

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2019 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2020 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 due to projected harvest in ocean fisheries; the forecasts below are to the Columbia River mouth. Final forecasts will be available in mid-April.

Stock Group	2019		2020
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	54,500	48,900	51,000
Lower River Wild - LRW	13,700	16,700	19,700
Lower River Bright - LRB	8,000	9,900	7,900
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	46,000	29,000	46,200
Upriver Bright – URB	158,400	212,200	233,400
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)¹</i>	<i>8,600</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	56,700	58,100	71,800
Select Area Bright - SAB	3,100	900	1,000
Columbia River Total	340,400	375,700	431,000

¹Subset of URB

2020 Forecasts

- ❖ **LRH** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 60% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **LRW** – Improved over last year’s actual return, 117% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **LRB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 170% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **BPH** – Improved over last year’s actual return, about 60% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **URB** – Improved over last year’s actual return, 55% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **PUB** – Improved over last year’s actual return, about 80% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **SAB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, 17% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **Total Return** – Some improvement over 2019 actual return is anticipated, particularly with the bright stocks (URB, PUB, LRB and LRW).

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