

2008 Adult Returns and 2009 Expectations Columbia River

Preliminary Draft – December 16, 2008 (updated 12/17/08)

	2008 Results	2009 Expectations
Adult Returns		
Willamette Spring Chinook	34,050 predicted return to CR (15% wild) 27,016 actual return to CR (~27% wild) -2 nd lowest return since 1946 -jack return (710) 3 rd lowest since 1972 26,712 actual return to Willamette R -14,672 count at falls -7,216 actual return to Clackamas -North Fork Dam count 1,820 -Clackamas Hatchery return – 5,054	37,600 predicted (1,400 jacks) -16,200 Age-4; 19,900 Age-5 -25% wild -26,400 adult hatchery run
Upriver Spring Chinook	269,300 predicted adult return 178,800 actual return 22,352 jacks highest since 2000 (24,400)	298,900 predicted (2.2% impact) Mostly 4-yr-olds (87.8%) Mark rate similar to recent years
Upriver Summer Chinook	52,000 predicted adult return 55,400 actual return 6,800 jacks similar to 10-year average (7,000)	70,700 predicted
Sockeye	75,600 predicted return 214,500 actual return 13,800 jacks (largest return in 24 year data set)	183,200 predicted
Upriver Summer Steelhead	322,000 predicted return at Bonneville 355,100 preliminary return	TBD; Similar to recent years
Bright Fall Chinook	234,700 predicted adult return Actual returns better than predicted	Improved from 2008 - some may be significant
Tule Fall Chinook	142,100 predicted adult return ~Actual returns slightly better than predicted LRH jacks similar to 2007; BPH jacks poor	LRH improved; BPH down from 2008
Coho	164,800 predicted adult return ~415,000 preliminary actual return Jack return strong	Improved from 2008
Shad	~1.9 million run (relatively weak return)	Likely strong return
Smelt	Poor return	Poor return, petitioned for ESA listing
Sturgeon	2007 legal pop. estimate (131,700); stable	2008 estimate will indicate trend

Recreational Fisheries

	2008 Results	2009 Expectations
Willamette River Spring Chinook - Recreational		
Lower Willamette	Open 1/1-5/11 < WFalls; 1/1-6/1 > WFalls 47,318 angler trips 4,369 kept catch (68 jacks) 1,901 released 70% mark rate (vs ~85% expected)	TBD Open 7 days/week eff. Jan 1.
Clackamas River	1 Chinook bag No sampling in 2008	Open 7 days/week under permanent regulations
Washington Tributary Spring Chinook - Recreational		
Cowlitz River	2,700 actual adult return vs 5,200 predicted 7 day/week fishery; 2 fish bag Closed 5/17-6/24; 300 kept	4,100 predicted
Kalama River	1,600 actual return vs 3,700 predicted 7 day/week fishery; 2 fish bag Closed 5/17-6/24; 250 kept	900 predicted Fishery restrictions likely
Lewis River	2,400 actual return vs 3,500 predicted 7 day/week fishery; 2 fish bag Closed 6/6-6/24; 1,050 kept	2,200 predicted Fishery restrictions likely
Columbia River Fisheries - Recreational		
Lower Columbia Spring Season	Spring Chinook open: 1 Chinook daily bag 1) Tongue Pt.-Hayden Isl. (1/1-2/24 and 3/24-4/4) 34,006 angler trips 2,760 adults kept (469 rel.) 400 hatchery steelhead kept (100 released) 2) Hayden Isl. to BO Dam (1/1-2/24 & 3/16-4/20) Closed Tuesdays (3/25-4/15) 68,966 angler trips 17,280 adult Chinook kept (+165 jacks) 2,663 Chinook released 86% mark rate	Season TBD Mainstem fishery structure likely similar to 2008
Bonn-McNary Spring Season	Spring Chinook open: 3/16-5/10 2 Chinook bag limit 1,763 Chinook kept 673 Chinook released	Season TBD
Snake River Spring Season	Spring Chinook open: Mouth to Ice Harbor and L. Goose Dam 4/22-5/11 500 Chinook kept	Season TBD

Columbia River Fisheries - Recreational (continued)

<p>Columbia Summer Season</p>	<p>Summer Chinook open: 6/21-6/28 Tongue Pt. to Bonneville Dam 2 Chinook bag limit and non-selective regs. 30,500 angler trips < Bonneville ~2,051 adult Chinook kept (+250 jacks) 890 Chinook released 6,500 hatchery steelhead kept (6/16-7/31) 4,400 released 6/16-7/1 Bonneville Dam to Priest Rapids Dam <800 kept Chinook</p>	<p>Improved forecast Season TBD</p>																				
<p>Buoy 10</p>	<p>Opened 8/1; 2 fish limit (1 Chinook); Constrained by natural tules and Lewis R. brights 6,500 Chinook guideline Chinook retention open 8/1-24; Coho 8/1-8/30 Good catch rates; early closure for both 34,000 angler trips 8,300 Chinook and 8,100 fin-clipped coho</p>	<p>Season TBD</p>																				
<p>Lower Columbia Fall Season</p>	<p>Open 9/1-9/16 and 9/20-12/31; Constrained by natural tules and Lewis R. brights 2 fish limit (1 Chinook) Chinook retention prohibited: 8/1-31 and 9/17-19 Large Lewis R. sanctuary during season 80,800 angler trips 10,700 adult fall Chinook (+963 jacks) 2,200 fin-clipped coho 2,600 fin-clipped steelhead</p>	<p>Season TBD</p>																				
<p>Mid Columbia Fall Season</p>	<p>Open 8/1-12/31; 2 Chinook limit 1,000 kept Chinook</p>	<p>Likely similar to 2008 season</p>																				
<p>Sturgeon</p>	<p>Managed for 25,530 annual catch guideline split 13,143 estuary and 13,851 non-estuary >Wauna guideline adjusted to 12,387 late in '08</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;"></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>Trips</u></th> <th style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>Catch</u></th> <th style="width: 30%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Estuary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">48,570</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13,614</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Estuary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">82,000</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8,121 (projected)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Willamette</td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>na</u></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><u>5,798</u> (estimated)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">130,570</td> <td style="text-align: center;">27,533</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Trips</u>	<u>Catch</u>		Estuary	48,570	13,614		Non-Estuary	82,000	8,121 (projected)		Willamette	<u>na</u>	<u>5,798</u> (estimated)			130,570	27,533		<p>2006-2008 MA extended for 2009 Estuary Manage for <15,529 harvest Season TBD Above Wauna Manage for <11,268 harvest Season TBD</p>
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<p>Shad</p>	<p>Below average effort/catch 20,400 trips & 104,400 catch in Columbia 2,600 trips & 7200 catch in Willamette (thru 6/15)</p>	<p>Huge population-no limits</p>																				

Ocean Fisheries - Recreational

Cape Falcon, OR to Leadbetter Pt, WA	Chinook open June 1-28 Coho quota 11,380 (10,180 pre-season, 1,200 In-season transfer) 3,700 Chinook 10,845 fin-clipped coho 42,400 trips	TBD
Cape Falcon to Humbug Mtn.	Chinook closed Coho open: 6/17-9/16 (7days/week) Coho quota 50,000 (Cape Falcon-OR/CA Border) 58,100 trips 40,700 fin-clipped coho 2,300 Chinook	TBD
Humbug Mtn. to OR/CA Border (OR KMZ)	Chinook closed Coho open: 6/17-9/4 (7days/week) 7,200 trips 2,500 Chinook 1,600 Coho fin-clipped coho	TBD
Chetco Terminal	Chinook-only open 10/1-10/14 3,300 trips 500 Chinook	TBD

Oregon Coastal Rivers - Recreational

North Coast Spring Chinook	Poor hatchery return 6 th year selective fishery	Possibly similar to 2007
North Coast Fall Chinook	Poor returns Fair fishery	Possibly similar to 2007
Central and South Coast Fall Chinook	Fair returns/fishery	Possibly similar to 2007
Rogue River Spring Chinook	Poor fishery Gold Ray Dam count 11,200 (adults and jacks) Wild number currently not available In-season closures	Similar to 2007 (fair?) Modified selective fishery

Columbia River Commercial Fisheries

	2008 Results	2009 Expectations
Columbia River Fisheries - Commercial		
Winter Sturgeon	6, 24-h and 5, 18-h periods (Jan 8-Feb 29; Z 1-5) 869 white sturgeon (\$2.64/lb) 14 Chinook (\$8.71/lb)	Similar to 2008 1,700 white sturgeon guideline
Winter Salmon	Season restricted to above Hayden Isl. 3 periods Apr. 1-15 (10-16 h; Z 4-5) All tangle net 5,938 spring Chinook (\$7.58/lb) 17 white sturgeon (\$2.58/lb)	Low Willamette run is a constraint WFMEP only allows <300 Chinook Fishing restricted to >Hayden Isl. No white sturgeon allocated
Summer Salmon	3 periods (10-h each; 8-9.75"; Z 1-5) 1,368 Chinook (\$3.00/lb), 296 sockeye 523 white sturgeon (\$2.72/lb) Ave of 71 deliveries/period	Improved forecasts 600 white sturgeon guideline
August	Constrained by natural tules and Lewis R. brights 4 periods Aug 4-11 (12-h each; 9-9.75"; Z 1-5) 1 period Aug 14-15 (12-h each; 9-9.75" Z 2-5) 2 periods Aug 19-25 (6-10 h; 9-9.75"; Z 4-5) 14,400 Chinook; 78 coho; 2,809 white sturgeon	Likely similar to 2008 Natural tules may still be an issue 2,000+ white sturgeon guideline
Late Fall	Fishery constrained due to tule and coho listings 23 fishing periods (Sep. 18-Oct. 31) Various mesh/zone restrictions 13,652 Chinook (\$1.91/lb); 13,107 coho (\$1.30) 3,170 white sturgeon (\$1.88/lb); 22 chum	TBD 3,300+ white sturgeon guideline
Shad	Area 2S (29 days; May 12-June 20) 12,544 shad landed (\$0.20/lb) No Washougal Reef fishery	Similar to 2008
Smelt	Poor (CR 11,381 #'s @ \$3.73; Cowlitz 5,900 #'s)	Poor; Level 1
Select Area Fisheries - Commercial		
Winter (YB/BS/DR)	Below average YB/BS – 3 rd exp. season; DR – limited effort 292 Chinook; 39 sturgeon	Improved over 2008 SAFE CHS catch prediction 4,800 (93% local)
Spring (YB/BS/TP/DR)	Below average (46% of 2000-07 ave.) New TP full-fleet test fishery; 259 Chinook Very high ex-vessel price (\$6.73/lb) 3,177 Chinook; 308 white sturgeon	Season structure similar to 2008 Limited TP spring fishery likely Manage for stability
Summer (YB)	Record harvest (283% of 2000-07 ave.) 1,017 Chinook (\$3.59)	Similar approach to 2008
Fall (YB/BS/TP/DR)	Chinook: 13,997 (YB exc.; TP/BS/DR ave; \$2.38) Coho: 55,151 (DR exc.; YB/BS/TP ave; \$1.31) 37,653 coho; 4,557 Chinook; 0 chum	Same season approach Coho releases up (esp. TP) 2008 releases = 2.6 Million

2008-2009 Columbia River Fishery Process Schedule (Preliminary Draft)

Dec 2, 2008	CR Commercial and Recreational Advisory Groups • Sturgeon fishing plan/Spring Chinook discussion	Rainier, OR / Vancouver, WA
Dec 11, 2008	Joint OFWC/WFWC Meeting • Spring/Summer Chinook/White sturgeon allocation	Portland, OR Embassy Suites
Dec. 12, 2008 8-6	OFWC • Spring/Summer Chinook/White sturgeon allocation	Portland, OR Embassy Suites
Dec. 12-13, 2008	WFWC • Spring/Summer Chinook/White sturgeon allocation	Olympia, WA
Dec. 18, 2008 10-3	CR Compact/Joint State Hearing • Commercial winter sturgeon and smelt • Recreational sturgeon	Kelso, WA Cowlitz County Hist. Museum 405 Allen St.
Jan. 9, 2009	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission	Salem location
Jan. 9-10, 2009	WA Fish and Wildlife Commission • CR spring/summer Chinook allocation	Olympia, WA
Jan. 13, 2009	CR Commercial and Recreational Advisory Groups • Spring Chinook planning	Rainier, OR / Vancouver, WA
Jan. 29, 2009 10-3	CR Compact • Commercial winter sturgeon • Recreational spring Chinook	Oregon City Historical Soc. 211 Tumwater Dr. Oregon City
Feb. 20, 2009	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission	Astoria, OR
Feb. 24, 2009	CR Commercial and Recreational Advisory Groups • Fall season planning	Rainier, OR / Vancouver, WA
Mar. 20, 2009	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission • Ocean and state waters salmon fishery options	Salem, OR
Mar. 24, 2009	CR Commercial and Recreational Advisory Groups • Fall season planning	Rainier, OR / Vancouver, WA
Apr. 17, 2009	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission • Ocean/state waters salmon regulations, CR fall regs	Corvallis, OR OR Hatch. Research Center

See Ocean Process for North of Falcon schedule

2009 Ocean Fishery Process Schedule (Preliminary Draft)

Mar. 4, 2008	WDFW Public Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 forecasts and fishing opportunities 	Olympia, WA
Mar. ?, 2008	Ocean Salmon Industry Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2008 forecasts • Initial discussions of 2008 season options 	Newport, OR
Mar. 10-14, 2008	Pacific Fishery Management Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2008 ocean salmon options for public review 	Sacramento, CA Doubletree Hotel
Mar. ?, 2008	Columbia River North of Falcon meeting	TBD – Vancouver area
Mar. 18, 2008	North of Falcon I (Public Meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salmon season negotiations for Columbia River, Puget Sound, Willapa Bay, Grays Harbor, and ocean areas north of Cape Falcon, OR 	Olympia, WA
Mar. 21, 2008	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean and state waters salmon fishery options 	Coos Bay, OR
Mar. 31, 2008	PFMC Public Options Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public input on 2008 season options 	Coos Bay, OR Red Lion Hotel
Apr. 1, 2008	North of Falcon II (Public Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued negotiations 	Lynnwood, WA
Apr. 7-11, 2008	PFMC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt 2008 ocean salmon fishery regulations 	Seattle, WA Seattle Marriott Hotel Sea Tac
Apr. 18, 2008	Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt state water ocean salmon fishery regulations • Adopt certain coastal and inland salmon fishery regulations 	Salem, OR ODFW Headquarters