Fisheries under consideration: Non-Indian mainstem Columbia River sport

Management guidelines, allocations, and preseason run forecasts for the 2006 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 27, 2006)

STOCK STATUS

- Bonneville Dam counts of fall Chinook total 169,941 fish through September 12, including 146,500 brights and 23,430 tules. Based on the 10-year average, 68% of the brights and 77% of the tules are over by this date.
- The TAC updated the Upriver Bright (URB) fall Chinook forecast to 198,700 fish to the Columbia River mouth. The pre-season forecast was 249,050.

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. Total season catch expectation is 1,800 Chinook.

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 between from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Hood River Bridge. 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 1-September 10 (preliminary) = 12,500 fish
  - Through Friday September 15 (projected) = 14,500 fish
  - Through Sunday September 17 (projected) = 15,500 fish

- Mainstem sport above Bonneville Dam (projected):
  - Thru September 12 = 25% complete
  - Thru September 14 = 30% complete
  - Thru September 24 = 50% complete
### 2006 INSEASON Projected Impacts at Various Run Sizes

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<td>URB's Allocation (4.13% of run)</td>
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### Joint Staff Recommendation

- Prohibit the retention of Chinook salmon in Columbia River recreational fisheries from Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to Bonneville Dam effective 12:01 AM Friday September 15, 2006.

- Prohibit the retention of Chinook salmon in Columbia River recreational fisheries from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 bridge in Pasco, Washington effective 12:01 AM Saturday September 16, 2006.

- Considering the
  - In-season URB run size forecast,
  - In-season CWT data,
  - B10 and Zone 6 catch projections,
  - And the sport allocation of URB impacts,

- The mainstem LCR sport fishery will exceed the URB impact limit set aside for that fishery.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for **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. 1st Street, Kalama, Washington 98625.
Unless we have Stock Comp, NoF says 700 total 430 URBs (61%)