

COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK 2023 PRELIMINARY RETURNS AND OUTLOOK FOR 2024

Columbia River Fall Chinook

- 2023 Returns
 - Adult fall Chinook return was predicted to be 554,000 fish.
 - Preliminary adult return is about 131% of the forecast. Most fall Chinook stocks returned above forecast.
 - Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH) stock appear to have lower jack returns than 2021 and 2022 returns.
 - Upriver Bright (URB) stocks appear to have higher jack returns than the 2022 returns.
 - Pool Upriver Bright (PUB) stocks appear to have similar adult returns to the 2022 returns.
 - Lower River Hatchery (LRH) tule jack returns appear to be similar to the 2022 returns.
- 2024 Outlook
 - Fall Chinook returns should be similar to 2023 returns with the exception of BPH stock.

Stock Definitions

Tule

LRH – Lower River Hatchery
BPH – Bonneville Pool Hatchery

Bright

URB – Upriver Bright
PUB – Pool Upriver Bright
LRB – Lower River Bright
LRW – Lower River Wild
SAB – Select Area Bright

**Returns and forecasts are to the Columbia River mouth.*

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