

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 8
 Columbia River Compact
 September 1, 2009**

Fisheries under consideration:	Select Area commercial
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Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2009 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1(July 29, 2009)

Select Area Commercial Fishery

- Protocol for management of 2009 commercial fisheries included a total harvest limitation of 8,000 white sturgeon with Select Area fisheries limited to a 400 fish harvest guideline.
- The combined white sturgeon harvest in winter, spring, and summer Select Area commercial fisheries totaled 309 fish compared to the 300 fish guideline for winter-summer fisheries. An additional 73 white sturgeon have been harvested in fall Select Area fisheries through August 30, leaving 18 fish remaining on the Select Area white sturgeon annual guideline.

<i>2009 Lower Columbia River Commercial White Sturgeon Catch Summary</i>			
Fishery	Guideline	Catch	Remaining
Mainstem Winter/ Spring Gillnet	1,700	1,810	0
Mainstem Summer Gillnet	600	632	0
August Gillnet	2,000	2,969	0
Mainstem Late Fall Gillnet	3,300	--	2,189
Select Area Gillnet (thru 8/30)	400	382	18
Sum	8,000	5,793	2,207

- Select Area fall fisheries recently (August 31) expanded to include nighttime fishing periods in Tongue Point, South Channel, Blind Slough, Knappa Slough, and Deep River; and continuous fishing in Youngs Bay.
- Although the three white sturgeon weekly per vessel landing limit currently in place will restrict harvest, the annual white sturgeon harvest guideline will likely be reached this week.

<i>Recommendation - Select Area Fall Commercial Fisheries</i>
Prohibit the retention and sale of white sturgeon in Select Area commercial fisheries effective 12:01 AM Sunday, September 6, 2009.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will continue to track all ongoing fisheries and schedule Compacts as necessary. The tribes may request a hearing on or around September 10 to adopt additional commercial fishing periods in Zone 6. An additional hearing may be needed in mid-September to consider late fall non-Indian commercial fisheries.