

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 4a**  
**Compact Hearing**  
**July 5, 2007**

<b>Fisheries under Consideration:</b>	Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial fisheries
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*Management guidelines, stock status and past fisheries are described in  
Summer Fact Sheet #1, dated June 14, 2007.*

**STOCK STATUS**

- Bonneville Dam counts from June 16 through July 4 total 20,667 Chinook. Passage is typically 50% complete around July 1.
- Priest Rapids Dam counts through June 28 total 8,056 Chinook. Passage is typically 50% complete around July 9. Upper Columbia summer Chinook are managed based on a goal of 20,000 hatchery and natural origin adults over Priest Rapids Dam (29,000 at river mouth).
- TAC met this morning to update the summer Chinook and sockeye runs. TAC concluded the sockeye run was on track to meet the preseason forecast of 27,300 fish, but felt the summer Chinook run would not reach the preseason forecast of 45,600 and estimated a river mouth run size of 40,000 fish.
- Based on the in-season run size, non-Indian fisheries below Bonneville Dam are allocated 2,200 Chinook, compared to the 3,300 allocated pre season.

**2007 SUMMER SEASON NON-INDIAN FISHERIES**

***Non-treaty Recreational Salmon Fisheries***

- Non-selective summer Chinook recreational fisheries are scheduled from the Tongue Pt./Rocky Pt. line upstream to Bonneville Dam during June 16-30; from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam during June 16 – July 31; and from Priest Rapids Dam to Chief Joseph Dam during July 1 – October 15.
- The estimated catch below Bonneville Dam is 2,105 Chinook, which exceeded management expectations. The fishery closed on June 30.
- The estimated catch above Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam is 100 Chinook. This fishery was scheduled to continue through July but closed July 3, due to the high catch in the area below Bonneville Dam and lower than expected Dam counts.
- The recreational fishery above Priest Rapids Dam will begin as scheduled on July 1.

***Non-treaty Commercial Summer Chinook Fishery***

- Two commercial fishing periods have occurred on the evenings of June 25 and on July 2. Preliminary landings include 1,034 Chinook and 369 white sturgeon, which were within management expectations.
- An additional fishing period is scheduled to occur on the evening of July 9. Catch expectation is ~200 Chinook.

<i>2007 Upper Columbia Summer Chinook Harvest Allocation and Catch to Date</i>			
<i>Non-Indian Fishery</i>	<i>Preseason Allocation (45,600 run size)</i>	<i>In-season Allocation (40,000 run size)</i>	<i>Catch (Preliminary)</i>
<i>LCR Recreational</i>	1,250	900	2,105
<i>Bonneville-Priest Recreational</i>	400	200	100
<i>LCR Commercial</i>	1,650	1,100	1,034
<b>Below Priest Rapids Dam Total</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>3,239</b>
Colville/Wanapum/Sport >PRD	5,000	3,300	--
Total Non-Indian	8,300	5,500	--
Treaty Indian Fishery	8,300	5,500	--

## RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Fisheries</i>
Rescind the commercial fishing period scheduled for the evening of July 9, 2007.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- Staff will continue to track the progress of the summer season and request additional hearings as needed.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, July 26, 2007 located at the Astoria Public Library, 450 10<sup>th</sup> Street in Astoria, Oregon to review stock status of fall Chinook and consider non-Indian fall mainstem and Select Area commercial fisheries.