

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK

2025 Forecast/Actual Returns and 2026 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 | 2025 | | 2026 |
|---|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| | February Forecasts | Actual Returns | February Forecasts |
| Lower River Hatchery - LRH | 121,500 | 115,428 | 118,600 |
| Lower River Wild - LRW | 14,200 | 19,801 | 15,800 |
| Lower River Bright - LRB | 4,300 | 5,880 | 5,000 |
| Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH | 184,700 | 126,093 | 123,400 |
| Upriver Bright - URB | 313,400 | 290,428 | 281,600 |
| <i>Snake River Wild (SRW)¹</i> | <i>9,000</i> | <i>NA</i> | <i>NA</i> |
| Pool Upriver Bright - PUB | 79,000 | 125,053 | 106,500 |
| Select Area Bright - SAB | 900 | 2,747 | 400 |
| Columbia River Total | 718,000 | 685,429 | 651,300 |

¹Subset of URB

*Revised 2/23/26

2026 Forecasts

- ❖ **Total Return** – The 2026 forecast is similar to the recent 5-year average return of about 640,300.

Tule stocks

- ❖ **LRH** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 124% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **BPH** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 79% of the 5-year average return.

Bright stocks

- ❖ **LRW** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 109% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **LRB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 87% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **URB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 98% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **PUB** – Similar to last year’s actual return, about 129% of the 5-year average return.
- ❖ **SAB** – Lower than last year’s actual return, about 15% of the 5-year average return.