Fisheries under consideration: Non-Treaty commercial salmon

Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2005 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 28, 2005)

2005 FALL COMMERCIAL FISHERIES REVIEW

Early August Non-Treaty Commercial Fishery

- Preseason expectations for non-Treaty commercial fisheries in early August include a total Chinook catch of 5,800 fish, including 810 URB’s (6% of the 4.13% allocation).
- A total of 2,600 sturgeon have been allocated for commercial fisheries occurring in August.
- At the July 28 hearing, the Compact adopted four (7 PM-7 AM) fishing periods for the nights of August 4, 7, 9, and 11. Open areas included all of Zones 1-5 with an 8”-9¾ inch mesh restriction and a 5 sturgeon landing and possession limit per vessel, per calendar week (Sunday-Saturday).
- Landings to date are tracking below expectations and are shown in the following table:

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- To date, bright Chinook have comprised a higher proportion of the landed catch (58%) than the preseason expectation (48%).

Mainstem Commercial Salmon Fishery

The Joint Staff recommends adoption of the following commercial salmon fishing period for the mainstem Columbia River:

- Season: 7 PM Sunday August 14 to 7 AM Monday August 15 (12 hours)
- Area: Zones 2-5
- Gear: 8” minimum and 9¾” maximum mesh size restriction.
- Allowable Sales: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of 5 white or green sturgeon combined may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The 5 sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
- Expected Catch: 1,000 Chinook 300-400 white sturgeon <20 green sturgeon
- Miscellaneous Rules: Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.
FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff recommends a Compact hearing be scheduled for 2:00 PM Tuesday August 16 via teleconference to consider an additional non-Indian commercial fishing period for the week of August 15.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing is proposed for 1:00 PM Friday August 19, 2005 at the WDFW office at 2108 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA.