

2018 Salmon Season Setting

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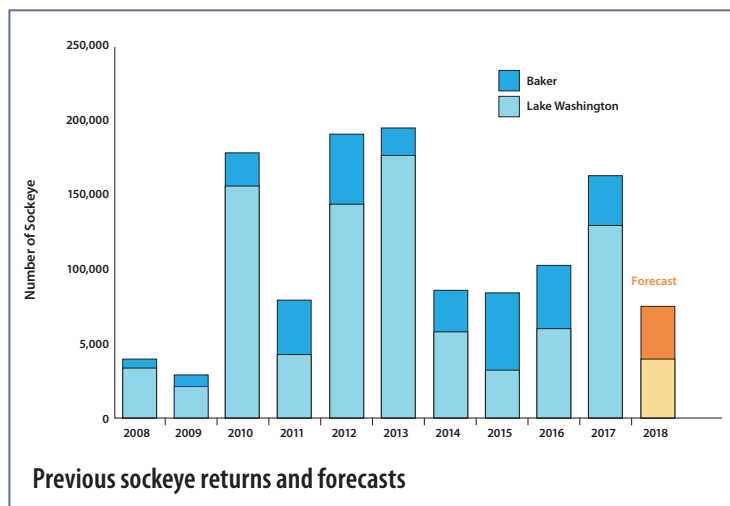
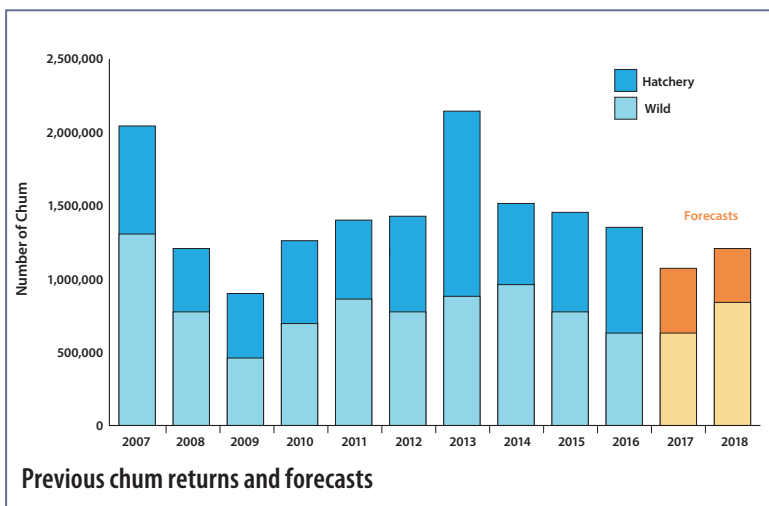
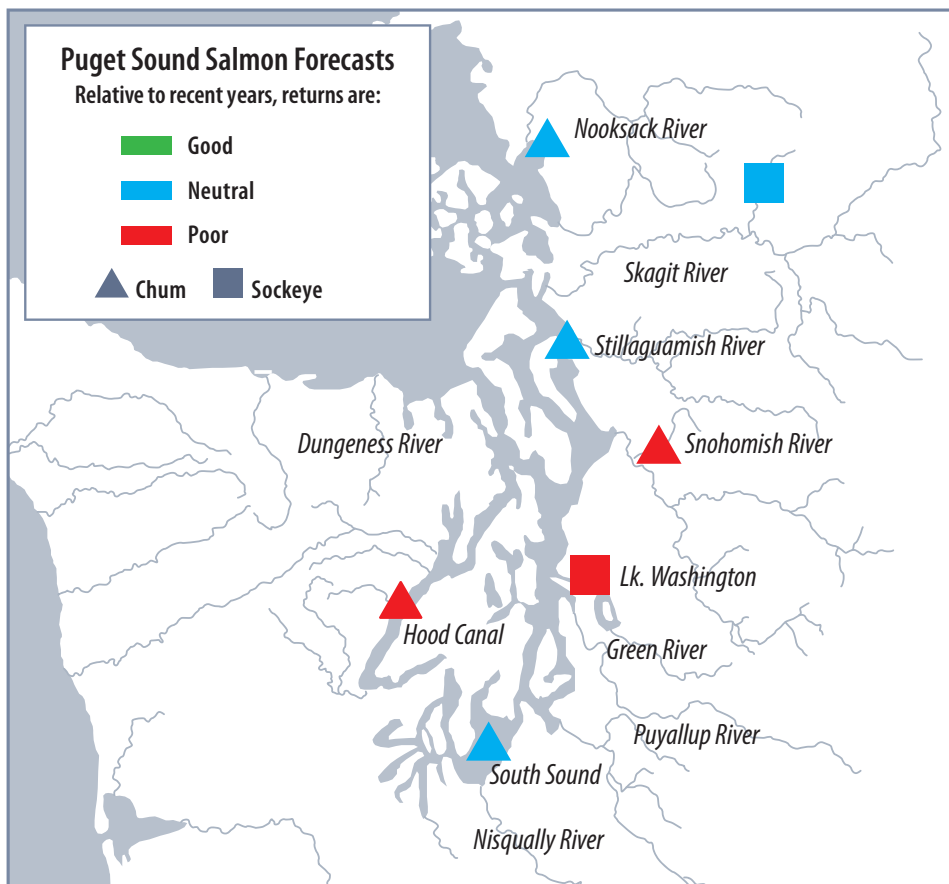
2018 Puget Sound Salmon Forecasts: Sockeye and Chum

Sockeye

- The forecast for Baker Lake sockeye is 35,000 fish, which is down from last year's forecast of 47,000. However, this year's forecast is up 20 percent over the recent 10-year average, making a fishery likely.
- A fishery is unlikely in Lake Washington, where only 40,000 sockeye are expected to return. The Lake Washington sockeye forecast is down 53 percent from the recent 10-year average.

Chum

- The major areas that will support fisheries this year are Hood Canal and South Sound. The Hood Canal forecast is about 497,000 fish and the forecast for South Sound is 543,000.
- Several areas, such as north Puget Sound rivers, are expected to have very low returns of chum, similar to recent years. Fishery managers do not expect to have chum fisheries in these areas.



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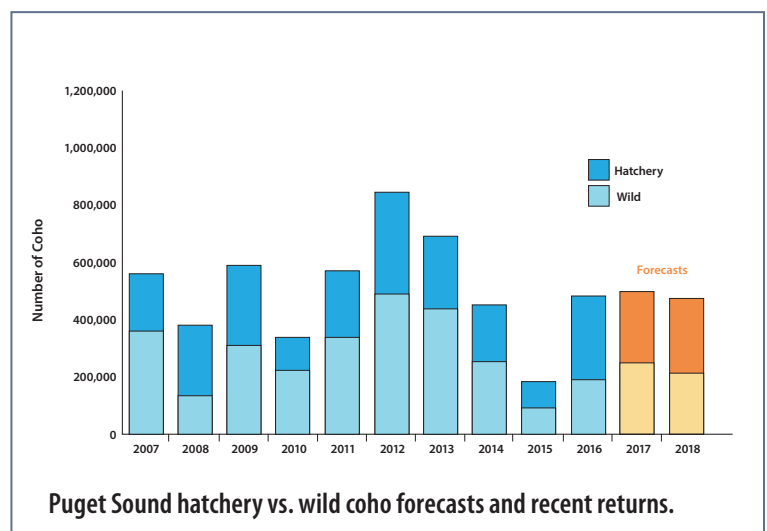
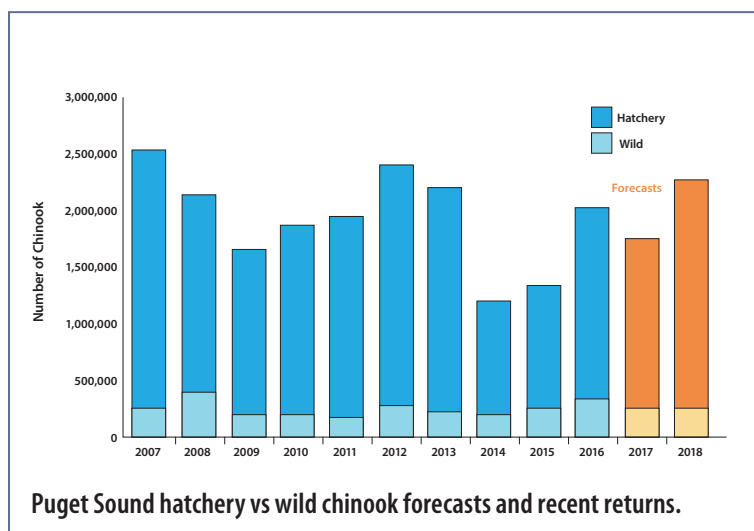
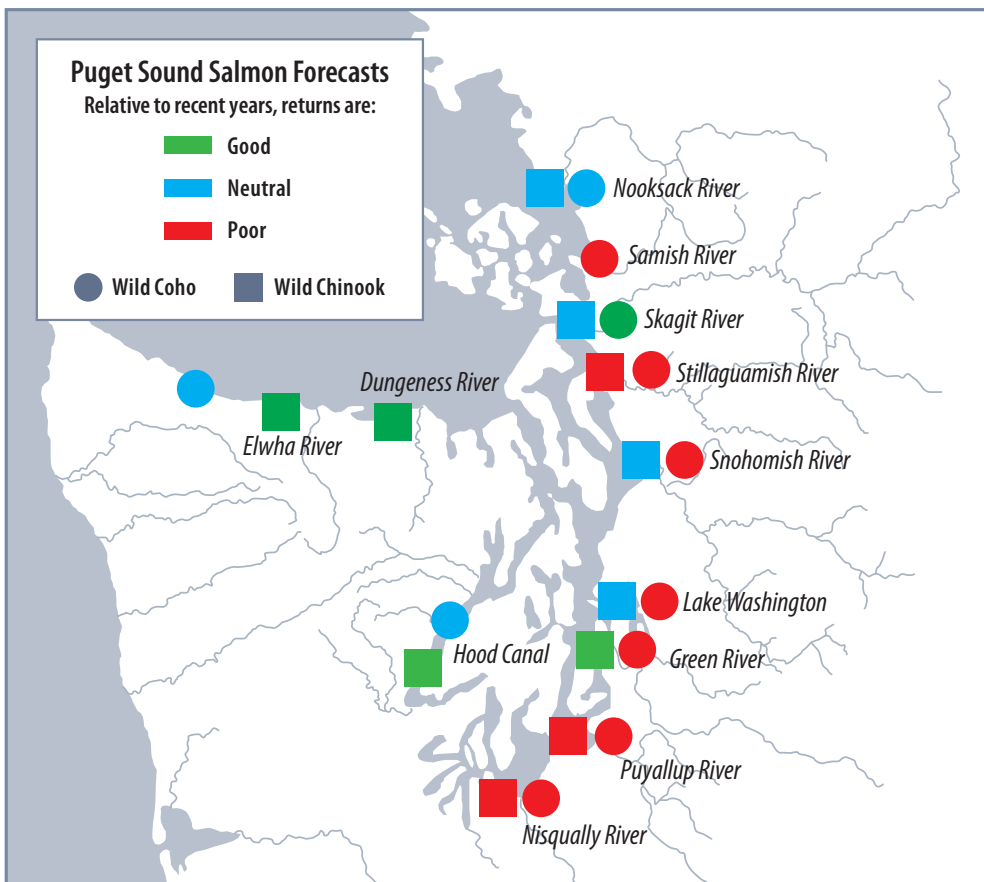
2018 Puget Sound Salmon Forecasts: Coho and Chinook

Chinook

- The projected return of 227,420 hatchery chinook is up 21 percent from the 10-year average and is a 35 percent increase from 2017.
- However, continued low returns of wild chinook to some rivers will likely limit fisheries this year. Roughly 26,330 wild chinook are expected to return, down slightly from both last year and the 10-year average.
- Conservation objectives for chinook management have not been finalized and could result in more restrictions on fisheries.

Coho

- The expected return of 557,150 hatchery and wild coho is down about 6 percent from the 10-year average. It's also down about 6 percent from projected returns for 2017.
- Low returns to certain areas, such as South Sound rivers and the Snohomish River, could limit salmon fishing in those regions.



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