

# COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

## 2024 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2025 Preseason Forecasts

These forecasts are developed in February for the North of Falcon season-setting process. Once the North of Falcon process is complete, these 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	2024		2025
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	85,500	114,431	121,500
Lower River Wild - LRW	10,500	15,105	14,200
Lower River Bright - LRB	2,400	8,708	4,300
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	129,800	129,006	184,700
Upriver Bright - URB	258,300	318,089	313,400
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>9,300</i>	<i>12,657</i>	<i>9,000</i>
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	61,000	78,868	79,000
Select Area Bright - SAB	300	5,298	900
<b>Columbia River Total</b>	<b>547,800</b>	<b>669,505</b>	<b>718,000</b>

<sup>1</sup>Subset of URB

### 2025 Forecasts

- ❖ **Total Return** – The 2025 forecast is greater than the recent 5-year average return of about 504,500.

#### **Tule stocks**

- ❖ **LRH** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 138% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **BPH** – Higher than last year’s actual return, about 130% of the 5-year average return.

#### **Bright stocks**

- ❖ **LRW** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 81% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **LRB** – Lower than last year’s actual return, about 72% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **URB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 108% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **PUB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 101% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **SAB** – Lower than last year’s actual return, about 36% of the 5-year average return.