

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

**JOINT STAFF REPORT  
WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 7  
Columbia River Compact  
March 7, 2005**

**Fisheries under Consideration: Non-Indian Winter Commercial Salmon**

- Two 12-hour fisheries have occurred in Zones 1-4 from 5:00 PM March 1 through 5:00 AM March 2 and from 6:00PM March 3 through 6:00 AM March 4.
- Preliminary landings for these fishing periods are 295 Chinook and 9 white sturgeon. The combined winter season total landings are 378 Chinook and 482 white sturgeon.
- Upriver spring chinook impacts to date are estimated to be 4.5% of the 0.6% commercial impact guideline.
- Approximately 21% of the landed catch were of upriver origin based on visual stock identification. Average weight is 18.9 pounds

| Spring Chinook Fishery 2005          |           |          |              |          |          |              |                |          |              |               |                              |                 |           |          |              |           |             |            |            |            |
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| Preliminary Test / Observation Data* |           |          |              |          |          |              |                |          |              |               |                              |                 |           |          |              |           |             |            |            |            |
| Date                                 | Lower R.  |          |              | UpRiver  |          |              | Chinook no VSI |          |              | Total Chinook | Ratio<br>Chinook / Steelhead | Total Steelhead | Steelhead |          |              |           | %           | %          | %          | #          |
|                                      | Clipped   | No Mark  | Undetermined | Clipped  | No Mark  | Undetermined | Clipped        | No Mark  | Undetermined |               |                              |                 | Hatchery  | Wild     | Undetermined | DNA count |             |            |            |            |
| <b>Feb 27 Test</b>                   | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>      | <b>0.00</b>                  | <b>3</b>        | <b>2</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>  | <b>100%</b> | <b>0%</b>  | <b>0%</b>  | <b>15</b>  |
| Mar 1 Obsv                           | 2         | 3        | 0            | 2        | 0        | 0            | 0              | 0        | 0            | 7             | 3.50                         | 2               | 1         | 1        | 0            | 0         | 22%         | 29%        | 57%        | 56         |
| Mar 3 Obsv                           | 9         | 2        | 0            | 1        | 0        | 0            | 1              | 0        | 0            | 13            | 6.50                         | 2               | 0         | 2        | 0            | 1         | 13%         | 8%         | 85%        | 57         |
| <b>Mar 6 Test</b>                    | <b>6</b>  | <b>3</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>10</b>     | <b>2.50</b>                  | <b>4</b>        | <b>2</b>  | <b>2</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>0</b>  | <b>29%</b>  | <b>10%</b> | <b>60%</b> | <b>16</b>  |
| <b>Totals</b>                        | <b>17</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>3</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>30</b>     | <b>2.73</b>                  | <b>11</b>       | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>1</b>  | <b>27%</b>  | <b>14%</b> | <b>70%</b> | <b>144</b> |

- Preliminary landings for Select Area winter fisheries during the first six fishing periods (February 16-March 6) include 10 spring chinook and one white sturgeon landed in Youngs Bay and 10 spring chinook landed in Blind Slough. No upriver fish have been observed.

*Recommendation*

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| <b>Season:</b>                    | 6 PM Tuesday March 8 through 6 AM Wednesday March 9, 2005 (12 hours)   |
| <b>Area:</b>                      | Mouth to Kelley Point (Zones 1 - 4)  |
| <b>Sanctuaries:</b>               | Grays River, Elokomin-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B sanctuaries   |
| <b>Gear:</b>                      | 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh sizes during large mesh fishery<br>Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms  |
| <b>Allowable Sales:</b>           | Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and sturgeon  |
| <b>Participants:</b>              | Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear and possess a certificate that allows participation in this fishery.  |
| <b>New Regulations</b>            | As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with Department observers or observers collecting data for the Department, when notified by the observer of their intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery. |
| <b>Miscellaneous Regulations:</b> | All regulations in place in previous fisheries, including soak times, use of recovery boxes, red corks, and lighted buoys between sunset and sunrise.<br><b>Quick Reporting Rule for Washington buyers.</b>  |

- Next Compact hearing will occur at 2 PM Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> via telephone.