

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK 2012 PRELIMINARY RETURNS AND OUTLOOK FOR 2013

- Total fall Chinook returns to the Columbia River in 2012 were predicted to be 654,900 adults. Actual total returns are less than (10%) forecast.
- URB and BPH stocks appear to have performed close to predicted. The remaining stocks came in less than predicted.
- Bright stock (URB, MCB, LRW) jack returns were above average. Tule jacks (LRH, BPH) were similar to recent years.

2013 Outlook

- Bright stocks should be strong - above average and similar to 2012.
- Tule stocks appear to be less than average.
- Total return should be less than 2012 actual returns.

Columbia River Coho

- 2012 return less than predicted.
- Jack returns about 23,000, which is greater than past two years and similar to 2009 jack returns.

LRH - Lower River Hatchery stock

LRW - Lower River Wild stock

BPH - Bonneville Pool Hatchery stock

URB - Upriver Bright stock

MCB - Mid-Columbia Bright stock

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