

2018 Salmon Season Setting NORTH of FALCON



2018 Coastal Forecasts: Coho, Chinook and Chum

Chinook

- The forecast for hatchery and wild fall chinook returns to the coast is similar to the most recent 10-year average at 78,694 and up 6 percent from the 2017 forecast. The forecast does not include projections for Quinault chinook.

Coho

- Although hatchery coho returns are forecast to be up slightly, a 20 percent decline in wild returns will likely limit salmon fisheries. The total forecast for coastal coho is 270,756 fish, down from a forecast of 298,651 in 2017.
- Projected returns of hatchery and wild coho to Willapa Bay are down significantly from last year, while the Queets wild coho forecast is up slightly, but still low. The Grays Harbor area is expected to see a bump in hatchery coho but a 15 percent decline in wild returns.

Chum

- The overall forecast for chum of 101,076 fish is up from a forecast of 89,026 chum last year, and should provide some good fishing opportunities.
- The projected return of chum to Grays Harbor is up 69 percent over the 10-year average, while the forecasted return to Willapa Bay is up 5 percent over the same timeframe.

