

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2014 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2015 Preseason Forecasts

The forecasts shown here are estimates made in February in preparation for the North of Falcon season-setting process. Once the North of Falcon process is complete, these February forecasts will change slightly. Final forecasts will be available in mid-April.

Stock Group	2014		2015
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	110,000	101,800	94,900
Lower River Wild - LRW	34,200	25,800	18,900
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	115,100	127,000	160,500
Upriver Bright – URB	973,300	684,200	500,300
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)*</i>	<i>64,600</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>20,900</i>
Bonneville Upriver Bright - BUB	49,500	33,900	26,800
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	310,600	169,900	86,500
Select Area Bright - SAB	10,200	16,500	12,300
Columbia River Total	1,602,900	1,159,000	900,200

**Subset of URB*

2015 Forecasts

- ❖ LRH – Similar to the 5-year average (100,700).
- ❖ LRW – Similar to the 5-year average (18,000).
- ❖ BPH – Highest since 2004.
- ❖ URB – Third highest return, and similar to the 5-year average (482,300)
- ❖ BUB – Similar to the 5-year average (27,900).
- ❖ PUB – Third highest return on record.
- ❖ SAB – Similar to the 10-year average (12,060).
- ❖ The total forecast of 900,200 Columbia River fall Chinook would be the third largest return on record since 1938, and larger than the 5-year average.

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