

2014 Adult Returns and 2015 Expectations Columbia River Preliminary Draft – December 12, 2014

Adult Returns	2014 Results	2015 Expectations
Willamette Spring Chinook	58,700 predicted return to CR (21% wild) 51,800 actual return to CR (17% wild) jack return (2,029) ~10-year avg (1,900) ~48,200 actual return to Willamette R. ~31,700 count at falls ~5,600 actual return to Clackamas ~3,000 Clackamas Hatchery return	55,400 predicted return to CR Including 2,300 jacks and 45,200 hatchery adults 18% wild adult return 8,700 Clackamas return
Cowlitz River	7,800 predicted adult return vs. 10,500 actual	11,200 predicted
Kalama River	500 predicted adult return vs. 1,000 actual	1,900 predicted
Lewis River	1,100 predicted adult return vs. 1,500 actual	1,100 predicted
Upriver Spring Chinook	227,000 predicted adult return ~242,600 actual return (107% of forecast) ~34,500 jacks (4th highest since 1976)	232,500 predicted If prediction correct, would be 6 th highest return since 1979
Upper Columbia Summer Chinook	67,500 predicted adult return ~78,300 actual return (116% of forecast) ~19,400 jacks (3 rd highest since 1979) Adult mark rate ~37% @ BON	73,000 predicted Mark rate around 40-60%
Sockeye	347,100 predicted return 645,100 actual return to (highest on record) Including 2,900 Snake River stock	394,000 predicted, including 1,800 Snake River stock.
Upriver Summer Steelhead	281,100 predicted return at Bonneville Dam 320,700 counted at Bonneville Slightly < 10-year average (345K)	TBD
Bright Fall Chinook	1,306,700 predicted adult return Preliminary returns estimated at 941,200, (72% of forecast). Jacks at BON 6th highest since 1980	May be similar to the strong 2013-2014 returns
Tule Fall Chinook	203,900 predicted adult return Preliminary returns estimated at 212,300 (104% of forecast)	May be slightly higher than 2013-2014
Coho	638,300 predicted adult return Actual returns greater than predicted (~900K)	Mixed results - record setting jacks at BON, but LCR jacks appear ~ 50% of 2013.
Shad	2.6 million run vs. 10-yr average of 2.8 million	Strong run expected
Smelt	Apparently very good. Larval sampling results continue the positive trend	Indicators mixed, but generally positive.
White Sturgeon	Legal estimate 131,000 (vs. 114,200 in 2013)	Legal projection 138,200

Recreational Fisheries

	2014 Results	2015 Expectations
Willamette River Spring Chinook		
Lower Willamette	Open 7 days/week under permanent regs 77,100 angler trips (Mar 3-June 15) 7,900 adults kept (1,400 released) 85% mark rate	Permanent regulations likely
Clackamas River	4,100 angler trips below River Mill Dam 300 adults kept (50 released)	Permanent regulations likely
Washington Tributary Spring Chinook		
Cowlitz River	7 day/week fishery; 2 fish bag; 4,300 adults and 600 jacks kept	Permanent regulations likely
Kalama River	Closed February 17-June 27; no catch reported	Fishery restrictions likely
Lewis River	Closed February 17- July 31 100 adults and 5 jacks kept	Fishery restrictions likely
Columbia River Fisheries		
Lower Columbia Spring Season	Spring Chinook open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B10-I-5 Bridge; Jan-Feb; 7 d/wk; 2 Chinook bag (perm rules) • B10-BON: Mar 1-Apr 14, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank only Beacon R to BON - Closed Tuesdays (3/25, 4/1, 4/8) • Tongue Point-Rooster R: Apr 19 & May 9-10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bank only Rooster R to BON • Tongue Point-BON May 15-June 15 • One Chinook bag • 145,600 angler trips • 15,700 adult Chinook kept (6,800 released) • 2,400 steelhead kept (800 released) • Chinook retention open 77 days (72%) of 107 days from Mar 1 – Jun 15 	Season TBD
Bonn to OR/WA border Spring Season	Spring Chinook open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 16-May 9, and May 31-June 15 • One Chinook bag • 8,100 angler trips • 2,100 adult Chinook kept (900 released) 	Season TBD
Snake River Spring Season	Spring Chinook open: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four sections open 3d/ wk beginning in late April • Staggered closures complete by May 27 • Re-opened in early June • 1,500 adult Chinook kept (600 released) 	Season TBD

Columbia River Fisheries (continued)

<p>Summer Season</p>	<p>Summer Chinook open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jun 16-30, Jul 3-6, Jul 11-31 Astoria Bridge to BON • Jun 16-Jul 31 BON to PRD • Jul 1-Aug 31 upstream of PRD • Bag limit: 2 hatchery Chinook • Below BON – 53,700 angler trips, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chinook: 2,000 adults kept; (2,700 released) ~43% Mark rate - Sockeye: 900 kept (400 released) - Steelhead: 7,000 kept (6,400 released) • BON to PRD: 440 Chinook kept (780 released) • Upstream of PRD (includes tributaries): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2,200 Chinook kept (4,800 released) - 30,700 sockeye kept 	<p>Season TBD at NOF Increased allocation (70/30)</p>
<p>Fall Season Buoy 10</p>	<p>Fall Chinook open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 1-Sep 1 (MSF Aug 30-Sep1) 1 Chinook bag • Oct 1-Dec 31 – 2 Chinook bag • Coho retention open entire season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aug 1-Sep 1 – 2 coho bag - Sep 2-30, Oct 3- Dec 31 – 3 coho bag • 107,700 angler trips • 26,800 Chinook kept (16,600 released) • 57,600 coho kept (40,300 released) 	<p>Season TBD at NOF</p> <p>2015 Chinook objectives: Chinook retention through Labor Day (~Sep 3).</p> <p>LCR tules remain a constraint</p>
<p>Fall Season LCR Sport</p>	<p>Fall Chinook open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tongue Pt.-Warrior R: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aug 1-Sep 7, Sep 8-14 (MSF); 1 Chinook bag - Oct 1-Dec 31. 2 Chinook bag • Warrior R. to BON: Aug 1-Dec 31. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Chinook bag to Steamboat - 3 Chinook bag Steamboat - BON • “Party Boat” rules in effect all season • 143,900 angler trips • 26,300 adult Chinook kept (6,800 released) • 5,800 coho kept (3,000 released) – highest on record • 6,400 steelhead kept (5,300 released) 	<p>Season TBD at NOF</p> <p>2015 Chinook objectives: TP-WR – thru Sept 7, then one week MSF (Sep 8-14) WR-BON - full season</p> <p>LCR tules remain a constraint</p>
<p>Fall Season BON- Hwy 395</p>	<p>Fall Chinook open:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 1-Dec 31; 2 Chinook bag • 9,200 Chinook kept 	<p>Similar to recent years</p>
<p>Sturgeon</p>	<p>Closed to retention effective January 1, 2014 except upstream of Bonneville Dam and Willamette Falls</p>	<p>TBD</p>
<p>Shad</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17,200 trips; 103,800 kept in LCR • 3,700 trips; 12,500 kept in LWR (through 6/15) 	<p>Large population No changes to fishery</p>
<p>Smelt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowlitz open 4 days Feb 1 - Mar 1 • Sandy open 4 days Mar 1-22 • 204,000 pounds landed 	<p>TBD</p>

Columbia River Commercial Fisheries

	2014 Results	2015 Expectations
Columbia River Fisheries		
Winter Sturgeon	No retention in 2014	TBD
Winter/Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 periods (51-hrs total); Zones 1-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Apr 1 & May 7; Tangle net - May 22, May 28 & Jun 4, 8" min. • 3,500 adult hatchery Chinook (2,200 released) • 1,200 shad 	TBD
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 periods (Jun 16, then one/week in July) • 8-12 hrs each • Zones 1-5; large mesh gear (8" min.) • 2,800 Chinook, 300 sockeye 	TBD; reduced allocation (70/30)
August (Early Fall)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 3 – Sep 2, 13 periods; 9 hrs each • Zones 4-5; 9" min mesh • 8 -148 deliveries per period • 47,700 CHF; 1,000 coho 	TBD LCR tules remain a constraint
Late Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinook directed (Z 4-5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 18 periods Sep 14- Oct 31, Z4-5, 8-inch gear, 9-12 hrs each • Coho directed (Z 1-3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 9 periods Oct 1-21; tangle net (MSF) - 13 periods Oct 9-31; 6" max. - 54,100 CHF; 71,800 coho 	TBD LCR tules remain a constraint
Commercial Seine	Pilot Research Seine Fishery (MSF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 periods Aug 19 – Sep 30, ~12h ea. • 10 permits issued (6 beach + 4 purse) • Landing limits & observation program • 2,800 Chinook kept (4,600 released) • 1,100 coho kept (2,300 released) 	Seine fishery likely
Shad	2S fishery open per permanent regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 10-Jun 20, 4,800 shad landed • 1 experimental gear permit (0 shad) 	Area 2S fishery and experimental gear permits possible
Smelt	Mainstem only, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Feb 10 - Mar 6, 2d/wk, Z 1-3 • 18,600 pounds landed 	TBD
Select Area Fisheries		
Winter/Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Average winter; poor spring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Winter - 500 Chinook - Spring - 2,300 Chinook (worst since 2005) 	5,000 predicted return Season structure similar to 2014
Summer (YB only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Above average season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1,800 Chinook 	Season structure similar to 2014
Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strong season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24,400 Chinook (highest since 1988) - 168,000 coho (highest on record) 	Season structure similar to 2014

2014-2015 Columbia River Process Schedule (Preliminary Draft)

Dec 4, 2014 10a-1p	Columbia River Commercial Advisor Group meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCR white sturgeon update • Smelt update • 2014 fishery review 	Admin Building Kelso, WA
Dec 4, 2014 4p-6p	Columbia River Recreational Advisor Group meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCR white sturgeon update • Smelt update • 2014 fisheries review 	WDFW Region 5 Vancouver, WA
Dec 5, 2014	Columbia River Fisherman's Protective Union <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 fisheries review 	Humps Clatskanie, OR
Dec 9, 2014	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia River fisheries transition program 	ODFW HQ Salem, OR
Dec 12, 2014 1p-4p	Staff meeting with Northwest Sport Fishing Industry Assoc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 results and 2015 expectations 	NW Region Clackamas, OR
Dec 12-13, 2014	Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Management Policy C-3001 – Briefing 	WDFW HQ Olympia, WA
Dec 15, 2014 1p-3p	Staff meeting with Salmon for All <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2014 results and 2015 expectations 	Grace Episcopal Church Astoria, OR
Dec 18, 2014	Joint State Hearing for Zone 6 (BON) recreational sturgeon	Phone
Jan 9, 2015	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia River Fishery Management/Reform – Briefing 	ODFW HQ Salem, OR
Jan 10-11, 2015	Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Columbia River Fishery Management/Reform – Briefing 	WDFW HQ Olympia, WA (venue may change)
Jan 14, 2015	Columbia River Commercial Advisor Group Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring and summer Chinook • Coho matrix 	City Hall Rainier, OR
Jan 14, 2015	Columbia River Recreational Advisor Group Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring and summer Chinook • Coho matrix 	NW Region Clackamas, OR
Jan 14, 2015 6p-8p	Select Area Fisheries Public Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 season structure discussion 	Holiday Inn Astoria, OR
Jan 28, 2015 10a	CR Compact/Joint State Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial winter/spring fishing plans • SAFE commercial fisheries • Recreational salmon 	Clark Wastewater Vancouver, WA

See Ocean Process for 2015 North of Falcon (NOF) schedule

2015 Ocean Fishery Process Schedule *(Preliminary Draft)*

TBD (Late Feb)	Ocean Salmon Industry Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 forecasts • Initial discussions of 2015 season options 	Hallmark Resort Hotel Newport, OR
TBD (Late Feb)	WDFW Public Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 forecasts and fishing opportunities 	WDFW HQ Olympia, WA
Mar 6-12	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt initial 2015 ocean salmon options for public review 	Hilton Vancouver, WA
Mid-March (Mar 16?)	2015 Columbia R North of Falcon	TBD Vancouver, WA
Mar 19	North of Falcon #1 (Public Meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmon season negotiations for Columbia River, Puget Sound, Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor, and ocean areas north of Cape Falcon, OR 	WDFW HQ Olympia, WA
Mar 30	PFMC Public Options Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public input on 2015 season options 	Red Lion Hotel Coos Bay, OR
TBD (Late Mar)	North of Falcon #2 (Public Meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 31 - WDFW w/tribes (Apr 2 if needed) • Apr 1 - WDFW w/Puget Sound and PS 	Embassy Suites Lynwood, WA
TBD (Early April)	North of Falcon #2 (Public Meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apr 3 - Ocean and Columbia River • Apr 4 - Grays Harbor 	WDFW HQ Olympia, WA
Apr 10 -16	Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2015 ocean salmon fishery regulations 	Double Tree Rohnert Park, CA
Apr 24	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt state water ocean salmon fishery regulations 	TBD Bend, OR