

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 7a**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**September 11, 2006**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian SAFE commercial salmon
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- *Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2006 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 27, 2006)*
- Through September 11, 2006, Big Creek Hatchery has collected only 358 female fall Chinook for broodstock. This is nearly 1,000 females short of their production needs.
- In past years, peak collections have occurred around September 12.

**FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS**

<b>Staff recommends rescinding the Knappa Slough Select Area fishery scheduled for September 12-15, 2006. Blind Slough will remain open as scheduled.</b>
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Compact hearing: **9:30 a.m. Thursday September 14** to consider additional treaty Indian and late fall non-Indian commercial fishing periods. The Meeting room is in the Council Chambers at Kalama City Hall, 320 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Kalama, Washington 98625.

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 7b**  
**Columbia River Joint State Hearing**  
**September 11, 2006**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian mainstem Columbia River sport
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**STOCK STATUS**

- Bonneville Dam counts of fall Chinook total 159,060 fish through September 10, including 137,300 brights and 21,760 tules. Based on the 5-year average, 56% of the brights and 63% of the tules are over by this date.
- TAC met this morning to review salmon and steelhead runs. TAC concluded that the URB run was a few days late, and left the preseason forecast of 249,100 fish in place. Bonneville Pool hatchery (BPH) stock was downgraded to 38,300 fish, compared to the preseason forecast of 51,800 fish.

**2006 FALL FISHERIES REVIEW**

***Buoy 10 Sport Fishery***

- The Buoy 10 fishery (Columbia mouth upstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line) opened August 1 for Chinook, adipose fin-clipped coho, and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. The daily salmon bag limit is two fish, of which one can be a Chinook.
- Through September 10 an estimated 38,000 anglers have kept 1,700 Chinook and 3,600 coho. Typically, the Buoy 10 fishery is nearly complete by the end of Labor Day weekend.
- Season projections (through December) include 2,000 Chinook, including 460 URBs.

***Mainstem Sport Fishery***

- Under permanent regulations, the Columbia River opened to summer steelhead angling May 16 below the I-5 Bridge and June 16 from the I-5 Bridge to the Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco, Washington.
- The mainstem Columbia River (from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco) opened for Chinook and coho on August 1. Non-adipose fin-clipped coho must be released downstream from Bonneville Dam. The daily salmon bag limit is two adults per day with only one Chinook per day allowed downstream of Bonneville Dam.
- Below Bonneville Dam Chinook catch:
  - August 31-September 6 (actual)= 9,750
  - September 7-10 (projected) = 3,350 [Cumulative = 13,100]
  - September 11-15 (projected) = 2,400 [Cumulative = 15,500]

- CWT data indicates URBs represent 53% of the catch. Based on the preseason run size and sport catch projections through September 15, LCR sport impacts would total 3.27% of the run, or 79% of the sport allocation.

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- The joint staff recommends a hearing, or checkpoint on Wednesday September 13 to review salmon stock status and update the sport fishery.
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