

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2023 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2024 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	2023		2024
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	77,100	87,127	85,500
Lower River Wild - LRW	8,600	11,415	10,500
Lower River Bright - LRB	4,300	3,160	2,400
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	136,100	198,864	129,800
Upriver Bright - URB	272,400	338,991	258,300
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)¹</i>	<i>13,300</i>	<i>12,420</i>	<i>9,300</i>
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	48,300	78,938	61,000
Select Area Bright - SAB	600	1,742	300
Columbia River Total	547,400	720,237	547,800

¹Subset of URB

*Revised 3/10/24

2024 Forecasts

- ❖ **Total Return** – The 2024 forecast is similar to the recent 5-year average return of about 564,300.

Tule stocks

- ❖ **LRH** – Similar to last year's actual return, about 114% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **BPH** – Lower than last year's actual return, about 106% of the 5-year average return.

Bright stocks

- ❖ **LRW** – Similar to last year's actual return, about 58% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **LRB** – Similar to last year's actual return, about 40% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **URB** – Lower than last year's actual return, about 96% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **PUB** – Lower than last year's actual return, about 82% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **SAB** – Lower than last year's actual return, about 23% of the 5-year average return.