

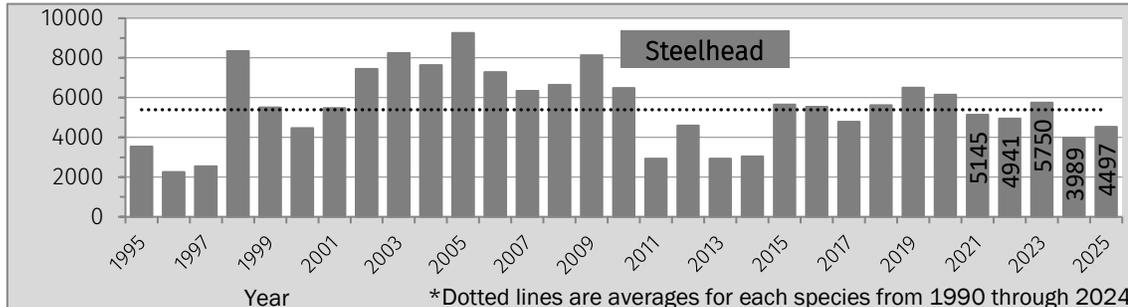
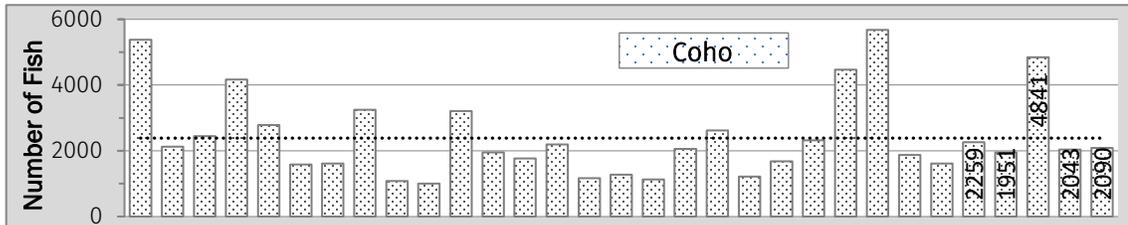
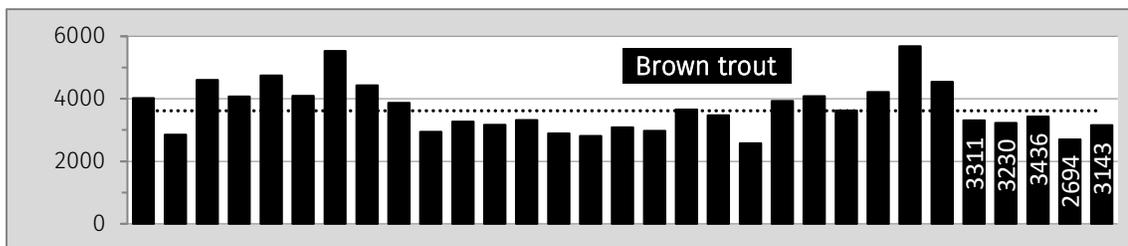
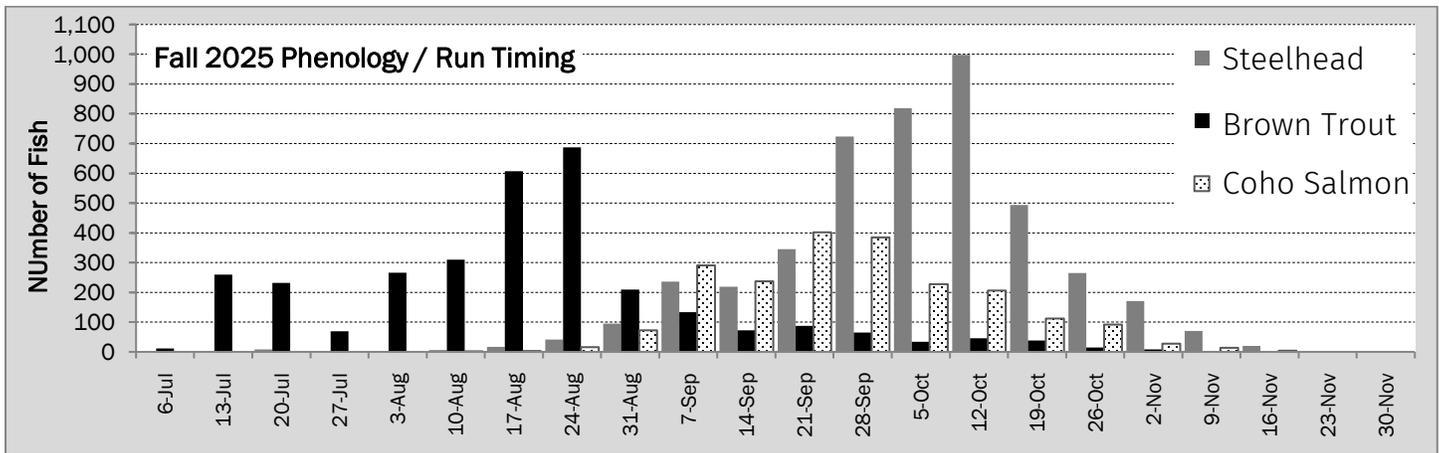
# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

## 2025 Bois Brule River Fall Fishway Update

### Douglas County, Wisconsin

Brown Trout	Chinook Salmon	Coho Salmon	Fall Run Steelhead	Brook Trout	Pink Salmon	Splake
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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) video-monitored trout and salmon migration at the fishway from July through November. The following chart shows the phenology (i.e., run timing) of the lower river's three most common lake-run trout and salmon species. The brown trout run slowed sharply following August rainfall. Steelhead and coho salmon arrived when the river was low; highest counts occurred from late-September through mid-October. The run wrapped up in mid-November with rapidly dropping water temperatures. All three species slightly increased from their 2024 numbers. Pink and Chinook salmon also had relatively strong runs this year with 10 Chinook measuring over 40 inches. Overall, the 2025 numbers reflected the variability within these populations of trout and salmon that sustain themselves through natural reproduction. An alternative look at the number and length of fish is their combined lengths from nose to tail: 3.68 miles long (the Brule is 44 miles long).



#### 2025 Summary

- 62 percent of **brown trout** were 21 to 26 inches long; the longest was 35 inches.

- **Coho salmon** were more typically sized between 20 and 22 inches after recent larger sizes from the lake's prey base.

- 53 percent of **Steelhead** were 20 to 25 inches long and 15 percent ranged from 12 to 17 inches.