

Run Size Forecast for Yakima River Adult Spring Chinook, 2016

Preliminary¹

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¹ Some updates to 2015 age-at-return data are still pending. An updated forecast may be generated in February, 2016, but is not expected to differ substantially from this report.

Summary

In 2015 the forecast was for a return of 9,320 adult (age-4 and age-5) spring Chinook to the mouth of the Yakima River. The actual return in 2015 was estimated to be 8,795 adult spring Chinook (94% of forecast). However, the 2015 return was impaired by a thermal barrier in the lower Yakima River due to lack of winter snowpack and hot spring and summer air temperatures. This combined to severely reduce summer and fall flows and increase water temperatures. Mean daily water temperatures at Kiona (rkm 40 from the mouth of the Yakima R.) exceeded 70° F every day from May 21 to August 29, 2015 (source U.S. BOR hydromet database). Since 1997, preseason forecasts have generally been based on examination of brood cohort relationships from 1982 to present projecting age-4 returns using the return survival of age-3 fish in a given brood, and similarly projecting age-5 returns from age-4 returns. In recent years, high age-3 jack return abundance has not always been a reliable predictor of age-4 return abundance. Yakima River biologists have been collaborating with other scientists from the region to see if parameters such as NOAA ocean condition rank², jack size or other variables can help explain and correct for ocean conditions or other factors that might affect the reliability of jacks as a predictor.

To produce the 2010-2016 Yakima River forecasts, I evaluated output from at least eight different methods all of which used jack abundance in some combination with traditional cohort relationships, NOAA ocean condition rank, or jack size. These methods produced forecasts for 2016 age-4 and age-5 adult returns ranging from 2,900 to 7,000 spring Chinook. Given the relatively poor reliability of jack-based predictor methods for high jack count years, I have also been evaluating a method which uses Prosser smolt estimates, juvenile survival estimates for natural- and hatchery-origin fish from Roza to McNary Dams, and NOAA ocean rank (ocean survival index) as input variables to forecast combined age-4 and age-5 adult returns. These data are only available dating back to the 1997 brood year (1999 migration year), but were used to produce Yakima River forecasts for 2011-2014 and resulted in relatively good forecasts (a 23% under-forecast in 2011 and over-forecasts within 9% of actual returns for 2012-14). However, continued analysis of data such as Chandler flow and entrainment relationships and freshwater (smolt) survival indices has resulted in substantial year to year variation in the data used to populate this model. This model with updated juvenile and survival index data produces a forecast for 2016 of 7,200 (greater than the highest jack-based predictor). Due to continued uncertainties with data used in the smolt abundance and survival index forecast model, I chose to use a regression model of adult returns to adult spawners, jacks, and jack mideye length for jack return years 1986-2014 to produce the 2016 Yakima River forecast. This method results in a relatively conservative forecast near the average of the range of other jack-based forecast methods, and inherently incorporates factors such as freshwater or ocean conditions that might be affecting recent productivity and jack abundance. The 2016 forecast is 3,100 wild/natural and 1,510 hatchery-origin adult (age-4 and age-5) spring Chinook returns to the Yakima Basin (Table 1; hatchery proportion based on recent 10-year average hatchery proportion). Hatchery-origin returns are from the Cle Elum Supplementation and Research Facility (CESRF) in the Upper Yakima River which has been in operation since 1997.

² see <http://www.nwfsc.noaa.gov/research/divisions/fed/oeip/g-forecast.cfm>
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Table 1. Forecasted return of adult Spring Chinook to the Yakima River mouth in 2016 by age and stock.

Stock	Age-4	Age-5	Total Adults
Upper Yakima Natural	1,520	120	1,640
Upper Yakima CESRF	1,510	0	1,510
Naches/American Wild	740	720	1,460
Total Run	3,770	840	4,610
Total Wild/Natural	2,260	840	3,100
Total CESRF	1,510	0	1,510

The total 2016 forecasted return of 4,610 adult spring Chinook is 55% of the recent 10-year (2006-2015) average adult return of 8,320 spring Chinook.

Review of 2015 Yakima River spring Chinook return

The estimated spring Chinook return to the Yakima River mouth in 2015 was 8,790 (2,720 CESRF) adults and 560 (255 CESRF) jacks for a total return of 9,350 spring Chinook (Table 2). The final Prosser Dam counts were estimated to be: 8,720 adults (2,690 CESRF), and 540 jacks (240 CESRF) for a total count of 9,270 spring Chinook (Table 3). After reviewing Prosser and Roza counts, the estimated harvest between the two dams, and estimated spawning in the upper Yakima below Roza Dam, the final Prosser Dam counts were adjusted post-season to account for fish that were assumed to have passed upstream (uncounted) during the course of the season. The final Roza Dam counts were: 6,030 adults (2,260 CESRF), and 400 jacks (210 CESRF) for a total count of 6,400 spring Chinook (Table 4). Age information from all available sampling data is used to reconstruct the river mouth run components, and to produce brood cohort tables for the forecast. Since age data from scale samples do not always agree with jack counts based on video or physical observations, adjustments are typically made during run reconstruction resulting in slight discrepancies between adult and jack river mouth run size estimates compared to Prosser Dam and harvest below Prosser Dam estimates, and between Prosser and Roza Dam estimates. The reader may also notice some discrepancies in CESRF and wild/natural count estimates throughout this report due to inherent inaccuracies involved with video-based mark sampling.

Harvest was estimated at 780 adults and 30 jacks. Harvest consisted of approximately 300 wild/natural adults, <5 wild/natural jacks, 480 CESRF adults, and 30 CESRF jacks with about 60 adults and no jacks harvested in tribal fisheries below Prosser Dam (Table 5). The mark-selective, non-Indian recreational fishery in the Yakima River in 2015 harvested about 420 spring Chinook.

Estimated escapements were: 5,470 spring Chinook (330 jacks; approximately 36% of the total escapement was estimated to be returns from the CESRF) into the upper Yakima River subbasin (Tables 2 and 6), and 2,100 spring Chinook into the Naches River and its associated subbasins

(Table 2). A total of about 1,320 redds were counted in the upper Yakima River subbasin and 610 redds were counted in the Naches River and its associated subbasins (Table 7).

Forecast for 2016 Yakima River spring Chinook return

Age-4:age-3 and age-5:age-4 cohort ratios and regression relationships for wild/natural fish in the upper Yakima and Naches subbasins independently and for the aggregate Yakima River return were reviewed for all brood years dating back to 1982 (Tables 8-10). Similar relationships were analyzed for the 1997-2011 brood CESRF returns (Table 11). Since most Yakima River spring Chinook return at age-4, the survival of age-3 fish (jacks) in the previous year are the primary driver in these forecasting techniques. Due to continued uncertainties with data in the smolt abundance and survival index models used to forecast the 2011-2014 returns, a regression model of adult returns to adult spawners, jacks, and jack mid-eye length for jack return years 1986-2014 to produce the 2016 aggregate Yakima River forecast. This method results in a relatively conservative forecast about equal to the average of values for all forecast methods evaluated (Table 12), and inherently incorporates factors such as freshwater or ocean conditions that might be affecting recent productivity and jack abundance. The hatchery proportion was estimated using the recent 10-year average hatchery proportion. Age and stock specific regressions were then used to apportion these aggregate natural- and hatchery-origin forecasts into their component parts. This method projects returns for 2016 spring Chinook to the Yakima River mouth of: 3,770 age-4 and 840 age-5 fish for a total projected return of 4,610 adult spring Chinook. The forecast includes 3,100 wild/natural (67%) and 1,510 CESRF-origin (33%) adult (age-4 and age-5) spring Chinook returns to the Yakima Basin in 2016.

On average since 1997, the data indicate that forecasting has been accurate to within about +/- 34% of the actual return (Table 13). Note also that a variety of factors can affect the Yakima River mouth return rate of CESRF fish relative to their natural counterparts. These factors include: year-to-year variances in release numbers (Table 14), mark-selective fisheries in the lower Columbia River which target adipose-fin-clipped fish (all CESRF fish are adipose-clipped), variances in freshwater and ocean survival, and climate change impacts such as the thermal barrier in the lower Yakima River observed in 2015.

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Table 2. Yakima River Spring Chinook Run (CESRF and wild/natural, Adults and Jacks combined) Reconstruction, 1990-Present.

	River Mouth Run Size ¹			Harvest	Prosser	Harvest	Spawners		Roza	Roza	Est. Escapement		Redd Counts	
Year	Adults	Jacks	Total	Below Prosser	Count	Above Prosser	Below Roza ²	Count	Removals ³		Upper Y.R. ⁴	Naches ⁵	Upper Y.R.	Naches
1990	4,280	92	4,372	131	2,255	532	282	2,047	31		2,016	1,380	678	464
1991	2,802	104	2,906	27	2,879	5	131		40		1,583	1,121	582	460
1992	4,492	107	4,599	184	4,415	161	39	3,027	18		3,009	1,188	1,230	425
1993	3,800	119	3,919	44	3,875	85	56	1,869	0		1,869	1,865	637	554
1994	1,282	20	1,302	0	1,302	25	10	563	0		563	704	285	272
1995	526	140	666	0	666	79	9	355	0		355	223	114	104
1996	3,060	119	3,179	100	3,079	375	26	1,631	0		1,631	1,047	801	184
1997	3,092	81	3,173	0	3,173	575	20	1,445	261		1,184	1,133	413	339
1998	1,771	132	1,903	0	1,903	188	3	795	408		387	917	147	330
1999	1,513	1,268	2,781	8	2,773	596	55	1,704	738		966	418	212	186
2000	17,519	1,582	19,101	90	19,011	2,368	204	12,327	667		11,660	4,112	3,770	888
2001	21,225	2,040	23,265	1,793	21,472	2,838	289	12,516	718		11,798	5,829	3,226	1,192
2002	14,616	483	15,099	328	14,771	2,780	29	8,922	878		8,044	3,041	2,816	943
2003	4,868	2,089	6,957	59	6,898	381	83	3,842	584		3,258	2,592	868	935
2004	13,974	1,315	15,289	135	15,154	1,544	90	11,005	718		10,287	2,515	3,414	719
2005	8,059	699	8,758	34	8,724	440	28	6,352	667		5,685	1,904	2,009	574
2006	5,951	363	6,314	0	6,314	600	14	4,028	664		3,364	1,672	1,245	447
2007	2,968	1,335	4,303	10	4,293	269	13	3,025	716		2,309	986	722	313
2008	6,615	1,983	8,598	539	8,059	993	9	5,478	1,144		4,334	1,578	1,372	495
2009	7,441	4,679	12,120	1,517	10,603	836	18	8,633	1,595		7,038	1,117	1,575	482
2010	11,027	2,114	13,142	156	12,986	1,585	9	9,900	1,526		8,374	1,491	2,668	552
2011	13,398	4,561	17,960	909	17,051	3,471	0	10,520	1,936		8,584	3,060	1,898	580
2012	11,083	970	12,053	1,331	10,722	1,989	7	6,826	1,350		5,476	1,900	1,468	811
2013	7,101	3,144	10,245	1,191	9,054	1,462	171	6,053	1,240		4,813	1,369	648	376
2014	8,850	2,472	11,322	221	11,101	1,950	23	7,997	1,269		6,728	1,130	1,149	379
2015	8,795	556	9,351	83	9,268	732	0	6,433	967		5,466	2,103	1,321	614

1. River Mouth run size is the greater of the Prosser count plus lower river harvest or estimated escapement plus all known harvest and removals.
2. Estimated as the average number of fish per redd in the upper Yakima times the number of redds between the Naches confluence and Roza Dam.
3. Roza removals include harvest above Roza, hatchery removals, and/or natural broodstock removals.
4. Estimated escapement into the upper Yakima River is the Roza count less harvest or broodstock removals above Roza Dam except in 1991 when Upper Yakima River escapement is estimated as the (Prosser count - harvest above Prosser - Roza subtractions) times the proportion of redds counted in the upper Yakima.
5. Naches River escapement is estimated as the Prosser count less harvest above Prosser and the Roza counts, except in 1983 and 1990 when it is estimated as the upper Yakima fish/redd times the Naches redd count.

Table 3. Estimated Spring Chinook counts at Prosser Dam, 1985-Present.

Year	<u>Adults</u>			<u>Jacks</u>			<u>Total Passage</u>			<u>Actual</u>	<u>Forecast</u>
	CESRF	Wild/Nat. ²	Total	CESRF	Wild/Nat. ²	Total	Total	Wild/Nat. ²	CESRF	CESRF Percent	CESRF Percent
1985			3,815			424	4,239				
1986			8,557			352	8,909				
1987			3,758			326	4,084				
1988			3,590			323	3,913				
1989			4,112			242	4,354				
1990			2,202			53	2,255				
1991			2,750			129	2,879				
1992			4,282			133	4,415				
1993			3,795			80	3,875				
1994			1,283			19	1,302				
1995			528			138	666				
1996			2,946			133	3,079				
1997			3,126			47	3,173				
1998			1,771			132	1,903				
1999			1,795			978	2,773				
2000	41 ¹	17,381	17,422	741	848	1,589	19,011	18,229			
2001	7,803	11,960	19,763	1,087	622	1,709	21,472	12,582	8,890	41.4%	38.3%
2002	7,393	6,661	14,054	369	348	717	14,771	7,009	7,762	52.5%	56.6%
2003	1,257	3,742	4,999	989	910	1,899	6,898	4,652	2,246	32.6%	20.6%
2004	4,195	10,218	14,413	170	571	741	15,154	10,789	4,365	28.8%	41.2%
2005	737	7,160	7,897	540	287	827	8,724	7,447	1,277	14.6%	17.7%
2006	2,448	3,563	6,012	151	151	302	6,314	3,714	2,599	41.2%	31.3%
2007	823	2,044	2,867	866	560	1,426	4,293	2,604	1,689	39.3%	15.9%
2008	3,264	3,127	6,391	1,169	499	1,668	8,059	3,626	4,433	55.0%	48.3%
2009	3,039	3,590	6,629	3,183	791	3,974	10,603	4,381	6,222	58.7%	55.7%
2010	6,601	4,327	10,928	1,491	567	2,058	12,986	4,894	8,092	62.3%	71.9%
2011	5,705	7,043	12,748	2,770	1,533	4,303	17,051	8,576	8,475	49.7%	39.9%
2012	4,715	5,206	9,921	475	326	801	10,722	5,532	5,190	48.4%	47.2%
2013	2,665	3,841	6,506	1,461	1,087	2,548	9,054	4,928	4,126	45.6%	44.2%
2014	3,643	5,061	8,704	1,430	967	2,397	11,101	6,028	5,073	45.7%	36.8%
2015	2,690	6,035	8,725	241	302	543	9,268	6,337	2,931	31.6%	42.3%

1. There were no CESRF adults returning in 2000. These are marked fish, presumably out-of-basin strays.

2. All fish prior to 2000 are assumed to be wild.

Table 4. Estimated Spring Chinook counts at Roza Dam, 1982-Present.
(total counts including fish collected and removed for broodstock)

Year	Adults			Jacks			Total Passage
	CESRF	Wild/Nat. ¹	Total	CESRF	Wild/Nat. ¹	Total	
1982			1,057			89	1,146
1983			860			147	1,007
1984			1,371			248	1,619
1985			2,189			239	2,428
1986			2,979			288	3,267
1987			1,854			74	1,928
1988			1,467			108	1,575
1989			2,375			141	2,515
1990			2,007			40	2,047
1991			No counts available				
1992			2,965			62	3,027
1993			1,795			74	1,869
1994			554			9	563
1995			280			75	355
1996			1,576			55	1,631
1997			1,396			49	1,445
1998			740			55	795
1999			879			825	1,704
2000		11,109	11,109	688	530	1,218	12,327
2001	6,180	5,010	11,190	990	336	1,326	12,516
2002	6,298	2,405	8,703	86	133	219	8,922
2003	1,151	784	1,935	1,133	774	1,907	3,842
2004	2,985	7,093	10,078	216	711	927	11,005
2005	726	4,876	5,602	540	210	750	6,352
2006	1,851	1,906	3,757	127	144	271	4,028
2007	899	1,101	2,000	833	192	1,025	3,025
2008	2,678	1,419	4,097	1,123	258	1,381	5,478
2009	2,860	2,294	5,154	2,743	736	3,479	8,633
2010	5,509	2,752	8,261	1,206	433	1,639	9,900
2011	4,280	3,444	7,724	1,845	951	2,796	10,520
2012	3,552	2,704	6,256	350	220	570	6,826
2013	2,112	2,074	4,186	1,157	710	1,867	6,053
2014	2,774	3,445	6,219	1,055	723	1,778	7,997
2015	2,260	3,775	6,035	211	187	398	6,433

1. All fish prior to 2000 are assumed to be wild.

Table 5. Spring Chinook Harvest (adults and jacks combined) in the Yakima River Basin, 1982-Present.

Year	Tribal		Non-Tribal		River Totals		Total	Harvest Rate ¹
	CESRF	Wild/Nat.	CESRF	Wild/Nat.	CESRF	Wild/Nat.		
1982	0	434	0	0	0	434	434	23.8%
1983	0	84	0	0	0	84	84	5.8%
1984	0	289	0	0	0	289	289	10.9%
1985	0	865	0	0	0	865	865	19.0%
1986	0	1,340	0	0	0	1,340	1,340	14.2%
1987	0	517	0	0	0	517	517	11.6%
1988	0	444	0	0	0	444	444	10.5%
1989	0	747	0	0	0	747	747	15.2%
1990	0	663	0	0	0	663	663	15.2%
1991	0	32	0	0	0	32	32	1.1%
1992	0	345	0	0	0	345	345	7.5%
1993	0	129	0	0	0	129	129	3.3%
1994	0	25	0	0	0	25	25	1.9%
1995	0	79	0	0	0	79	79	11.9%
1996	0	475	0	0	0	475	475	14.9%
1997	0	575	0	0	0	575	575	18.1%
1998	0	188	0	0	0	188	188	9.9%
1999	0	604	0	0	0	604	604	21.7%
2000	53	2,305	0	100	53	2,405	2,458	12.9%
2001	572	2,034	1,252	772	1,825	2,806	4,630	19.9%
2002	1,373	1,207	492	36 ²	1,865	1,243	3,108	20.6%
2003	134	306	0	0	134	306	440	6.3%
2004	289	712	569	109 ²	858	820	1,679	11.0%
2005	46	428	0	0	46	428	474	5.4%
2006	246	354	0	0	246	354	600	9.5%
2007	123	156	0	0	123	156	279	6.5%
2008	521	414	586	11 ²	1,107	425	1,532	17.8%
2009	1,089	715	541	8 ²	1,630	723	2,353	19.4%
2010	345	194	1,154	48 ²	1,499	241	1,741	13.2%
2011	1,361	1,261	1,579	179 ²	2,940	1,440	4,380	24.4%
2012	1,220	1,302	735	63 ²	1,955	1,364	3,320	27.5%
2013	846	975	786	46 ²	1,632	1,021	2,653	25.9%
2014	576	715	826	54 ²	1,402	769	2,171	19.2%
2015	121	271	385	38 ²	506	309	815	8.7%

1. Harvest rate is the river total harvest as a percentage of the river mouth run size given in Table 1.
2. Estimate of post-release mortality of unmarked fish.

Table 6. Escapement (Roza Dam counts less brood stock collection and harvest above Roza) of natural- (NoR) and hatchery-origin (HoR) spring Chinook to the upper Yakima subbasin, 1982 – present.

Year	Wild/Natural (NoR)			CESRF (HoR)			Total			PHOS ¹	PNI ¹
	Adults	Jacks	Total	Adults	Jacks	Total	Adults	Jacks	Total		
1982			1,146								
1983			1,007								
1984			1,535								
1985			2,331								
1986			3,251								
1987			1,734								
1988			1,340								
1989			2,331								
1990			2,016								
1991			1,583 ²								
1992			3,009								
1993			1,869								
1994			563								
1995			355								
1996			1,631								
1997	1,141	43	1,184								
1998	369	18	387								
1999	498	468	966								
2000	10,491	481	10,972		688	688	10,491	1,169	11,660	5.9%	
2001	4,454	297	4,751	6,065	982	7,047	10,519	1,279	11,798	59.7%	62.6%
2002	1,820	89	1,909	6,064	71	6,135	7,884	160	8,044	76.3%	56.7%
2003	394	723	1,117	1,036	1,105	2,141	1,430	1,828	3,258	65.7%	60.3%
2004	6,536	671	7,207	2,876	204	3,080	9,412	875	10,287	29.9%	77.0%
2005	4,401	175	4,576	627	482	1,109	5,028	657	5,685	19.5%	83.7%
2006	1,510	121	1,631	1,622	111	1,733	3,132	232	3,364	51.5%	66.0%
2007	683	161	844	734	731	1,465	1,417	892	2,309	63.4%	61.2%
2008	988	232	1,220	2,157	957	3,114	3,145	1,189	4,334	71.9%	58.2%
2009	1,843	701	2,544	2,234	2,260	4,494	4,077	2,961	7,038	63.9%	61.0%
2010	2,436	413	2,849	4,524	1,001	5,525	6,960	1,414	8,374	66.0%	60.2%
2011	3,092	926	4,018	3,162	1,404	4,566	6,254	2,330	8,584	53.2%	65.3%
2012	2,359	191	2,550	2,661	265	2,926	5,020	456	5,476	53.4%	65.2%
2013	1,708	678	2,386	1,587	840	2,427	3,295	1,518	4,813	50.4%	66.5%
2014	3,099	685	3,784	2,150	794	2,944	5,249	1,479	6,728	43.8%	69.6%
2015	3,357	163	3,520	1,779	167	1,946	5,136	330	5,466	35.6%	73.7%
Mean ³	2,694	381	3,074	2,619	758	3,377	5,197	1,173	6,371	53.6%	65.8%

1. Proportionate Natural Influence equals Proportion Natural-Origin Broodstock (PNOB; 1.0 as only NoR fish are used for supplementation line brood stock) divided by PNOB plus Proportion Hatchery-Origin Spawners (PHOS).
2. This is a rough estimate since Roza counts are not available for 1991.
3. For NoR columns, mean of 1997-present values. For all other columns, mean of 2001-present values.

Table 7. Yakima Basin spring Chinook redd count summary, 1982 – present.

Year	Upper Yakima River System ¹				Naches River System				
	Mainstem ²	Cle Elum	Teanaway	Total	American	Naches ²	Bumping	Little Naches	Total
1982	610	30	0	640	11	25	6	12	54
1983	387	15	0	402	36	27	11	9	83
1984	677	31	0	708	72	81	26	41	220
1985	795	153	3	951	141	168	74	44	427
1986	1,716	77	0	1,793	464	543	196	110	1,313
1987	968	75	0	1,043	222	281	133	41	677
1988	369	74	0	443	187	145	111	47	490
1989	770	192	6	968	187	200	101	53	541
1990	727	46	0	773	143	159	111	51	464
1991	568	62	0	630	170	161	84	45	460
1992	1,082	164	0	1,246	120	155	99	51	425
1993	550	105	1	656	214	189	88	63	554
1994	226	64	0	290	89	93	70	20	272
1995	105	12	0	117	46	25	27	6	104
1996	711	100	3	814	28	102	29	25	184
1997	364	56	0	420	111	108	72	48	339
1998	123	24	1	148	149	104	54	23	330
1999	199	24	1	224	27	95	39	25	186
2000	3,349	466	21	3,836	54	483	278	73	888
2001	2,910	374	21	3,305	392	436	257	107	1,192
2002	2,441	275	110	2,826	366	226	262	89	943
2003	772	87	31	890	430	228	216	61	935
2004	2,985	330	129	3,444	91	348	205	75	719
2005	1,717	287	15	2,019	140	203	163	68	574
2006	1,092	100	58	1,250	136	163	115	33	447
2007	665	51	10	726	166	60	60	27	313
2008	1,191	137	47	1,375	158	165	102	70	495
2009	1,349	197	33	1,579	92	159	163	68	482
2010	2,199	219	253	2,671	173	171	168	40	552
2011	1,663	171	64	1,898	212	145	175	48	580
2012	1,276	125	69	1,470	337	196	189	89	811
2013	552	85	34	671	170	66	85	55	376
2014	962	138	53	1,153	129	65	158	27	379
2015	1,258	39	24	1,321	239	177	152	46	614
Mean	1,073	127	28	1,228	165	172	117	49	503

¹ Yakima River redd counts include redds between the Naches River confluence and Roza Dam. In some years, water conditions preclude accurate counts in this reach and the number of redds is estimated using historical proportions for this reach.

² Including minor tributaries.

Table 8. Brood Table for Upper Yakima wild/natural stock.

Brood Year	Estimated Spawners	Estimated Yakima R. Mouth Returns				Returns/ Spawner
		Age-3	Age-4	Age-5	Total	
1982	1,280	324	4,016	411	4,751	3.71
1983	1,125	408	1,882	204	2,494	2.22
1984	1,715	92	1,348	139	1,578	0.92
1985	2,578	114	2,746	105	2,965	1.15
1986	3,960	171	2,574	149	2,893	0.73
1987	2,003	53	1,571	109	1,733	0.87
1988	1,400	53	3,138	132	3,323	2.37
1989	2,466	68	1,779	9	1,856	0.75
1990	2,298	79	566	0	645	0.28
1991	1,713	9	326	22	358	0.21
1992	3,048	87	1,861	95	2,043	0.67
1993	1,925	66	1,606	57	1,729	0.90
1994	573	60	737	92	890	1.55
1995	364	59	1,036	129	1,224	3.36
1996	1,657	1,059	12,882	630	14,571	8.79
1997	1,204	621	5,839	155	6,615	5.49
1998	390	434	2,803	145	3,381	8.68
1999	1,021 ¹	164	722	45	930	0.91
2000	11,864	856	7,689	127	8,672	0.73
2001	12,087	775	5,074	222	6,071	0.50
2002	8,073	224	1,875	148	2,247	0.28
2003	3,341 ¹	158	1,036	63	1,257	0.38
2004	10,377	207	1,547	75	1,828	0.18
2005	5,713	293	2,630	14	2,936	0.51
2006	3,378	868	2,887	133	3,888	1.15
2007	2,322	456	3,976	65	4,498	1.94
2008	4,343	1,135	3,410	123	4,668	1.07
2009	7,056 ¹	283	2,572	109	2,964	0.43
2010	8,383	923	3,854	77 ²	4,854 ²	0.58 ²
2011	8,584	832	3,890 ²			
2012	5,483	197 ²				
2013	4,984					
2014	6,751					
2015	5,466 ²					

1. Approximately 45-50% of these fish were jacks.

2. Preliminary.

Table 9. Brood Table for Naches/American wild stock.

Brood Year	Estimated Spawners	Estimated Yakima R. Mouth Returns					Returns/ Spawner
		Age-3	Age-4	Age-5	Age-6	Total	
1982	108	127	1,274	601	0	2,002	18.54
1983	232	190	1,257	1,257	8	2,713	11.68
1984	570	164	1,109	1,080	0	2,354	4.13
1985	1,020	213	667	931	0	1,811	1.77
1986	4,123	103	670	852	31	1,657	0.40
1987	1,729	39	231	400	0	669	0.39
1988	2,167	51	815	1,557	11	2,434	1.12
1989	1,517	39	332	371	0	741	0.49
1990	1,380	40	326	168	0	533	0.39
1991	1,121	10	32	144	127	314	0.28
1992	1,188	52	1,034	661	0	1,747	1.47
1993	1,865	53	603	817	17	1,489	0.80
1994	704	21	160	167	0	348	0.49
1995	223	73	201	498	0	771	3.46
1996	1,047	209	4,010	2,359	0	6,579	6.29
1997	1,133	220	4,644	1,377	0	6,241	5.51
1998	917	364	2,167	2,316	12	4,859	5.30
1999	418 ¹	185	369	279	0	833	1.99
2000	4,112	131	2,286	346	0	2,762	0.67
2001	5,829	144	1,598	785	0	2,526	0.43
2002	3,041	78	975	443	0	1,496	0.49
2003	2,592	75	387	1,028	0	1,489	0.57
2004	2,515	227	514	232	0	973	0.39
2005	1,904	246	844	174	0	1,264	0.66
2006	1,672	237	1,215	759	0	2,211	1.32
2007	986	182	2,239	1,033	0	3,454	3.50
2008	1,578	653	1,262	803	0	2,718	1.72
2009	1,117	144	542	116	0	802	0.72
2010	1,491	381	972	224 ²		1,577 ²	1.06 ²
2011	3,060	208	1,881 ²				
2012	1,900	105 ²					
2013	1,369						
2014	1,130						
2015	2,103 ²						

1. Approximately 48% of these fish were jacks.

2. Preliminary.

Table 10. Brood Table for Yakima River aggregate (wild/natural).

Brood Year	Estimated Spawners	Estimated Yakima R. Mouth Returns					Returns/ Spawner
		Age-3	Age-4	Age-5	Age-6	Total	
1982	1,388	451	5,290	1,012	0	6,753	4.86
1983	1,357	598	3,138	1,461	8	5,206	3.84
1984	2,285	256	2,457	1,219	0	3,932	1.72
1985	3,598	327	3,412	1,037	0	4,776	1.33
1986	8,083	274	3,244	1,000	31	4,550	0.56
1987	3,732	92	1,802	508	0	2,402	0.64
1988	3,567	104	3,953	1,689	11	5,757	1.61
1989	3,983	107	2,111	379	0	2,597	0.65
1990	3,678	119	892	168	0	1,178	0.32
1991	2,834	20	358	166	127	672	0.24
1992	4,236	140	2,894	756	0	3,790	0.89
1993	3,790	119	2,209	874	17	3,218	0.85
1994	1,277	81	897	260	0	1,238	0.97
1995	587	132	1,236	627	0	1,995	3.40
1996	2,704	1,268	16,892	2,989	0	21,150	7.82
1997	2,337	841	10,482	1,532	0	12,855	5.50
1998	1,307	798	4,970	2,460	12	8,240	6.30
1999	1,439 ¹	349	1,091	324	0	1,764	1.23
2000	15,976	987	9,975	472	0	11,434	0.72
2001	17,916	919	6,671	1,007	0	8,597	0.48
2002	11,113	302	2,849	592	0	3,743	0.34
2003	5,933 ²	233	1,423	1,091	0	2,746	0.46
2004	12,893	434	2,061	307	0	2,802	0.22
2005	7,617	539	3,475	187	0	4,201	0.55
2006	5,050	1,105	4,102	892	0	6,099	1.21
2007	3,308 ²	638	6,216	1,098	0	7,952	2.40
2008	5,922	1,787	4,672	926	0	7,385	1.25
2009	8,172	426	3,115	225	0	3,766	0.46
2010	9,875	1,303	4,826	301 ³		6,431 ³	0.65 ³
2011	11,644	1,040	5,771 ³				
2012	7,383	302 ³					
2013	6,352						
2014	7,882 ³						
2015	7,569 ³						

1. Approximately 48% of these fish were jacks.
2. Approximately 36% of these fish were jacks.
3. Preliminary.

Table 11. Brood Table for Cle Elum SRF Spring Chinook.

Brood Year	Estimated Spawners ¹	Estimated Yakima R. Mouth Returns				Returns/ Spawner
		Age-3	Age-4	Age-5	Total	
1997	261	741	7,753	176	8,670	33.22
1998	408	1,242	7,939	602	9,782	23.98
1999	738 ²	134	714	16	864	1.17
2000	567	1,103	3,647	70	4,819	8.50
2001	595	396	845	9	1,251	2.10
2002	629	345	1,886	69	2,300	3.66
2003	441	121	800	12	932	2.11
2004	597	805	3,101	116	4,022	6.74
2005	510	1,305	3,052	21	4,378	8.58
2006	419	3,038	5,812	264	9,114	21.75
2007	449	1,277	5,174	108	6,558	14.61
2008	457	2,344	4,567	65	6,976	15.27
2009	486	461	2,663	58	3,181	6.55
2010	336	1,495	3,183	30 ³	4,707 ³	14.01 ³
2011	377	1,233	2,340 ³			
2012	374	221 ³				
2013	398					
2014	384					
2015	442 ³					

1. These are the total number of natural fish collected at Roza Dam and taken to the CESRF for production brood stock.

2. 357 or 48% of these fish were jacks.

3. Preliminary.

Table 12. Summary of 2016 Yakima River Spring Chinook forecast values using various methods or models.

Projection	Method or Model
2,920	Average Adult per Jack Return Rate for adult return years 2000-2015
6,080	Regression of age3:age4 and age4:age5 cohort returns for brood years 1982-2011
3,320	Regression of jacks and jack post-eye length to adult returns for adult return years 2000-2015
3,310	Regression of jacks, jack post-eye length, and NOAA ocean rank (ocean survival index) to adult returns for adult return years 2000-2015
5,370	Regression of adult returns to jack returns for jack return years 1982-2014
4,610	Regression of adult returns to adult spawners, jacks, and jack mid-eye length for jack return years 1986-2014
4,950	Average return rates of age4:age3 and age5:age4 fish for brood years 2001-2010
7,010	Regression of adult returns to jacks, and freshwater and ocean survival indices for adult return years 2001-2015
4,700	Average of above predictors
4,500	Geometric mean of above predictors

Table 13. Age-3 (jack) returns in prior year and forecasted versus actual returns of age-4 and age-5 spring Chinook.

Year	Yr-1 Jacks	Forecast	Actual	Difference	AbsDiff
1997	119	3,300	3,090	6.8%	6.8%
1998	81	1,400	1,770	-20.9%	20.9%
1999	132	1,200	1,510	-20.5%	20.5%
2000	1,268	5,200	17,520	-70.3%	70.3%
2001	1,582	26,100	21,220	23.0%	23.0%
2002	2,040	21,780	14,620	49.0%	49.0%
2003	483	6,370	4,870	30.8%	30.8%
2004	2,089	19,160	13,970	37.2%	37.2%
2005	1,315	14,500	8,060	79.9%	79.9%
2006	699	6,670	5,950	12.1%	12.1%
2007	363	4,160	2,970	40.1%	40.1%
2008	1,335	10,060	6,610	52.2%	52.2%
2009	1,983	15,910	7,440	113.8%	113.8%
2010	4,679	16,570	11,030	50.2%	50.2%
2011	2,114	10,320	13,400	-23.0%	23.0%
2012	4,561	12,040 ¹	11,080	8.7%	8.7%
2013	970	7,330	7,100	3.2%	3.2%
2014	3,144	9,110	8,850	2.9%	2.9%
2015	2,472	9,320	8,790	6.0%	6.0%
2016	556	4,610			
Average Error in forecast:				34.2%	

1. Adjusted from model forecast by -30% due to high jack count.

Table 14. CESRF Smolt Releases by Brood Year¹

Brood Year	Migration Year	Total Release	Return Year for:		
			Age-3 (jack)	Age-4	Age-5
1997	1999	386,048	2000	2001	2002
1998	2000	589,683	2001	2002	2003
1999	2001	758,789	2002	2003	2004
2000	2002	834,285	2003	2004	2005
2001 ²	2003	370,236	2004	2005	2006
2002	2004	836,904	2005	2006	2007
2003	2005	824,692	2006	2007	2008
2004	2006	785,448	2007	2008	2009
2005	2007	860,002	2008	2009	2010
2006	2008	642,795	2009	2010	2011
2007	2009	771,265	2010	2011	2012
2008	2010	849,305	2011	2012	2013
2009	2011	832,941	2012	2013	2014
2010	2012	794,781	2013	2014	2015
2011	2013	769,182	2014	2015	2016
2012	2014	802,716	2015	2016	2017
2013	2015	646,755	2016	2017	2018

1. Release target is 720,000 to 810,000 smolts, but was intentionally reduced in start-up years of 1997 and 1998.
2. Approximately ½ of production destroyed due to high presence of agents causing Bacterial Kidney Disease (BKD).