,940	120,649

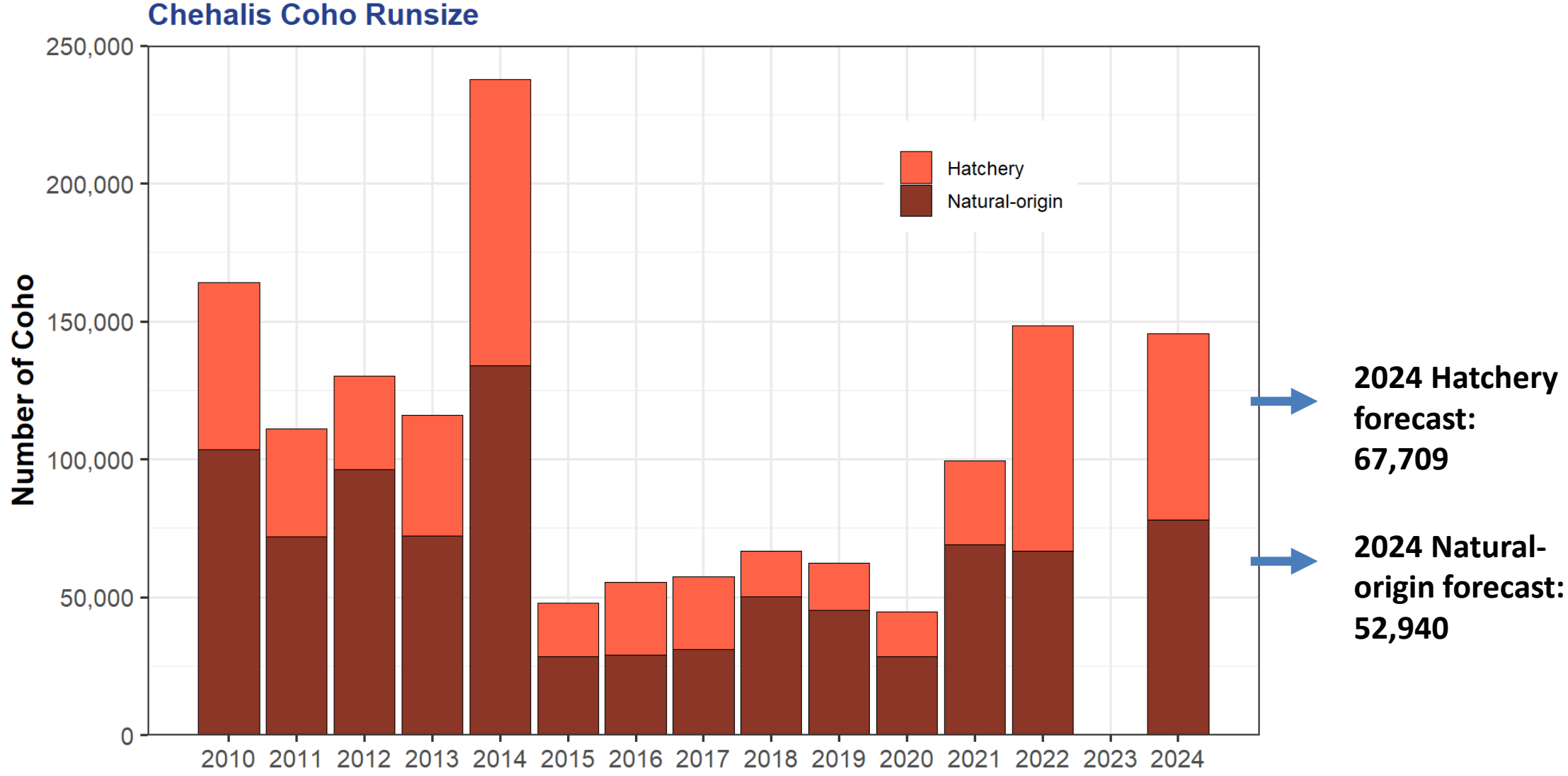


# Recent Grays Harbor Trends:

## Chehalis Fall Chinook Runsize



# Recent Grays Harbor Trends:



# 2024 Grays Harbor Forecasts:

## Humptulips

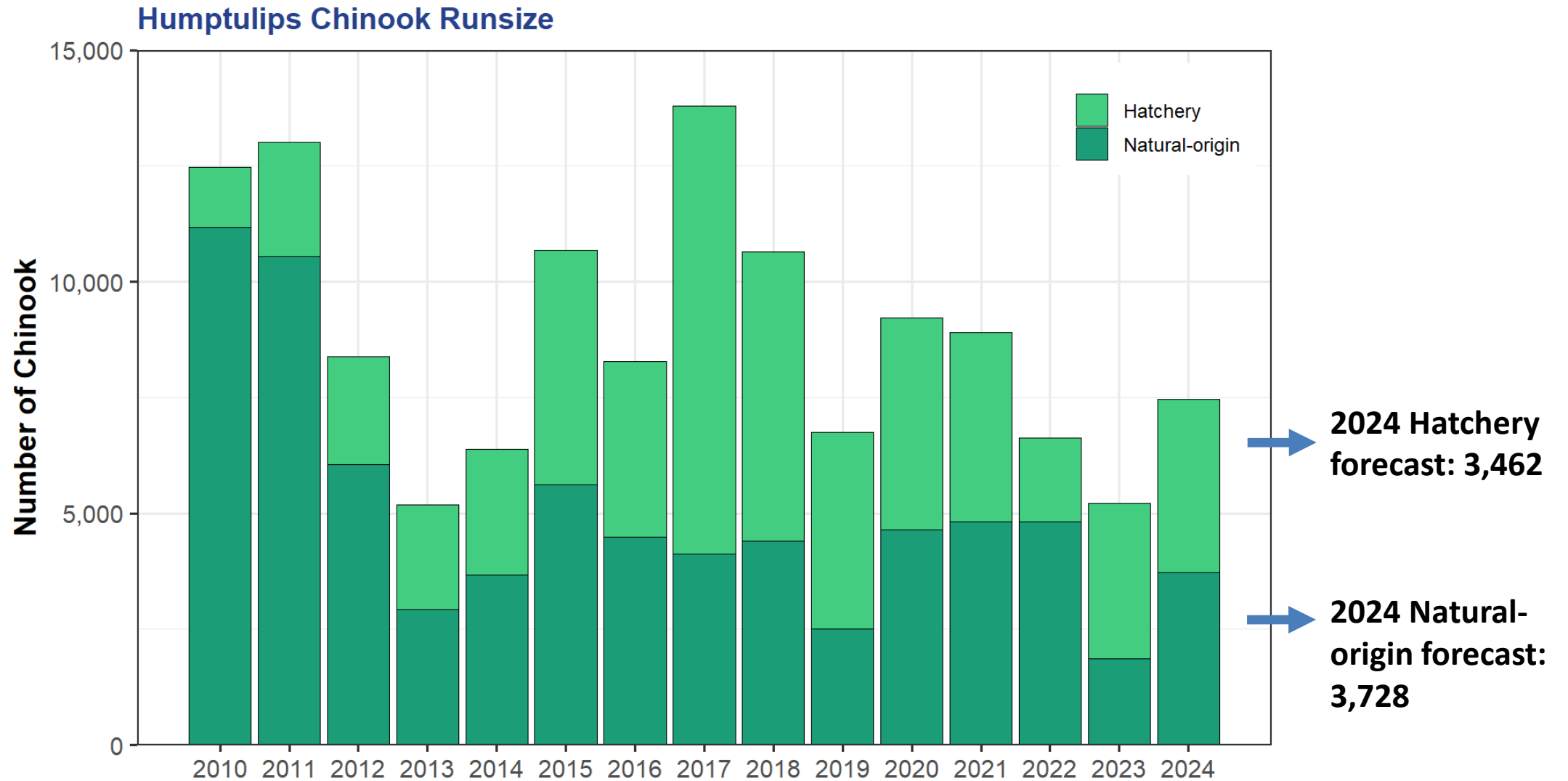
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Fall Chinook	3,728	3,462	7,190
Coho <i>Ocean Age 3 Forecasts</i>	4,068	12,002	16,070

## Grays Harbor

Chum	67,308	1,967	69,275
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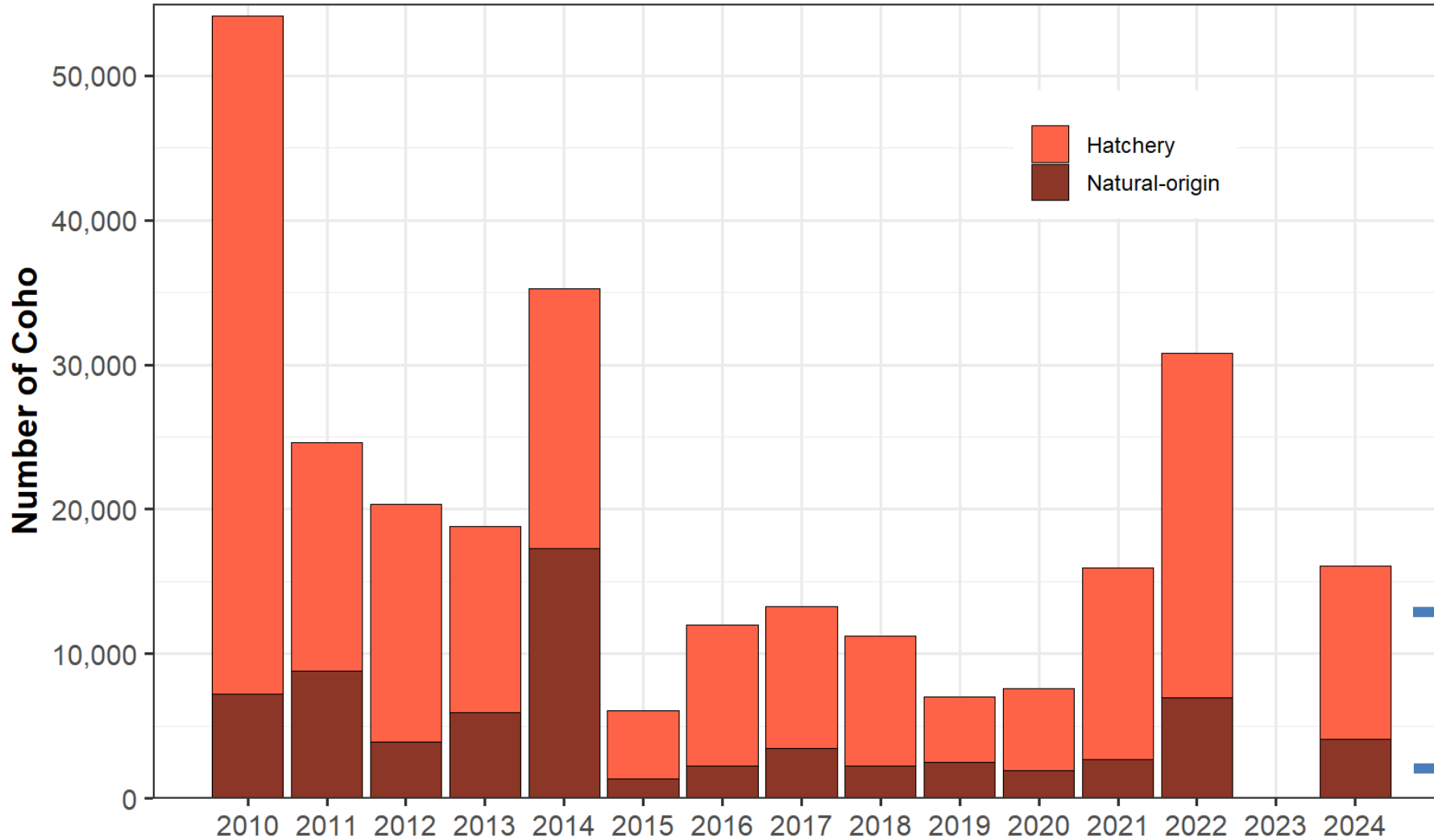


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## Humptulips Coho Runsize



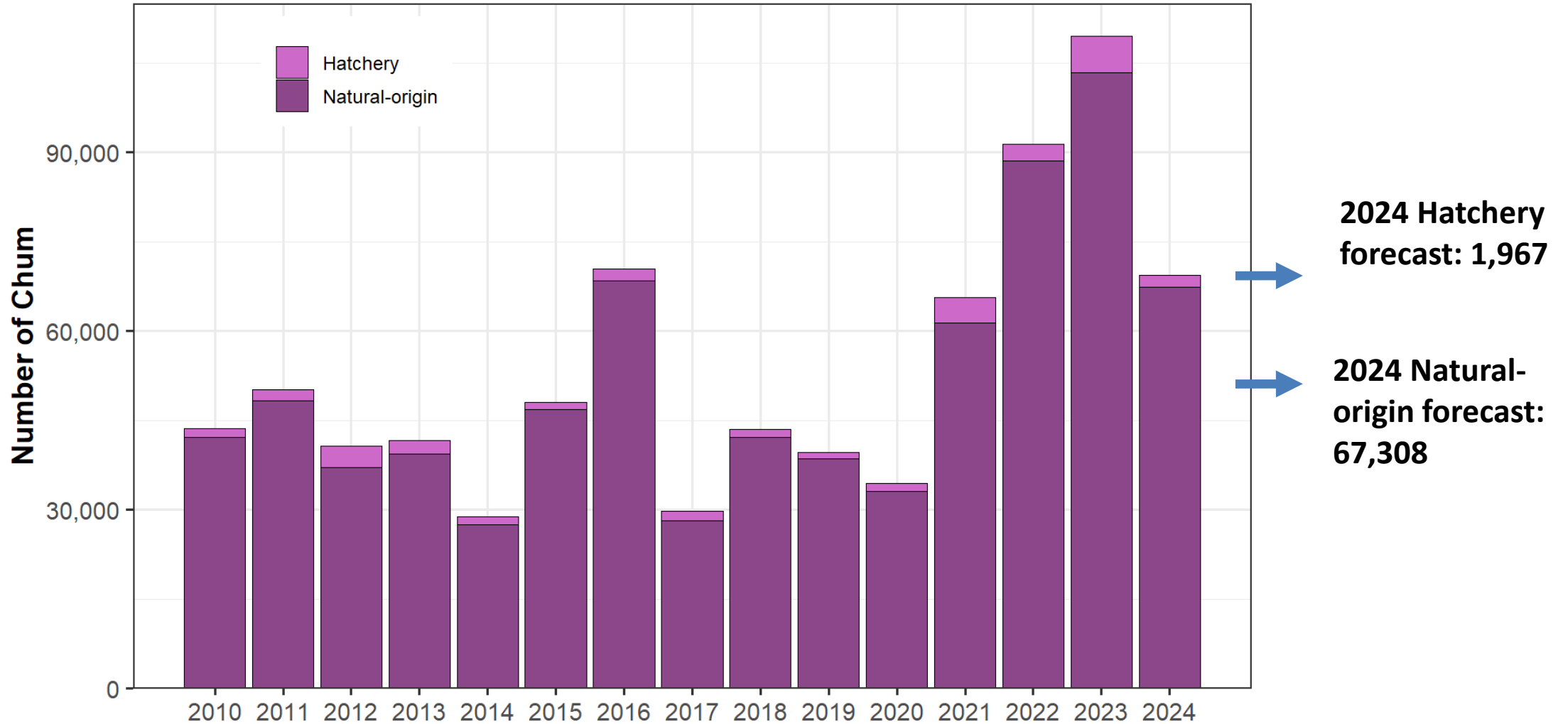
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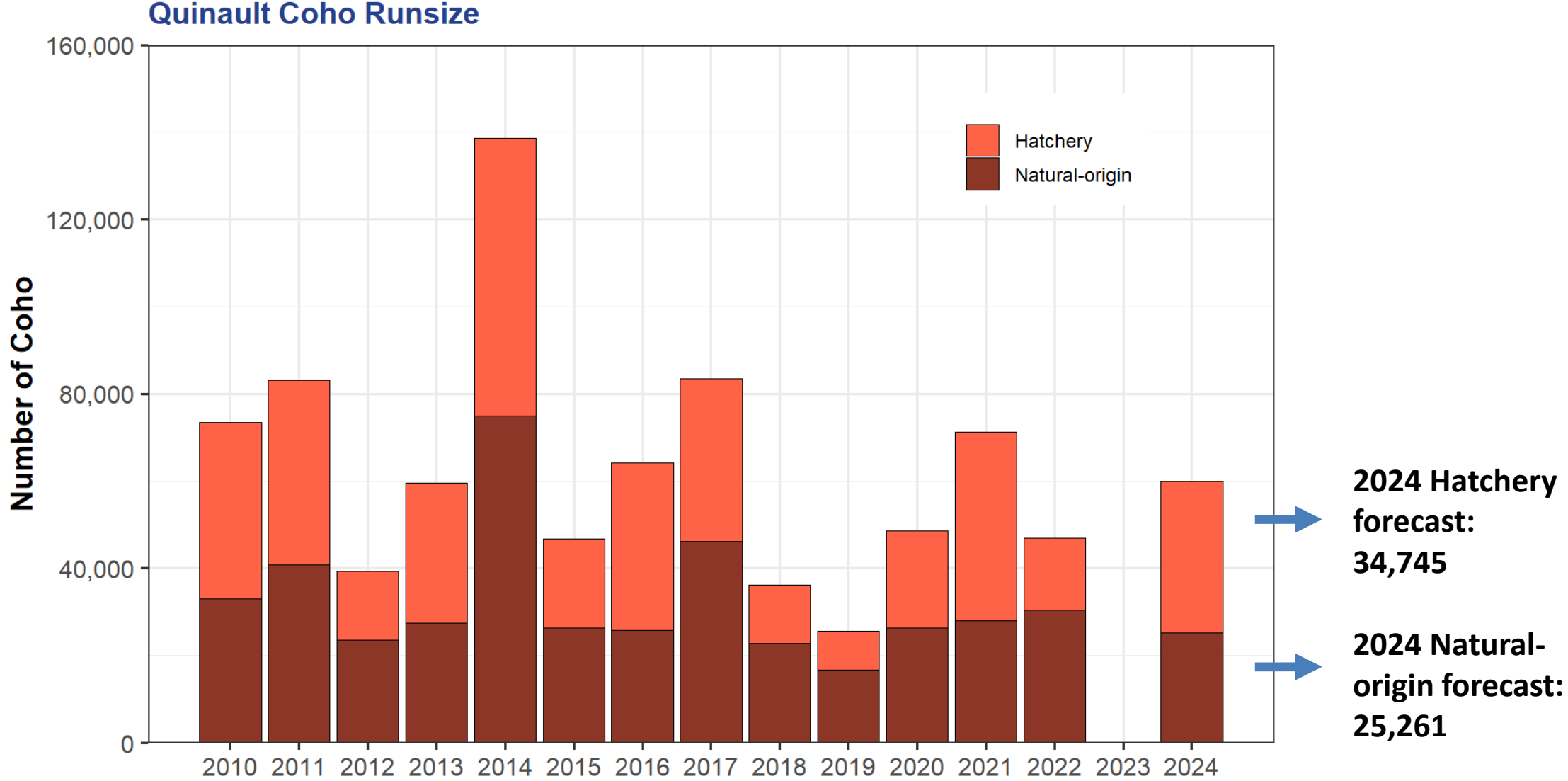


# 2024 Quinault & Queets Coho Forecasts

Species	Natural	Hatchery	Total
Quinault River <i>Ocean Age 3 Forecasts</i>	25,261	34,745	60,006
Queets River <i>Ocean Age 3 Forecasts</i>	15,795	18,895	34,690

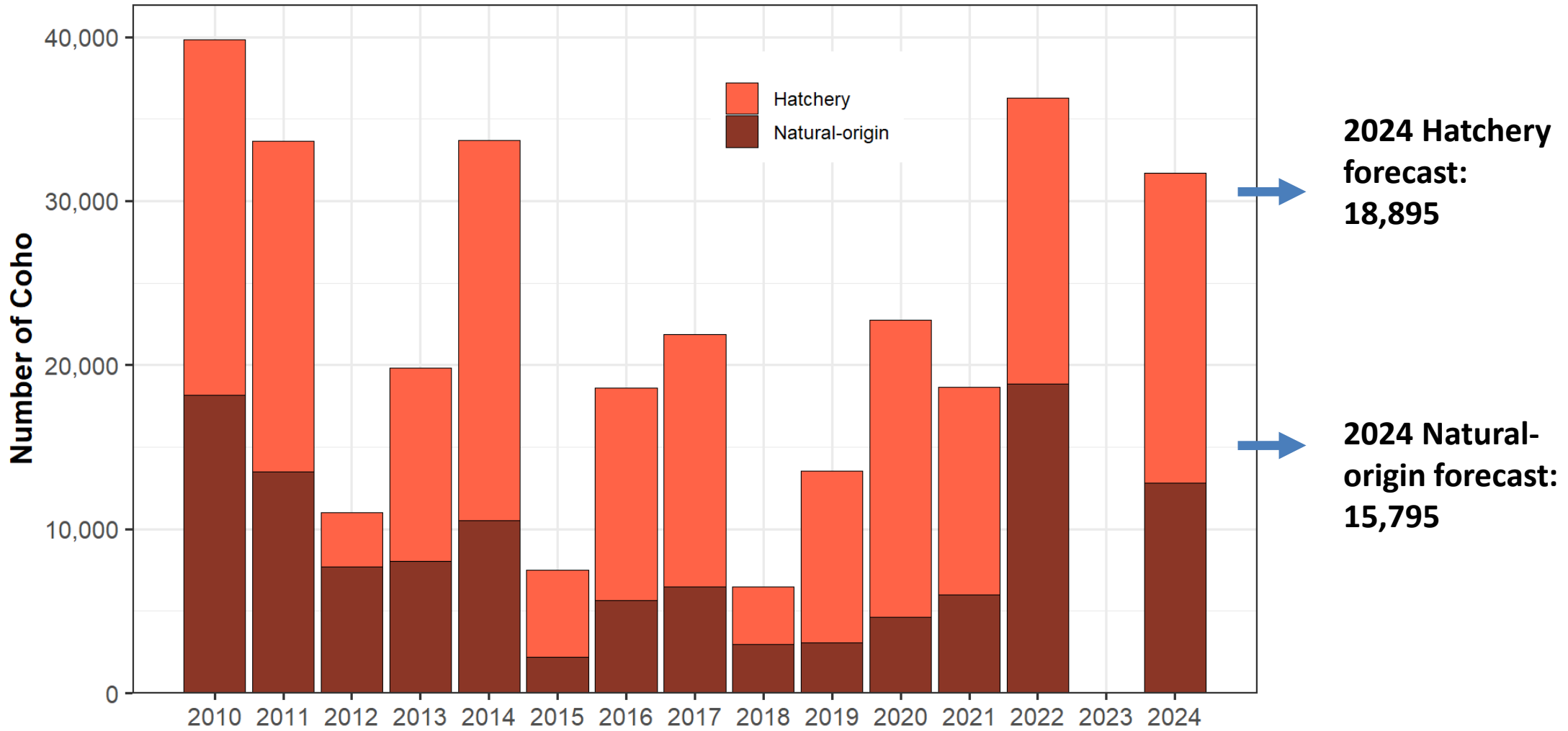


# Recent Quinault River Trends



# Recent Queets River Trends:

Queets Coho Runsize



# 2024 Management Objectives

## Willapa Bay

- Chinook- 20% impact rate cap
- Chum – Escapement goal (35,400)
- Coho – Escapement goal (13,600)

## Grays Harbor

- No Chehalis spring Chinook fishery
- Humpulips Coho – 5% impact rate cap
- All other stocks managed for escapement goals



# 2024 Fishery Proposals/Ideas to-date

## Willapa Bay

- River-specific mark-selective fisheries
- Rules to combat snagging
  - Gear restrictions (jig, leader length etc.)
  - Area restrictions
  - Retention rules (all landed fish count against limit, retained fish must be hooked in mouth etc.)

## Grays Harbor

- Grays Harbor December Fisheries
  - Model December closed
  - Model December open and seek agreement on steelhead impacts at North of Falcon



# Questions?

Link to submit NOF-related public comments electronically:  
<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/north-falcon/public-input>

Email addresses to submit harbor-specific fishery suggestions or comments:  
[WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:WillapaBay@dfw.wa.gov)  
[GraysHarbor@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:GraysHarbor@dfw.wa.gov)

