

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 5**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**June 2, 2005**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian Recreational Spring Chinook
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**Spring Chinook Status**

- The Chinook count at Bonneville Dam through June 1<sup>st</sup> totals 76,595 adult fish. Typically, 90% of the run has passed by this date.
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on May 31<sup>st</sup> and estimated 95,000 upriver spring Chinook will return to the river mouth.
- The Willamette Falls spring Chinook count through May 26<sup>th</sup> totals 22,809 adult fish. Typically, 77% of the run has passed by this date. Current model projections indicate the run will be about 60% of the preseason forecast.

**Select Areas Fisheries**

- Select Area commercial fisheries (winter and spring) have harvested approximately 2,000 Chinook and 136 sturgeon to date. Landings have been far below preseason expectations and harvest in recent years. Impacts to upriver spring Chinook are 14% of the 0.1% impact guideline.
- No additional impacts to upriver chinook are anticipated for remaining Select Area spring fisheries (June 2-17).

**Non-Indian Recreational Fisheries**

- Due to lower-than-expected returns of upriver spring chinook, the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery closed April 21<sup>st</sup> and the opening date for recreational steelhead and shad fisheries was delayed until May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- The mainstem Columbia River is currently open for steelhead angling from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge under permanent regulations.

**Combined Fishery Impacts**

- Based on the 95,000 run size, commercial impacts total 0.766% (95.8% of 0.8% commercial guideline), which includes the on-going shad fishery. Recreational impacts total 0.942% (78.5% of 1.2% sport guideline), which includes the on-going steelhead fishery.
- Combined impacts total 1.71%, or 85.5% of the 2.00% limit, with 0.29% remaining.

## FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

### 2005 Mainstem Recreational Fishery

The Joint Staff is recommending the following modification to mainstem Columbia River recreational fisheries:

- Effective 12:01 AM Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> through 11:59 PM June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005
- Open the mainstem Columbia River for the retention of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Hwy 395 Bridge near Pasco, Washington.
- Open the mainstem Columbia River for the retention of hatchery steelhead from the I-5 Bridge upstream to the Hwy 395 bridge near Pasco, Washington.

Catch limits: Oregon: Two adult salmon or steelhead per day.

Washington: Two adult salmon and two steelhead per day.

Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept.

- Anticipated Chinook handle is 2,300 fish, with 83% assumed to be of upriver origin. Associated impacts from this proposed fishery are estimated to be 0.20%, which would give a season total of 1.91% of the 2.00% impact limit.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- Future Compact hearings are scheduled for 1 PM June 15<sup>th</sup> and 10 AM July 28<sup>th</sup> to review status of stocks and consider non-Indian commercial fishing seasons in the Columbia River and Select Areas.