

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 4**  
**Joint State Hearing**  
**July 6, 2012**

Fisheries under consideration: Recreational salmon fisheries above Bonneville Dam

*Stock status and management guidelines for 2012 summer season fisheries were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 13, 2012).*

**Stock Status – Sockeye Salmon**

- Bonneville Dam counts of sockeye total 445,906 fish through July 4. Based on the 10-year average, passage is typically 84% (range 68%-94%) complete by July 4. The preseason forecast was 462,000 adult fish at the Columbia River mouth, including 1,900 ESA-listed Snake River sockeye. The vast majority of this return is comprised of sockeye destined for the Okanogan systems of the upper Columbia River.
- The *U.S. v Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met July 2 to review Chinook and sockeye returns. TAC estimated the sockeye return at 540,000 fish to the Columbia River mouth. TAC is scheduled to meet again Monday July 9.
- Based on current run size estimates and management agreements, allowable sockeye harvest is 5,400 for non-Indian fisheries.

**Non-Indian Fisheries**

- The area from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam closed to adult Chinook and sockeye retention effective July 2, but remains open to hatchery steelhead retention.
- The area from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam is open June 16-July 31 with a two adult fish daily bag limit. Sockeye retention is allowed, along with hatchery steelhead and hatchery Chinook.

***Non-Indian Sockeye Catch Summaries***

<b>2012 Non-Indian Sockeye Catch Summary</b>			
<b>Fishery</b>	<b>Kept</b>	<b>Released</b>	<b>Total Mortalities</b>
<b>Commercial:</b>		--	
Mainstem	373	0	373
Select Areas (Youngs Bay)			
-Actual (thru 6/29)	24	0	24
-Projected (7/4 forward)-	6	0	6
Total Below Bonneville Commercial	403	0	403
<b>Recreational:</b>			
<u>Below Bonneville</u>			
-Actual (thru 7/1)	4,500	500	4,550
-Projected (7/2-7/31)	--	500	50
Total Below Bonneville Sport	4,500	1,000	4,600

<u>Bonn to PRD</u>			
-Actual (thru 7/1)	371	85	380
-Projected (7/2-7/31)	230	230	253
Total Bonn to Highway 395 Sport	601	315	633
Grand Total Non-Indian Fisheries	5,504	1,315	5,636

- Total non-Indian sockeye mortalities for fisheries downstream of the Highway 395 Bridge are projected to be 5,636 fish through July 31. The current guideline is 5,400 fish based on the TAC run update of 540,000.

<b><i>2012 Non-Indian Recreational Fishery above Bonneville Dam - Recommendation</i></b>
Effective Monday, July 9 2012, prohibit retention of sockeye salmon from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, Washington.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is schedule for 3 PM July 11 to consider treaty Indian fisheries.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 26 in Cathlamet, Washington at The River Street Room (25 River Street)