

California Department of Fish and Wildlife 2026 Salmon Information Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 1:00 p.m.



715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
In person and webinar offered (streaming only)

Agenda

Welcome

1:00 p.m.

Opening Comments and Review Agenda | *presented by Kandice Morgenstern, CDFW*

1:10 p.m.

2025 Central Valley Chinook Spawning Escapement | *presented by Sheena Holley, CDFW*

1:30 p.m.

2025 Central Valley Chinook River Sport Fisheries | *presented by Erin Ferguson, CDFW*

1:50 p.m.

2025 Klamath Basin Chinook Spawning Escapement, Harvest, and Age Composition | *presented by Dan Troxel, CDFW*

2:15 p.m.

Break (20 minutes)

2:35 p.m.

Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Sport Fisheries | *presented by Chester Lindley, CDFW*

2:55 p.m.

NMFS 2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Guidance | *presented by Anthony Siniscal, NMFS*

3:15 p.m.

Abundance Forecasts and Harvest Model Results | *presented by Dr. Michael O'Farrell, NMFS*

3:45 p.m.

Closing Comments | *presented by Kandice Morgenstern, CDFW*

4:30 p.m.

Conclude

Acronyms:

- CDFW: California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service

Salmon Information Meeting Logistics

This year, California Department of Fish and Wildlife's annual Salmon Information Meeting will be held in person at the California Natural Resources Headquarters Building, at 715 P Street, Sacramento CA 95814. The meeting will also be held online in a streaming-only format available for viewing. You will only be able to ask questions if you attend the meeting in person. At the end of each presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions. In addition, there will be an online public survey where people can provide written comments or recommendations on the topics presented. On the morning of February 25th, the zoom link, link to survey, and handout of the presentations will be posted on our preseason page at www.wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon/preseason.

Please plan to arrive early if you are attending the meeting in person as there is no onsite parking available. Here is a link to a map of Sacramento's public parking spots: [City of Sacramento Public Parking Information](#). Our meeting will start promptly at 1:00p.m. and end at 5:00p.m.

The public are invited to learn about pertinent salmon information such as escapement data and ocean abundance forecasts that are used to help shape the 2026 ocean salmon fishery regulations. Your attendance and participation in this process are greatly valued. For more information on how to get involved in the salmon management process, please visit our website at www.wildlife.ca.gov/oceansalmon/preseason.

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2025 Central Valley Chinook Spawning Escapement



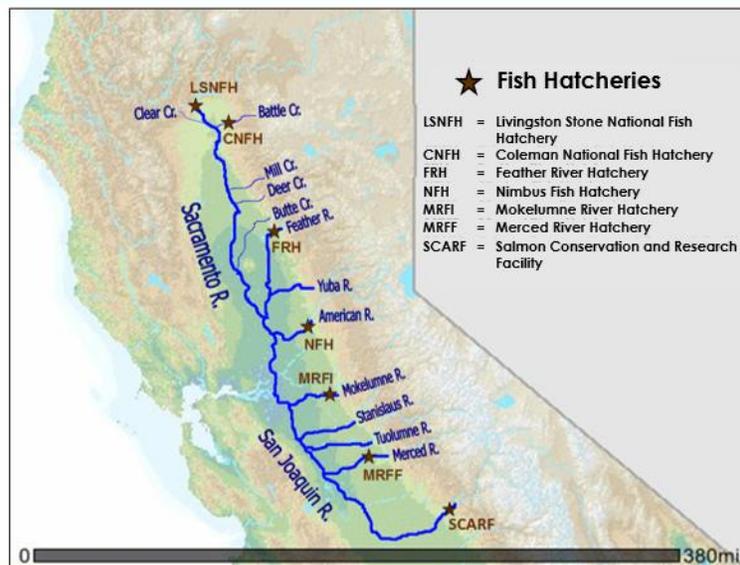
2025 CENTRAL VALLEY CHINOOK SALMON SPAWNING ESCAPEMENT

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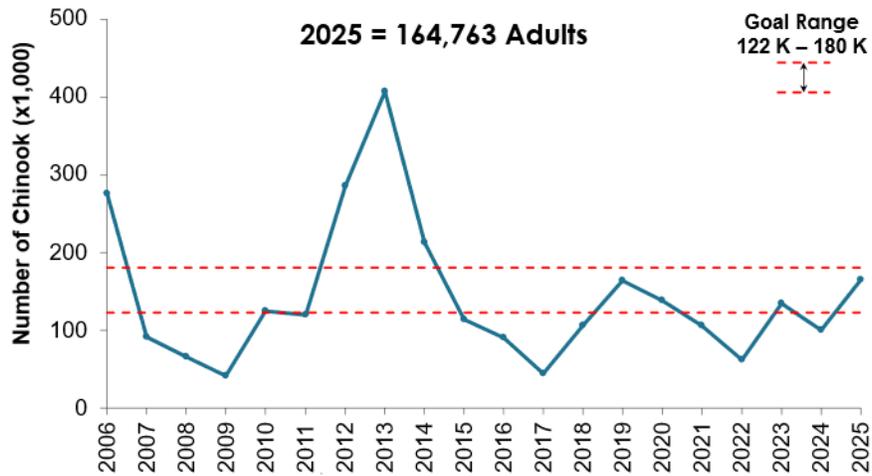
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The Central Valley

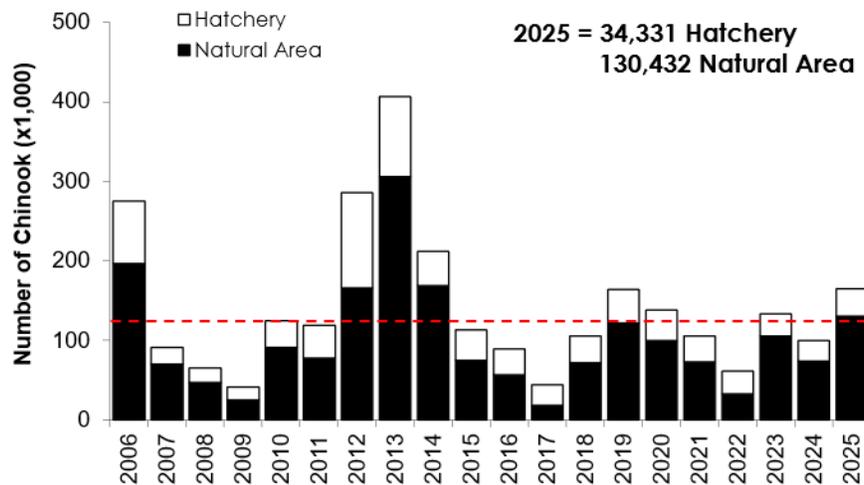


Sacramento River Fall Chinook Adult Spawning Escapement, 2006-2025



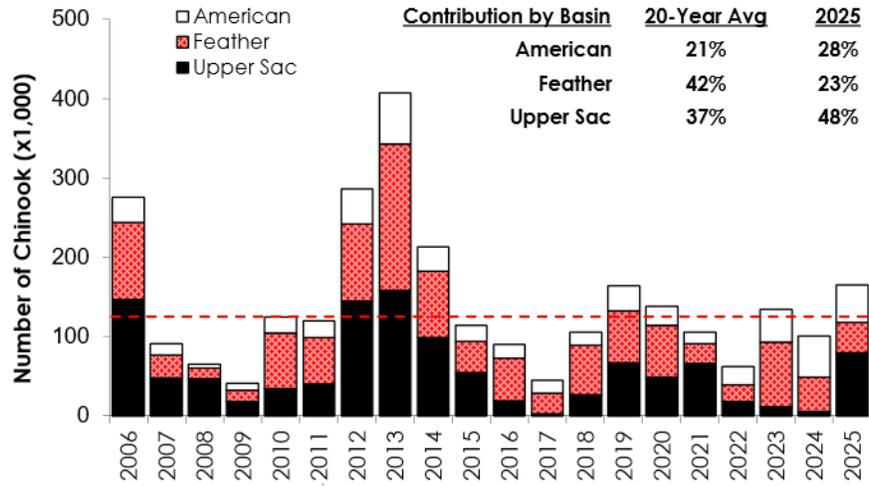
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Sacramento River Fall Chinook Hatchery & Natural Area Adult Spawning Escapement, 2006-2025



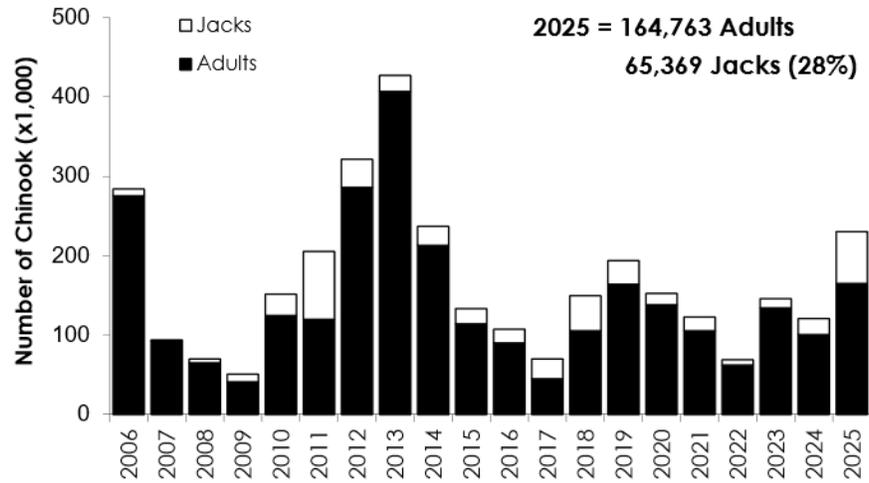
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Sacramento River Fall Chinook Adult Spawning Escapement by Basin, 2006-2025



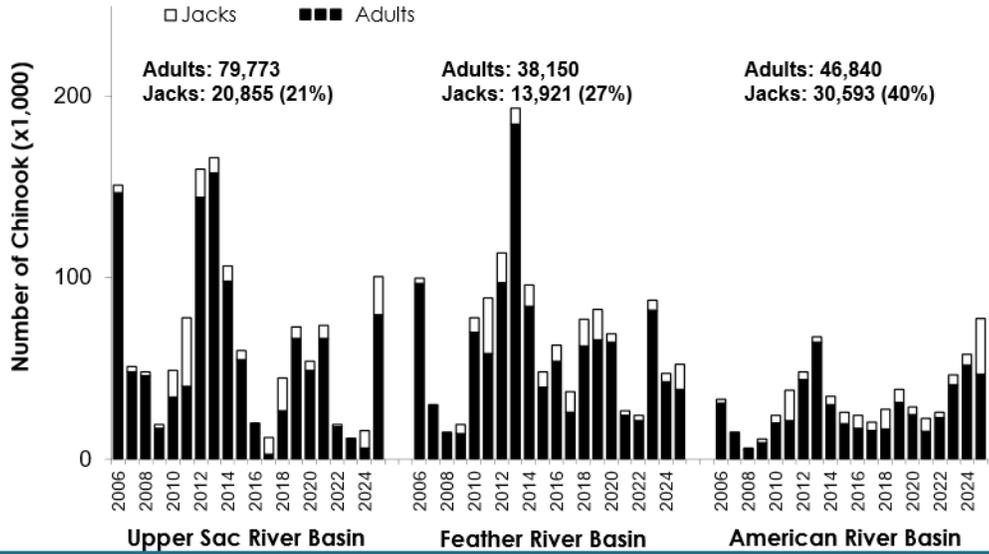
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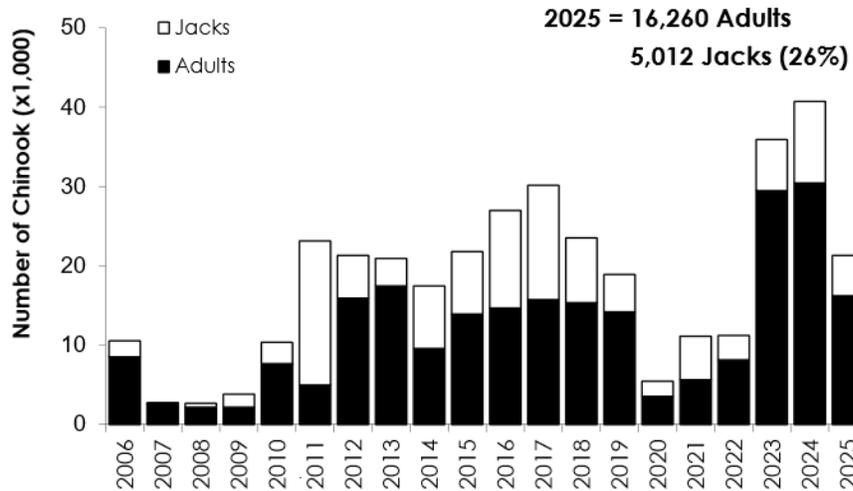


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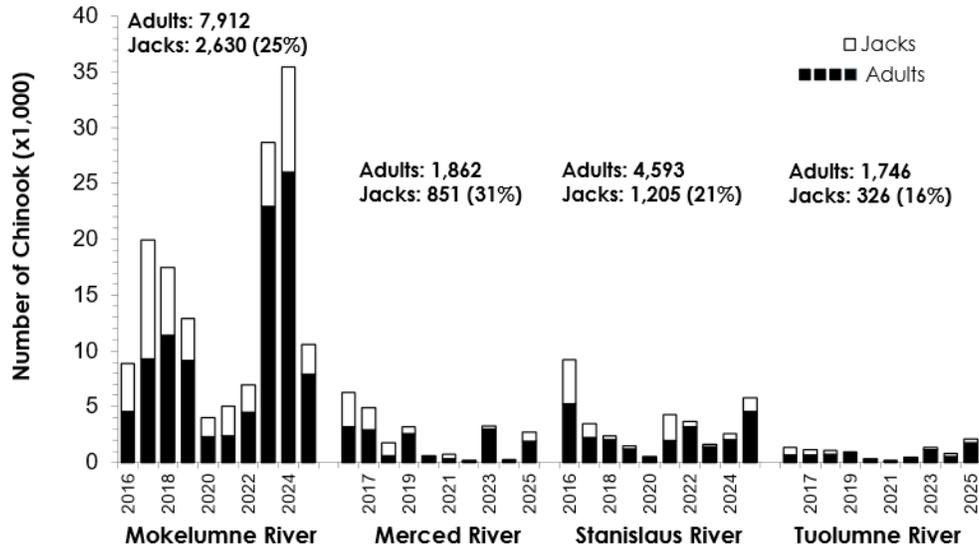
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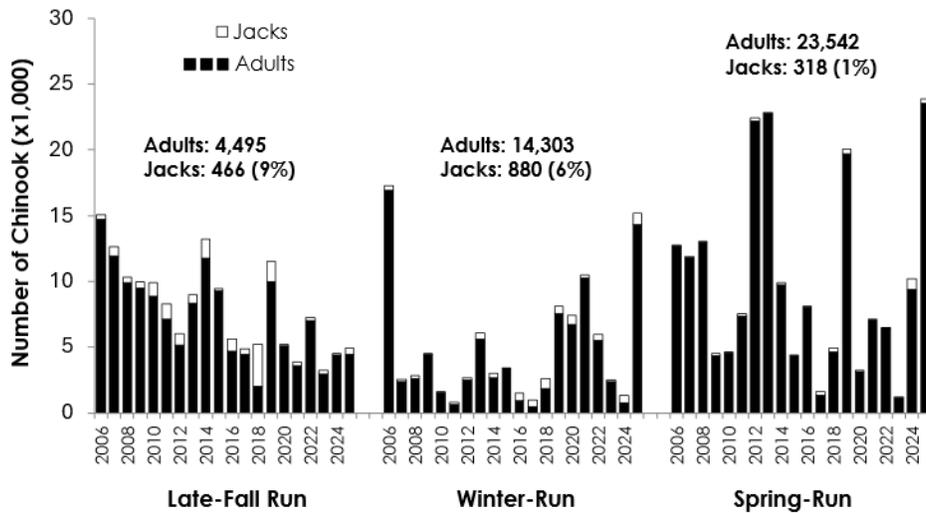
San Joaquin River Fall Chinook Adult & Jack Spawning Escapement, 2006-2025



San Joaquin River Fall Chinook Adult & Jack Spawning Escapement by Basin, 2016-2025



Other Sacramento Basin Chinook Stocks Hatchery & Natural Area Adult Spawning Escapement, 2006-2025



Thank you



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2025 Central Valley Chinook River Sport Fisheries

CENTRAL VALLEY ANGLER SURVEY: 2025 RECREATIONAL HARVEST OF CHINOOK SALMON



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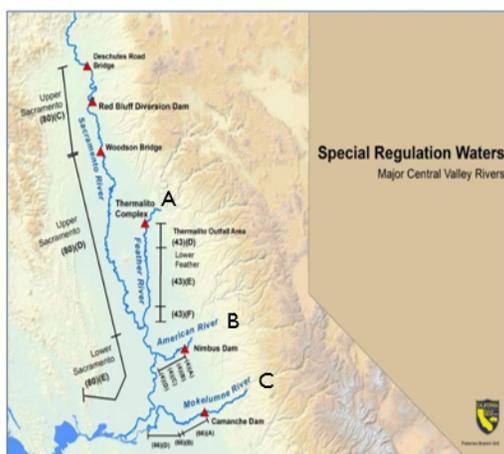
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2025 CENTRAL VALLEY SALMON SEASON



General Season: July 16th- October 31st (108 days)
1 fish daily bag, 1 in possession

- **Feather River (A)**
 - 200 yards above the Live Oak (LO) boat ramp to Highway 99 bridge (108 days)
 - July 16 – October 31
 - Thermalito Afterbay Outfall to 200 yards above the LO boat ramp (62 days)
 - July 16 – September 15
- **American River (B)**
 - Jibboom Street to Ancil Hoffman powerlines (108 days)
 - July 16 – October 31
 - Ancil Hoffman powerlines to USGS cable crossing (88 days)
 - July 16 – October 15
- **Mokelumne River (C)**
 - Lower Sacramento Road Bridge to Highway 12, including tributaries (108 days)
 - July 16 – October 31
 - Elliot Road to WID Dam (88 days)
 - July 16 – October 15
 - Camanche Dam to Elliot Road (62 days)
 - July 16 – September 15

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CENTRAL VALLEY ANGLER SURVEY (CVAS)



Objectives

- Estimate angler effort targeting Chinook Salmon
- Estimate catch & harvest of Chinook Salmon
- Estimate catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE)
- Collect biological information on the catch
- Recover coded-wire tags
- Collect scale and tissue samples

Data collection via:

- Roving angler counts
- Roving angler interviews
- Access point interviews



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CVAS SAMPLING DESIGN

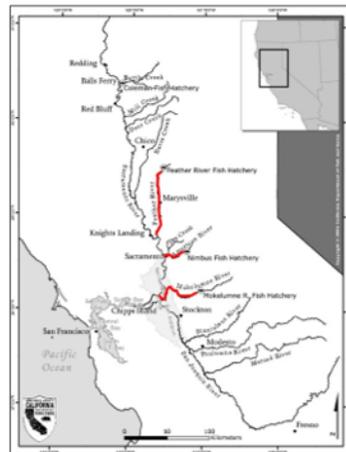


14 survey sections:

- Feather River
- American River
- Mokelumne River

Ten randomly selected sampling days per month:

- six weekdays
- four weekend days



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OVERVIEW OF 2025 CENTRAL VALLEY SPORT FISHERY FOR CHINOOK SALMON*



Effort:	221,614 angler hours
Trips:	46,656 angling trips
Total catch:	7,204 salmon
Harvest:	5,270 salmon
Est. pounds landed:	102,832 lbs.
Released:	1,934 salmon
Pct. retention:	73%
Average size (FL):	741 mm / 29 in.
Average weight:	6.5 Kg / 14 lbs
Catch rate:	3.2 salmon per 100 angler hours



* Based on fishery statistics for the American, Feather, and Mokelumne rivers, July – Oct. 2025.

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RAW STATISTICS



- Contacted 2,253 fishing parties
- 445 salmon reported kept
- 358 salmon observed
 - ~ 6.8 % of the estimated harvest
- 79 Adipose fin-clipped, 22% of observed salmon
- 77 heads (97%) taken for CWT recovery



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CODED WIRE TAG RECOVERIES



77 CWTs (100%) successfully recovered and read

Percent	Count	
54%	42	Feather River Hatchery fall run
1%	1	Coleman National Fish Hatchery fall run
12%	9	Feather River Hatchery spring run
16%	12	Mokelumne River Hatchery fall run
0%	0	Coleman National Fish Hatchery late-fall run
14%	11	Nimbus Hatchery fall run
0%	0	Livingston Stone National Fish Hatchery winter run
3%	2	San Joaquin River Conservation Hatchery spring run
0%	0	Merced River Fish Facility fall run

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SACRAMENTO RIVER FALL-RUN CHINOOK SALMON (SRFC) HARVEST



Defined as any harvest of Chinook Salmon in the American and Feather rivers

Daily bag limit of 1 Chinook Salmon and 1 in possession



Excludes
Harvest in the Mokelumne River

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SRFC INLAND HARVEST



SRFC comprised 93% of all Chinook Salmon harvest in the Central Valley in 2025



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FINAL SRFC HARVEST ESTIMATE



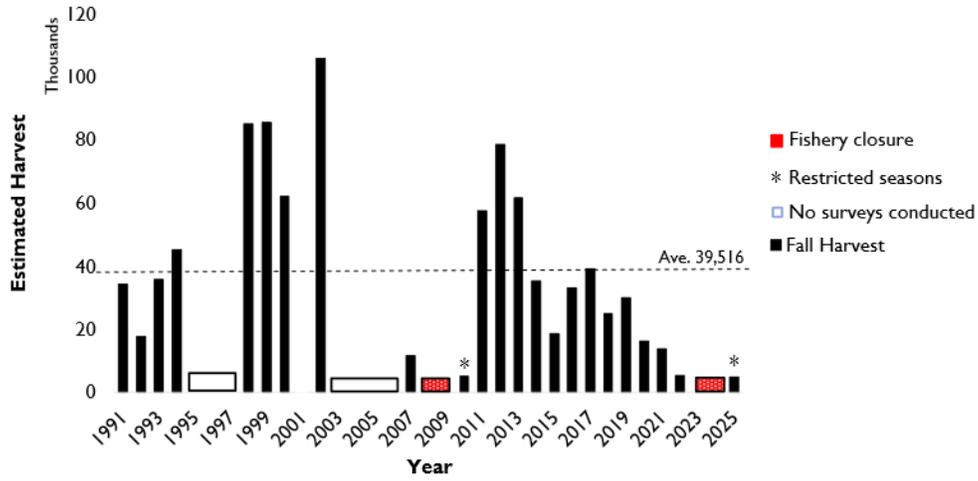
3,294 Adult
1,590 Grilse
4,884 Total SRFC

*33% of the harvest were grilse



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SRFC HARVEST TREND GRILSE + ADULTS



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METRICS BY MANAGEMENT ZONE



	American	Feather	Sacramento
Effort (hours)	43,568	158,137	0
Est. SRFC Harvest	1,144	3,740	0
% SRFC Harvest ¹	23.4	76.6	0
Ave. FL (mm)	703.8	752.7	--
Ave. Wt. (Kg)	5.5	6.9	--
% Grilse ^{2**}	54%	26%	--

¹ Sacramento River Fall-run Chinook fishery, excludes Mokelumne River harvest

² Based on hatchery specific grilse cut offs

** Preliminary

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2025 MOKELUMNE RIVER FALL-RUN CHINOOK SALMON SEASON



Season and Survey Boundaries*

- Lower Sacramento Road Bridge to Highway 12, including tributaries* (104 days)
 - July 16 – October 31
- Elliot Road to WID Dam (88 days)
 - July 16 – October 15
 - No CVAS surveys here
- Camanche Dam to Elliot Road* (27 days)
 - July 16 – September 15

Daily bag limit of 1 Chinook Salmon, possession of 1 salmon



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MOKELUMNE RIVER FISHERY SAN JOAQUIN FALL-RUN CHINOOK SALMON (SJRFC)

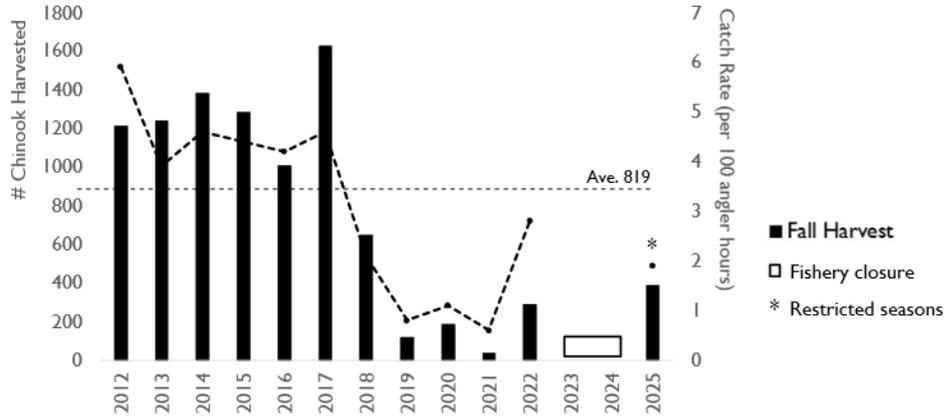


- *Effort:* 19,908 angler hours
- *Catch rate:* 1.9 salmon per 100 angler hours
- *Harvest:* 386 salmon
- *Ave. Fl (mm):* 725.6 ± 117.1 mm
- *Ave. wt (kg):* 5.8 ± 2.9 kg

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MOK HARVEST TREND

GRILSE + ADULT



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Central Valley Scale and Otolith Laboratory, Tissue Archive, & Coded Wire Tag Laboratory staff



West Sacramento*



Red Bluff and Chico**

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QUESTIONS?



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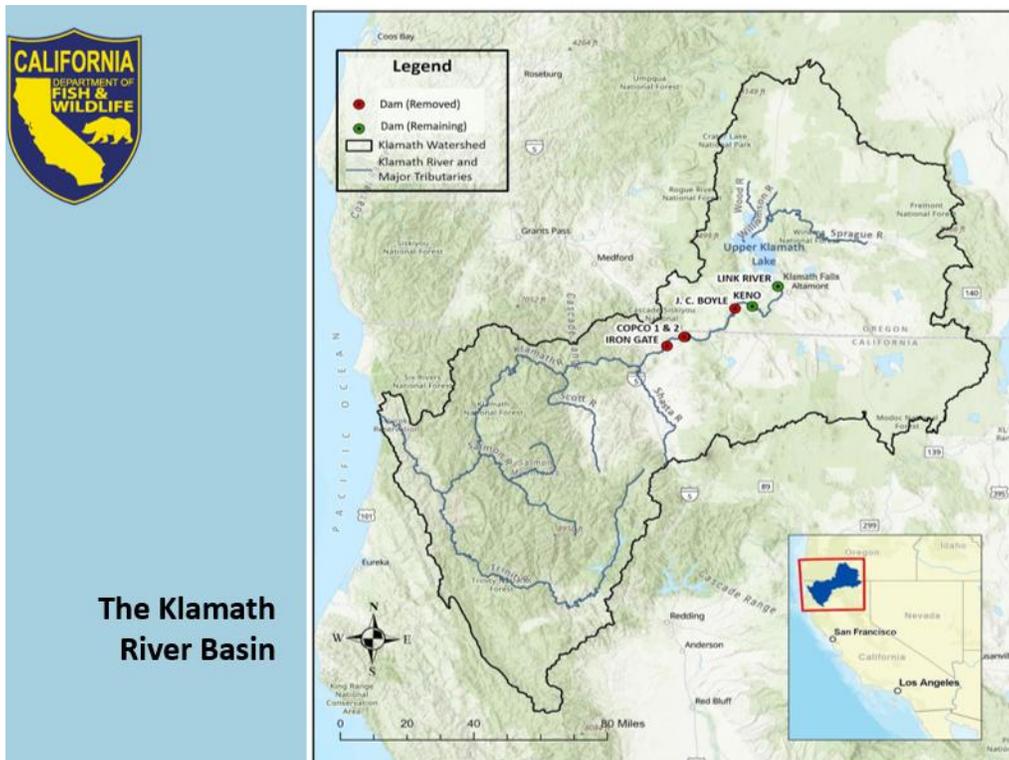
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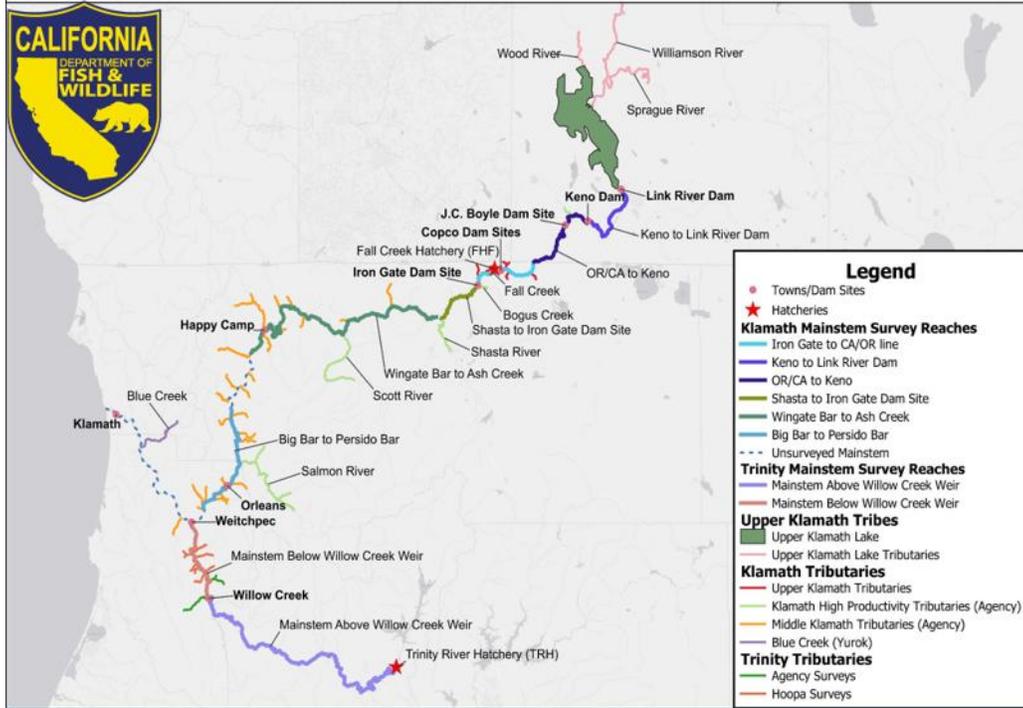
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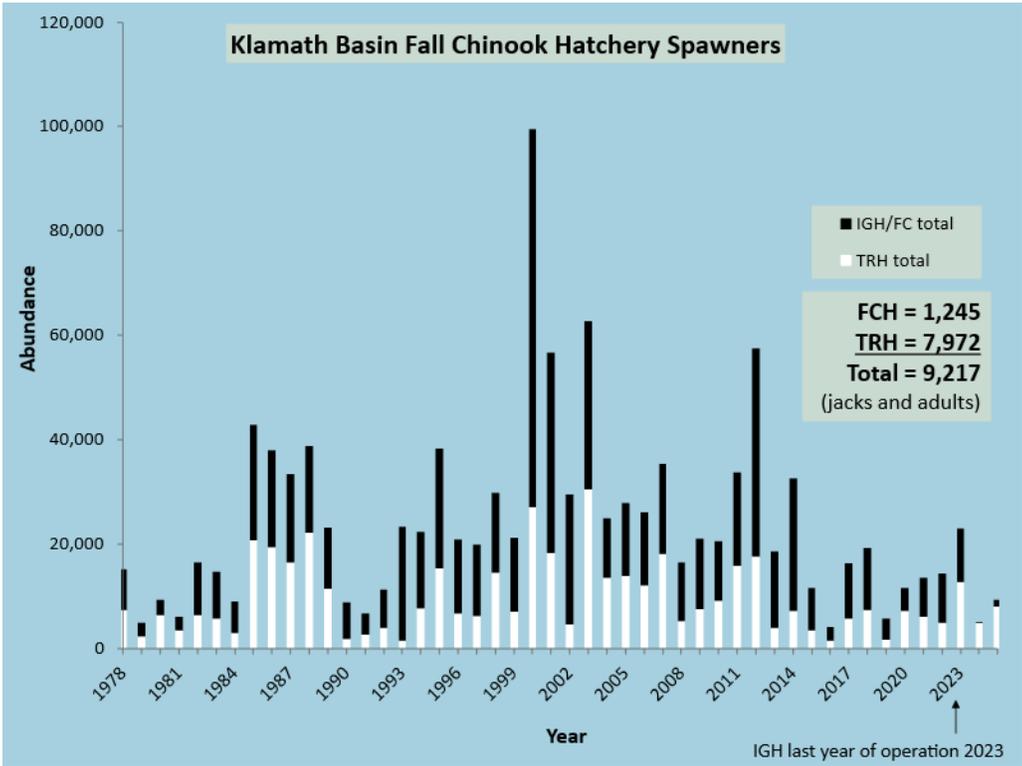
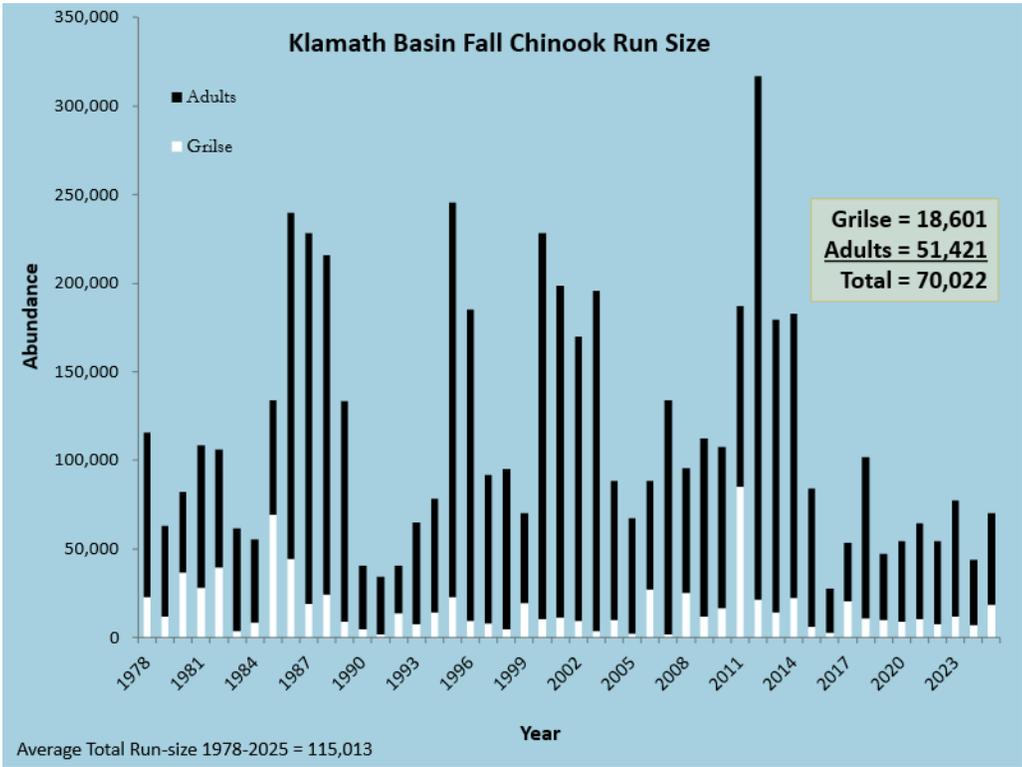


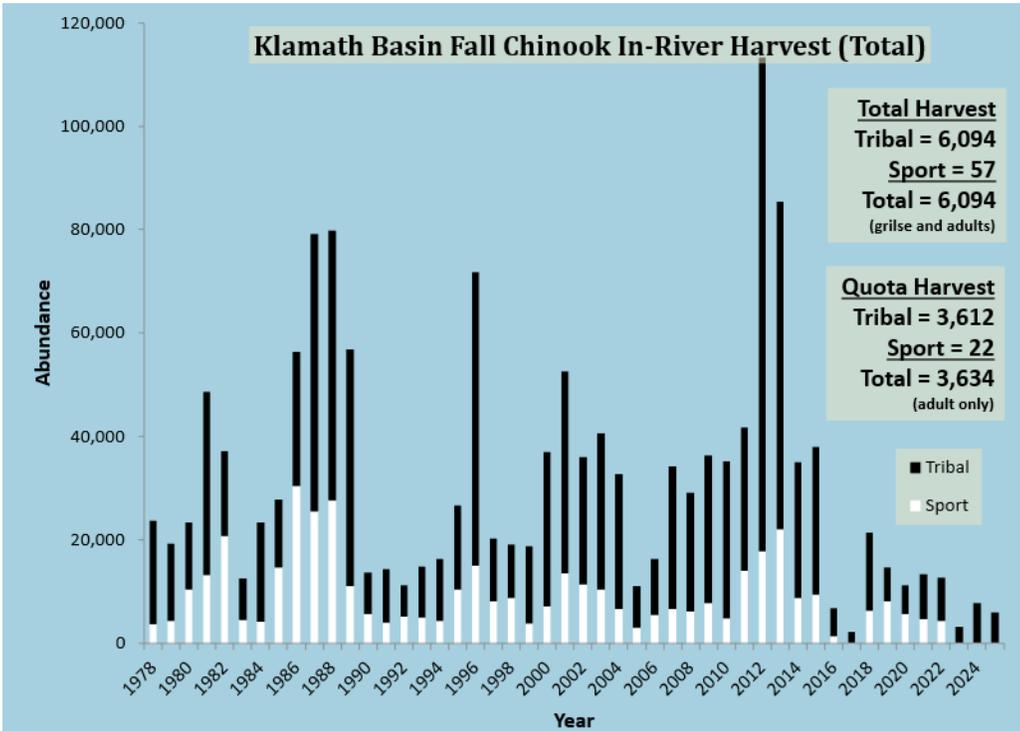
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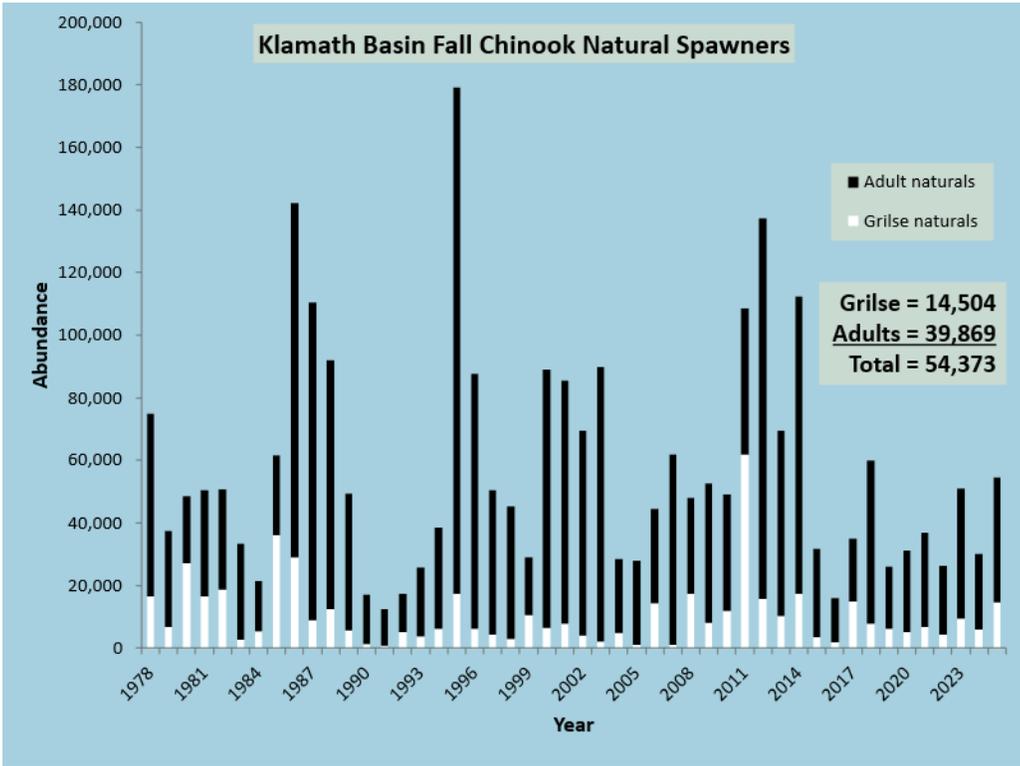
Klamath-Trinity Fall-Run Chinook Escapement Surveys







2025 Adult KRFC quotas: Tribal Harvest = 1,385. In-river Recreational = 978 (quota passed onto escapement; salmon closure).



Age Composition of the 2025 Klamath Basin fall Chinook Salmon run

Escapement & Harvest	AGE				Total Adults	Total Run
	2	3	4	5		
Hatchery Spawners						
Fall Creek Hatchery	172	977	91	5	1,073	1,245
Trinity River Hatchery	1,422	6,063	473	14	6,550	7,972
subtotal	1,594	7,040	564	19	7,623	9,217
					14.8%	13.2%
Natural Spawners						
Klamath Basin subtotal	3,269	16,132	8,773	184	25,089	28,358
Trinity Basin subtotal	11,235	12,058	2,607	115	14,780	26,015
subtotal	14,504	28,190	11,380	299	39,869	54,373
					77.5%	77.7%
Recreational Harvest						
Klamath River harvest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity River harvest	35	22	0	0	22	57
subtotal	35	22	0	0	22	57
					0.0%	0.1%
Tribal Harvest						
Klamath River harvest	82	426	851	45	1,322	1,404
Trinity River harvest	2,343	1,630	649	11	2,290	4,633
subtotal	2,425	2,056	1,500	56	3,612	6,037
					7.0%	8.6%
Dropoff Mortality						
Klamath River Ich disease testing	42	162	128	5	295	337
	0	0	0	0	0	0
					0.6%	0.5%
Total River Run	18,601	37,470	13,572	379	51,421	70,022
	26.6%	53.5%	19.4%	0.5%		

Source: 2026 KRTT

2025 Preliminary Results/Findings

The 2025 Klamath Basin fall Chinook run size estimate is ~61% of the 48-year long-term average (total run size ranked 33 lowest).

The total number of 2 year-old fish (18,601) is ~110% of the long-term average.

The adult Chinook returns to the basin were ~180% of the projected forecast (~28,600 pre vs. ~51,400 post).

Under the FMP Control Rule, the adult fall Chinook natural escapement objective for 2025 was 19,417 and was met (39,869 returned in 2025).

The geometric mean of adult natural escapement for the past three years is ~34,200 (out of "overfished" status; now "rebuilding").

In 2026, a natural area escapement of ~70,400 adults is necessary to be "rebuilt" the stock (achieve 3-year geometric mean of 40,700).

Questions from the audience?



Follow up questions?

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Review of 2025 Ocean Salmon Sport Fisheries

California Department of Fish and Wildlife Ocean Salmon Project



2025 CALIFORNIA OCEAN SALMON FISHERIES

February 25, 2026

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Ocean Salmon Project Objectives

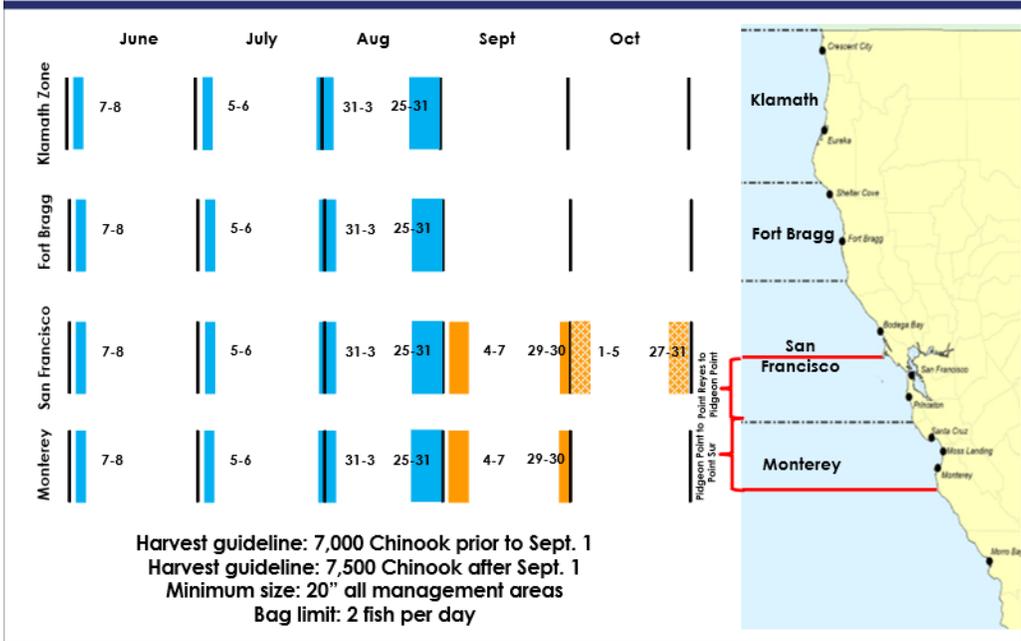
1. Estimate ocean salmon catch & fishing effort in CA for each management area by half-month periods for both recreational and commercial fisheries
2. Determine the contribution rates of specific salmon stocks by fishery, time, and management area using coded-wire tag recoveries





Recreational Salmon Fishery

2025 Adopted California Recreational Seasons



Inseason Management

- First time using inseason management in California recreational salmon fisheries
- Seasons designed to meet management objectives while providing some opportunity for anglers to harvest salmon
- Harvest Guidelines
 - Prior to Sept. 1: **7,000 salmon**
 - After Sept. 1: **7,500 salmon**
- Realized Recreational Season
 - Statewide: **June 7-8**
 - Point Reyes to Point Sur: **Sept. 4-7**



Sample Design – Private Skiff Fishery

- CRFS samples $\geq 20\%$ of all skiff days in each management area and period
 - 18 primary salmon skiff sample sites
 - Random stratified sampling design using weekday and weekend/holiday strata
 - For 2025, sampling was done at every site for June 7-8 and, for Sept. 4-7, every site within the open area was sampled one weekend day and one week day
 - All the skiff trips made at a sample site for an entire day were sampled
 - 49 sampling assignments were sampled during the 2025 ocean salmon season
- Samplers observe, identify to species, and count all salmon landed
- Each salmon inspected for missing adipose fin
- Adipose fin-clipped salmon are set aside, and the heads are collected for coded-wire tag extraction



Sample Design – CPFV Fishery

- Sample $\geq 20\%$ of all salmon-targeting CPFV trips in each management area and period
 - 2025 sampling percentages: 85% in June and 54% in September
 - 17 primary salmon CPFV sample sites
 - 142 CPFVs participated in the 2025 ocean salmon fishery
 - 354 salmon-targeting CPFV trips were sampled during the 2025 ocean salmon season
- Samplers observe, identify to species, and count all salmon landed
- Each salmon inspected for missing adipose fin
- Adipose fin-clipped salmon are set aside, and the heads are collected for coded-wire tag extraction

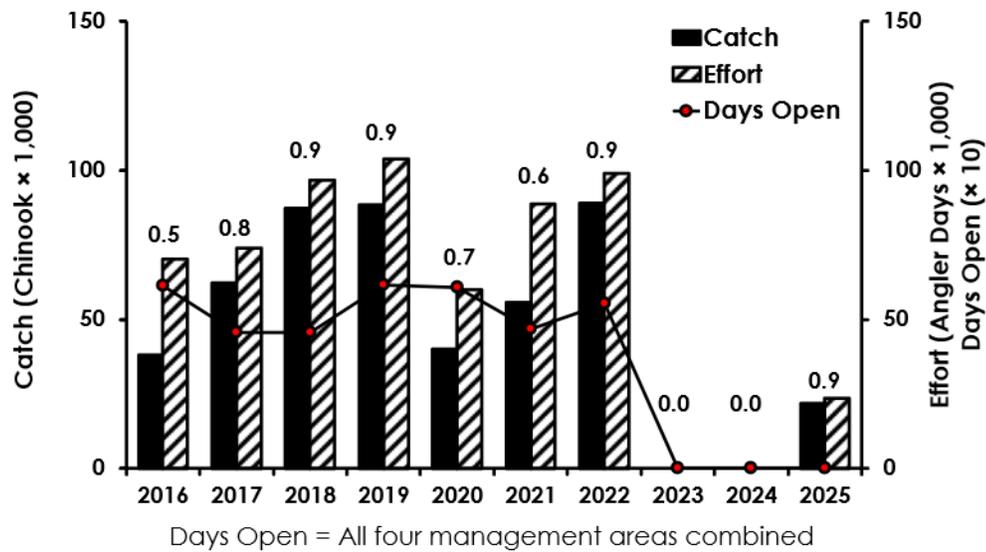


Sampling Effort and Public Reception

- Over 90 CDFW and Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission staff collected data from nearly 45 locations across various launch ramps, docks, and marinas between Crescent City and Avila Beach
- Many anglers expressed excitement for the opportunity to fish for salmon again
- Samplers were well received by anglers and saw great cooperation from the fishing community

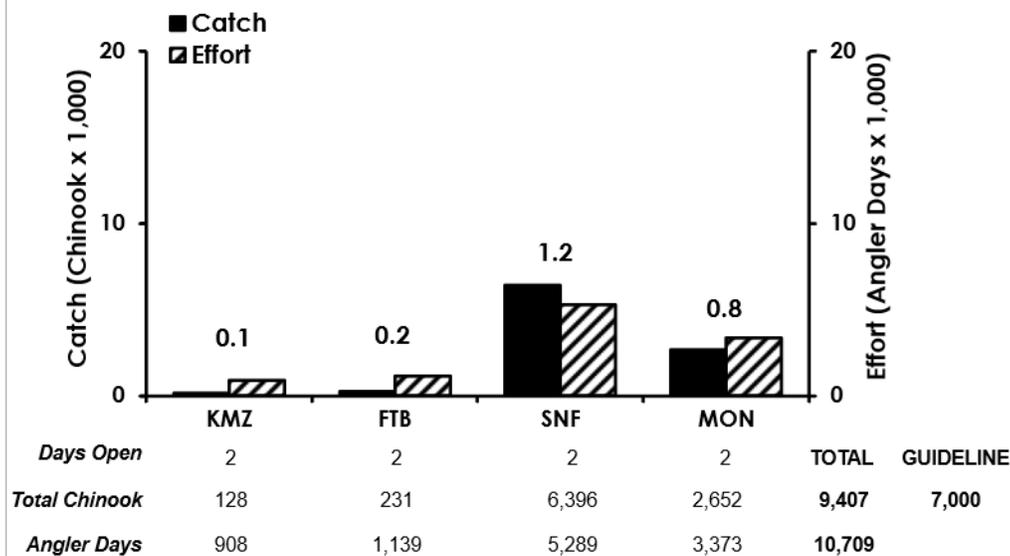


Recreational Catch and Effort, 2016-2025



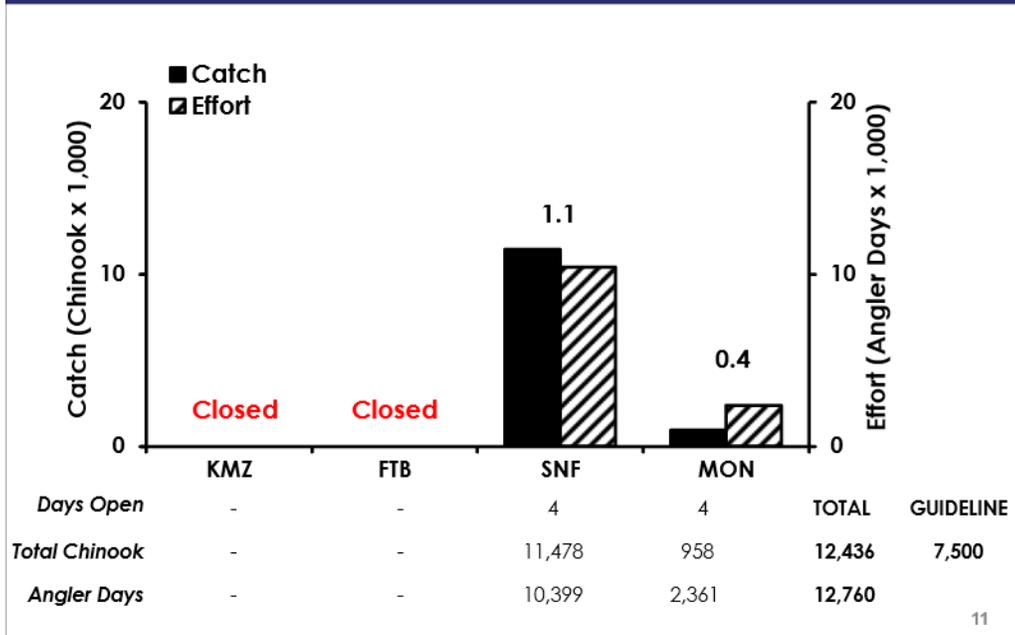
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2025 Summer Recreational Catch and Effort by Management Area



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2025 Fall Recreational Catch and Effort by Management Area



2025 Age-4 Klamath River Fall Chinook Ocean Harvest

Area	Recreational	Commercial
Northern Oregon	0	436
Coos Bay	0	0
KMZ - Oregon	0	0
KMZ - California	0	-
Fort Bragg	0	-
San Francisco	0	-
Monterey	0	-
Total	0	436

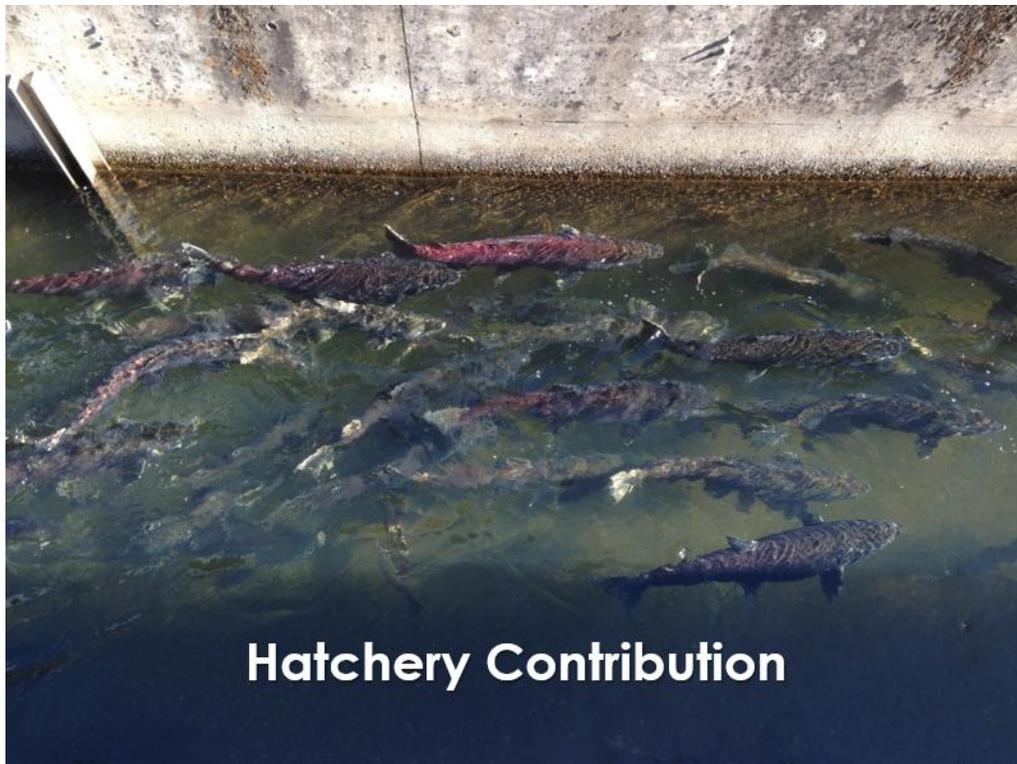
- Total Harvest of Age-4 Klamath River Fall Chinook in 2025 was 436 which equates to a 2% harvest rate
- All harvest occurred prior to September 1



2025 Fall Ocean Fisheries Harvest of Sacramento River Fall Chinook

<u>Area</u>	<u>Recreational</u>	<u>Commercial</u>
Northern Oregon	49	0
Coos Bay	83	117
KMZ - Oregon	-	-
KMZ - California	-	-
Fort Bragg	-	-
San Francisco	7,538	-
Monterey	611	-
Total	8,398	117

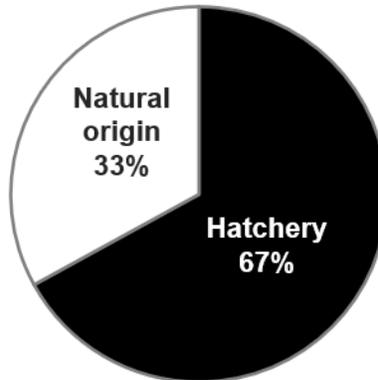
These fall fishery harvest numbers will be deducted before 2026 fishery planning begins



Hatchery Contribution

Hatchery Contribution to 2025 CA Ocean Fisheries

Recreational



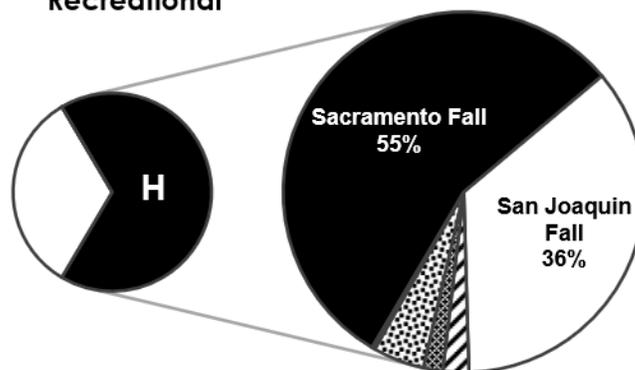
N = 2,379 CWTs



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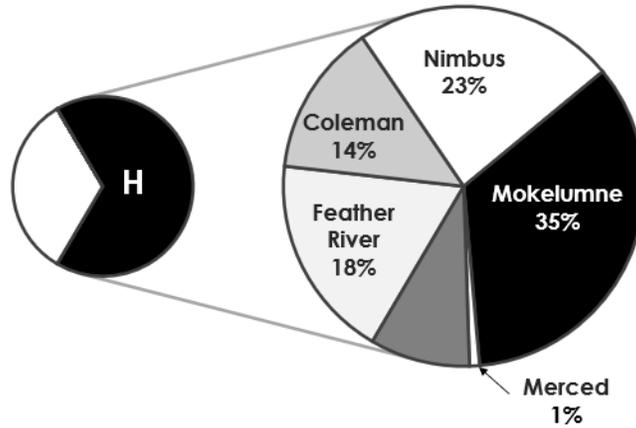


≈9% Other Stocks:
 CV Late-Fall (2.3%), CV Spring (1.7%),
 Klamath River Fall (0%),
 Sacramento Winter (4.6%), Other (0%)

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Hatchery Contribution to 2025 CA Ocean Fisheries

Recreational
Central Valley Fall
Chinook



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Thank You

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2026 Ocean Salmon Fishery Guidance

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2026 NMFS Guidance

- Preliminary Guidance
 - Final guidance provided in NMFS guidance letter
- Non-Listed Stocks
 - Salmon Fisheries Management Plan (FMP)
 - Harvest Control Rules
 - Conservative Management
- Stock Listed Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)
 - Biological Opinions
 - NMFS Guidance Letter
- Forecasts: Presentation by Dr. O'Farrell



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Non-ESA-Listed Stocks



Sacramento River Fall Chinook (SRFC)

- Indicator stock for Central Valley Fall Chinook stock complex
- Not listed under the ESA
- Conservation Objective: 122,000 – 180,000 adult spawners
- Harvest Control Rule
- Guidance Under Development



Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC)

- Indicator stock: Chinook from Southern Oregon Northern California coasts, Klamath and Trinity Rivers
- Not listed under the ESA
- Overfished status
- Conservation Objective: 40,700 spawners
- Harvest Control Rule
- Guidance Under Development

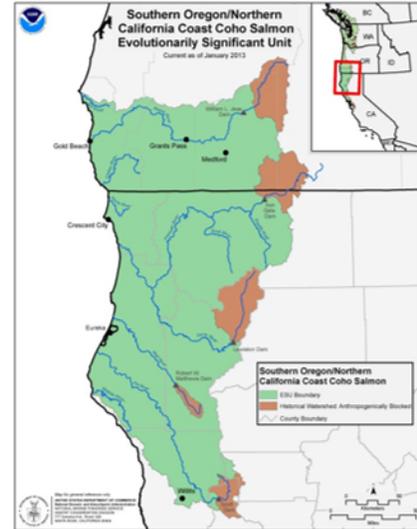


Stocks Listed Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)



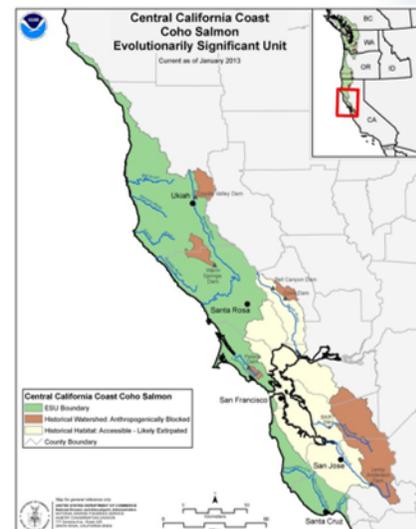
SONCC Coho Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2014 (79 FR 58750)
- Harvest Control Rule and Amendment 23 in 2022
- Biological Opinion: 2022
- Guidance
 - Prohibit coho retention and coho-directed fisheries off CA
 - Total (ocean and freshwater) ER limit:
 - ≤ 16% for Trinity population unit
 - ≤ 15% for all other SONCC populations



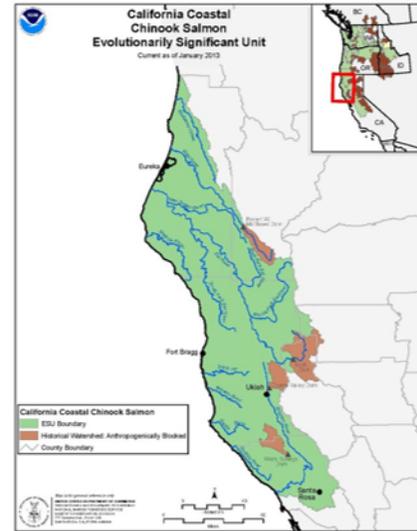
Central California Coast Coho

- ESA Listed: Endangered
- Recovery Plan: 2012 (77 FR 54565)
- Background
 - Species in the Spotlight designation with NOAA Fisheries
 - CDFW Priority Action Coho Team to assemble State and Federal recovery plan priorities and actions
- Guidance
 - Prohibit coho retention and coho-directed fisheries off CA



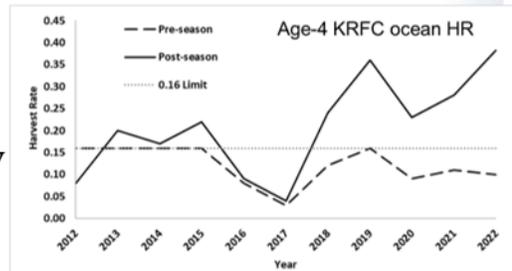
California Coastal (CC) Chinook Salmon

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2016 (81 FR 750666)
- Biological Opinion: 2024
- Consultation Standard:
 - Indicator: Klamath River Fall Chinook (KRFC)
 - Metric: Age-4 KRFC Ocean Harvest Rate
 - Limit: $\leq 16\%$



CC Chinook Salmon (Continued)

- Management response needed
 - HR exceeding pre-season projection
 - HR exceeding 16% limit
 - High contact rates in commercial fishery
 - KOHM updates in 2021 and 2022
 - Buffered HR in 2022: 10% vs 38%



- Management Framework: Adopted 2023
 - Buffer pre-season HR based on 5-year percent error
 - Landing and possession limits
 - In-season management
 - Quick reporting requirements

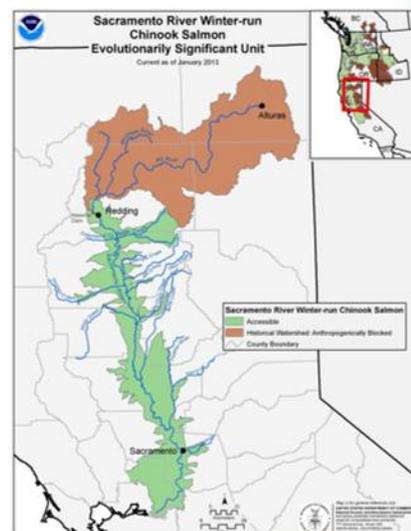


CC Chinook Salmon (Continued)

- Guidance
 - Buffer pre-season HR based on 5-year percent error
 - Commercial fishery:
 - Allowable harvest limit
 - Weekly landing and possession
 - In-season management to ensure fisheries remain under the conservation objective
 - 24-hour catch reporting

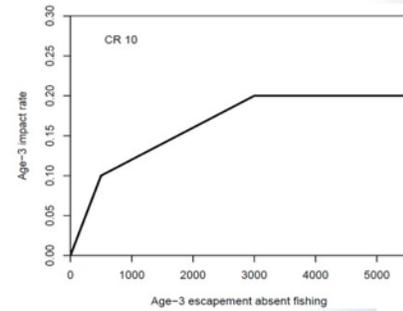
Sacramento River Winter (SRW) Chinook

- ESA Listed: Endangered
- Recovery Plan: 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Biological Opinion 2018
- Background
 - Management framework
 - Harvest control rule 10
 - Minimum size limits and seasonal fishing windows



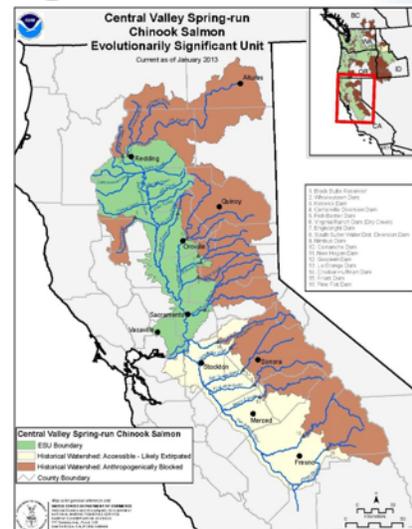
Sacramento Winter Chinook (Cont'd)

- Harvest Control Rule
- Guidance
 - Continue minimum size limits and seasonal fishing windows specified in the salmon FMP
 - Guidance Under Development



Central Valley (CV) Spring Chinook

- ESA Listed: Threatened
- Recovery Plan: 2014 (79 FR 42504)
- Biological Opinion: 2000
- SRFC/KRFC/SRW/CC Chinook constraints will likely provide sufficient protection for CV Spring Chinook
- Guidance
 - Manage fisheries consistent with HCR for SRW Chinook
 - Conservative management
 - Shape early season fisheries to provide additional protections for CV spring Chinook



Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW)

- ESA Listed: Endangered
- Recovery Plan: 2008 (73 FR 4176)
- Salmon FMP Amendment 21
- Biological Opinion: 2021
- Background
 - Since 2009, the population has declined to a near historic low of 75
 - Amendment 21:
 - Chinook salmon low abundance threshold
 - Under Threshold = Implementation of Management Actions



Southern Resident Killer Whales (Cont'd)

- Threshold: Arithmetic mean of the seven lowest years of Chinook salmon abundance prior to fisheries during 1992 -2016
- Management measures for California salmon fisheries **if** below threshold:
 - Close the Klamath Management Zone (KMZ) from October 1 through March 31
 - Close Klamath River Control Zone and expand area from September 1 through March 31
 - Close fisheries in the Monterey management area from October 1 through March 31 of the following year.

Southern Resident Killer Whales (Cont'd)

- **Guidance**

- Follow process outlined in Amendment 21
- Compare 2025 Chinook salmon abundance to the low abundance threshold
- If Chinook abundance is below threshold, implement management measures from Amendment 21

Thank you

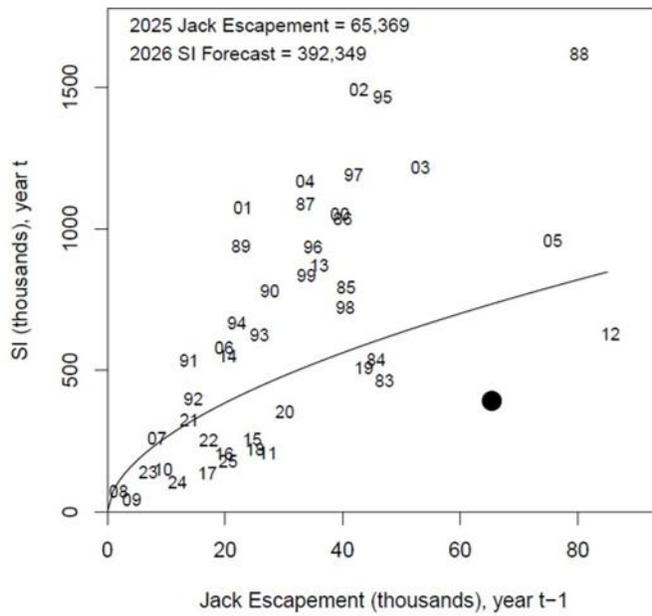
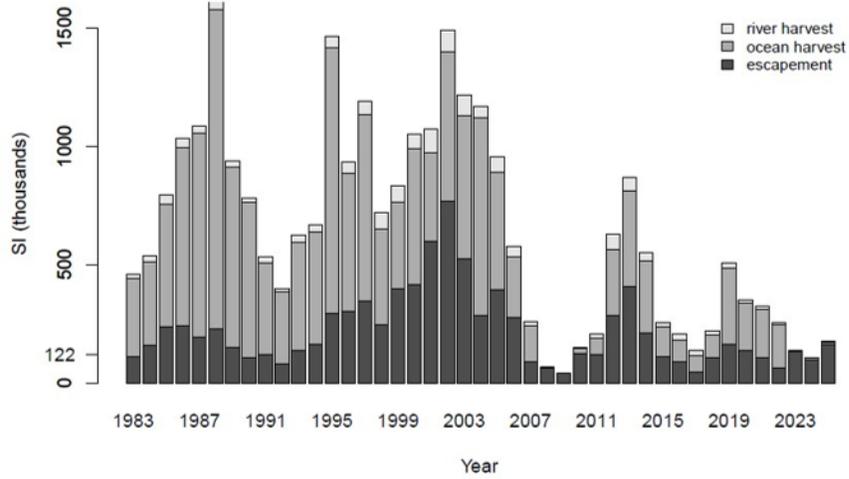
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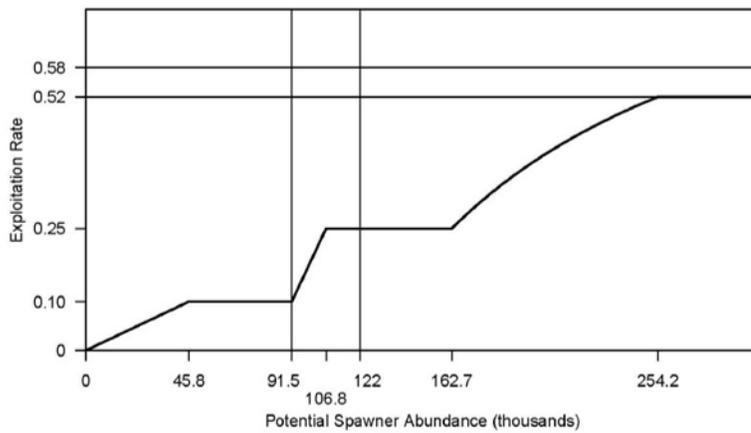
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Abundance Forecasts and Harvest Model Results

2025 Sacramento Index (SI) = 164,763



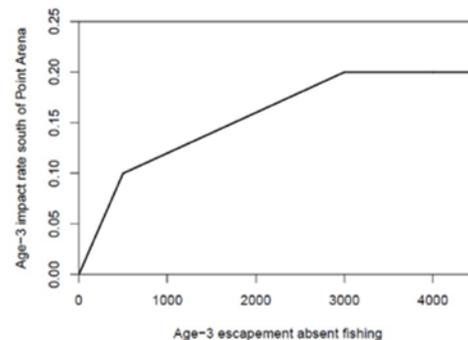
2026 SRFC management



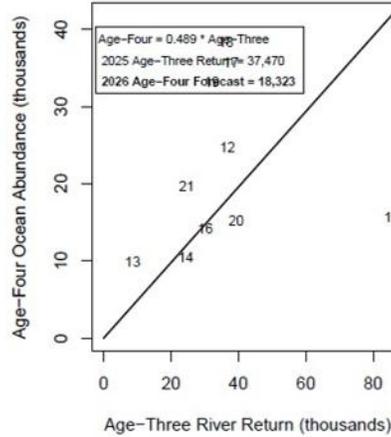
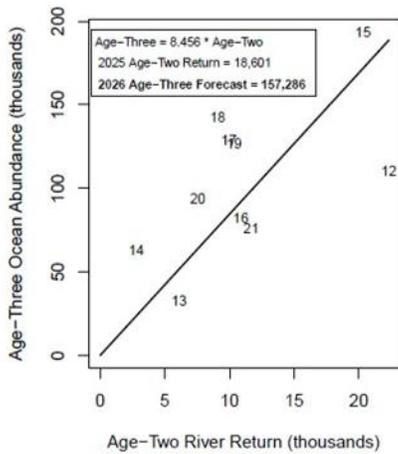
- 2026 forecast higher than 2025
- Must target an escapement of at least 188,328 adults
- Max 52% exploitation rate
- May constrain 2026 fisheries

2026 Winter Chinook management

- Abundance forecast likely greater than 2025
- Anticipating a maximum allowable age-3 impact rate of 20%
- May constrain CA ocean fisheries



2026 Klamath abundance forecast

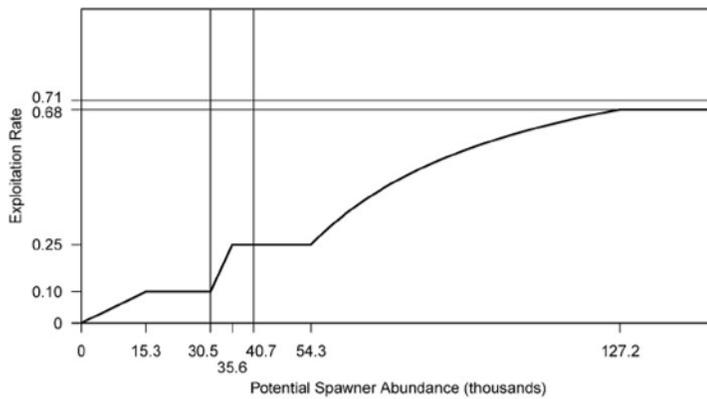


Age-3:
157,286

Age-4:
18,323

Age-5:
624

2026 Klamath fall Chinook management



- Potential spawner abundance: 20,763
- Max exploitation rate: 25%
- Minimum natural-area adult escapement: 18,687
- Will constrain fisheries

Other Considerations

- Southern Oregon/Northern California coho (SONCC)
- California Coastal Chinook
- Central Valley Spring Chinook