

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 18
Columbia River Compact
October 26, 2009

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i>	Non-Indian Commercial Salmon
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Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2009 fall season were presented in Fall Fact Sheets #1(July 29, 2009) and # 11 (September 22, 2009)

- TAC met on October 26 to review Columbia River coho stock status. TAC maintains its previous assessment that the run is tracking at or slightly above the 2009 preseason expectation of 703,100 adults returning to the Columbia River mouth, with indications that the early component may be slightly less than forecast and the late component may be slightly greater than forecast.
- Bonneville Dam counts have exceeded passage expectations. Through October 25, coho counts have totaled of 215,200 adults. The run is typically 97% complete by this date.
- Columbia River recreational and commercial harvest data is preliminary and includes catch projections for recreational fisheries through December and commercial fisheries to date.

2009 Coho Harvest Estimates Columbia River Mainstem Fisheries	
B10	49,000
LCR Sport	5,500
Col R Comm.	44,500

Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Landings –Late Fall 2009						
Week	Date	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	Chum	White Sturgeon
Wk 32-35	August Fisheries		28,222	1,331	0	2,969
Wk 39	Sep 24	66	1,634	580	0	132
Wk 40	Sep 28, 29,30 Oct 1	Ave 72	2,896	38,725	0	441
Wk 41	Oct 4,7,8	Ave 41	963	880	0	641
Wk 42	Oct 13,14,15	Ave 25	287	152	0	465
Wk 43	Oct 18-19, Z 4-5, 8"	21	379	229	0	130
	Oct 20-21, Z 4-5, 8"	7	249	34	0	19
	Oct 22-23, Z 4-5, 8"	5	227	3	0	0
	Oct 21, Z 1-3, 6"	88	63	2,507	21	18
	Oct 22, Z 1-5, 9"	36	3	61	0	109
Wk 44	Oct 25-26, Z 4-5, 8"					NA
	Late Fall Total		6,701	43,171	21	1,955
	2009 Fall Fisheries		34,923	44,502	21	4,924

- Coho and white sturgeon landings for week 43 were less than staff expectations. Staff estimates 4,500 coho and 211 white sturgeon remain available for harvest.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>		
Season:	7 AM – 7 PM Wednesday October 28, 2009	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 2-5; Lower boundary from a line between Harrington Point on the Washington shore to Settler Point on the Oregon shore upstream to Beacon Rock.	
Gear:	No minimum mesh restriction, 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh restriction	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon only.	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.	
Additional Rules	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- ✓ Estimated catch include 300 Chinook, 2,000 - 3,000 coho and no white sturgeon.
- ✓ Combined impacts (including the proposed fisheries) are estimated at 19.8% for lower Columbia River coho (compared to the 20% limit). Impacts to ESA listed Chinook, steelhead, and chum are expected to remain well within the allowed limits.
- ✓ Staff anticipates that this fishery will complete the fall season for 2009.

Future Compact Hearings

- None recommended.