

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2020 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2021 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	2020		2021
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	51,000	77,900	73,100
Lower River Wild - LRW	19,700	35,400	20,000
Lower River Bright - LRB	7,900	7,100	8,800
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	46,200	52,700	46,800
Upriver Bright – URB	233,400	299,300	354,200
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)¹</i>	10,900	NA	NA
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	71,800	101,900	77,400
Select Area Bright - SAB	1,000	400	500
Columbia River Total	431,000	574,700	580,800

¹Subset of URB

2021 Forecasts

- ❖ **LRH** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 85% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **LRW** – About half of last year’s actual return, 104% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **LRB** – Improved over last year’s actual return, about 166% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **BPH** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 66% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **URB** – Improved over last year’s actual return, 83% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **PUB** – About 25% less than last year’s actual return, 83% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **SAB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, 6% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **Total Return** – Some improvement over 2020 actual return is anticipated.

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