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Attached are the 2022 forecasts for Columbia River Fall Chinook



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COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2021 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2022 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	2021		2022
	February Forecasts	Actual Returns	February Forecasts
Lower River Hatchery - LRH	73,100	74,700	73,000
Lower River Wild - LRW	20,000	16,900	10,800
Lower River Bright - LRB	8,800	7,800	8,700
Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	46,800	73,700	91,200
Upriver Bright – URB	354,200	239,900	230,400
<i>Snake River Wild (SRW)¹</i>	<i>11,000</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>NA</i>
Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	77,400	66,000	70,200
Select Area Bright - SAB	500	2,200	600
Columbia River Total	580,800	481,300	484,900

¹Subset of URB

2022 Forecasts

- ❖ **LRH** – Similar to last year's actual return and 89% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **LRW** – About 64% of last year's actual return and 56% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **LRB** – Improved over last year's actual return, about 148% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **BPH** – Improved over last year's actual return, about 128% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **URB** – Similar to last year's actual return, 55% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **PUB** – Improved over last year's actual return, about 75% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **SAB** – About 25% of last year's actual return and 7% of the 10-year average.
- ❖ **Total Return** – In 2022, a similar return to the 2021 actual return is anticipated.

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