

## COLUMBIA RIVER FALL CHINOOK AND COHO

### 2002 PRELIMINARY RETURNS AND OUTLOOK FOR 2003

#### Lower River Hatchery Stock - LRH

- ❖ 2002 return of over 130,000 is best since the 1988 return of 310,000
- ❖ Average return of jacks in 2002
- ❖ 2003 return should be above average (recent 10 year average is 55,000)

#### Lower River Wild Stock - LRW

- ❖ 2002 return best since the 1991 return of 20,000
- ❖ Average return of jacks in 2002
- ❖ 2003 return should be similar to the returns of early to mid 1990's which averaged about 13,000

#### Bonneville Pool Hatchery Stock - BPH

- ❖ 2002 return exceeded 160,000 - largest return since 1976
- ❖ Jacks are about half of the record high return in 2001
- ❖ 2003 return similar to large return in 2002

#### Upriver Bright Stock - URB

- ❖ 2002 return of 285,000 best since the 1988 return of 340,000
- ❖ Average return of jacks in 2002
- ❖ 2003 return above average of 142,000 but likely less than 2002

## Mid-Columbia Bright Stock – MCB

- ❖ 2002 return of near 100,000 was largest on record
- ❖ 2003 return should be average

## Total Columbia River Fall Chinook

- ❖ 2002 return of over 700,000 is third largest return since 1948
- ❖ 2003 return should be above recent year average of 335,000

## Coho

- ❖ 2002 return just under ½ million
- ❖ Columbia River jack returns are nearly double the 2001 returns
- ❖ 2003 return should be greater than 2002 but less than 2001

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