

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK 2011 PRELIMINARY RETURNS AND OUTLOOK FOR 2012

- Total fall Chinook returns to the Columbia River in 2011 were predicted to be 766,300 adults.
- Actual returns are about 600,000 adults.
- All stocks appear to have performed less than predicted.
 - The largest differences were in the Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH) and Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB) stocks.
- Jack returns were average or similar to 2010 returns, except Upriver Bright (URB) jacks appear to be above average.

2012 Outlook

- All stocks should be similar to 2011 actual returns with the possible exception of BPH.
 - BPH likely less than 2011.
 - URB strong again in 2012.
- Total return - similar to 2011 actual returns.

Columbia River Coho

- 2011 return slightly greater than 270,800.
- Jack return about 13,000 compared to 10-year average of 28,000.

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