

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2015 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2016 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	2015		2016
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	94,900	128,700	133,700
Lower River Wild - LRW	18,900	32,400	22,200
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	160,500	166,400	89,600
Upriver Bright – URB	500,300	795,900	589,000
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)*</i>	<i>20,900</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Bonneville Upriver Bright - BUB	26,800	39,200	23,200
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	86,500	131,400	77,800
Select Area Bright - SAB	12,300	11,400	15,800
Columbia River Total	900,200	1,305,400	951,300

**Subset of URB*

2016 Forecasts

- ❖ LRH – Similar to 2015 actual return and greater than the 10-year average.
- ❖ LRW – Greater than the 10-year average.
- ❖ BPH – Slightly higher than the 10-year average.
- ❖ URB – Much higher than the 10-year average; would be the fourth highest return.
- ❖ BUB – Less than the 10-year average.
- ❖ PUB – Similar to the 10-year average.
- ❖ SAB – Greater than the 10-year average.
- ❖ Total Columbia River Forecast – Another strong return; much greater than 10-year average.

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