

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 23
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
 October 14, 2008**

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i>	Non-Indian Commercial
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Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2008 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 22, 2008) and Fact Sheet #16 (Sept. 16, 2008)

2008 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Inseason Run Updates				
Species	Stock	Forecasts*		Last Update
		Preseason	Current	
Chinook	URB	164.4	224.2	13-Oct
	BPH	86.2	95.9	13-Oct
Coho	Early Coho	96.0	250.0	13-Oct
	Late Coho	68.8	200.0	13-Oct
Steelhead**	Group B	49.7	99.7	06-Oct
	<i>Wild B</i>	8.5	13.4	06-Oct
	Group A	266.3	247.2	06-Oct
	<i>Wild A</i>	41.2	63.4	06-Oct

* In thousands of fish, ** Bonneville Dam runsize

- To date, the late fall mainstem commercial fishery has included 13 fishing periods from September 19-October 10. The majority of these periods have occurred in Zones 4-5 (above the mouth of the Lewis River) in order to avoid ESA listed lower river Chinook and reduce catch of ESA listed coho. Commercial landings have been within expectations. An estimated 243 sturgeon remain available for commercial harvest in 2008.
- | 2008 Late Fall Commercial Landings | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Week | Landings
Period | Chinook | Coho | White |
| | | | | Sturgeon |
| Week 38 | 18-Sep | 118 | 241 | 1,021 |
| Week 39 | Sep 21-26 | 8,003 | 5,132 | 1,325 |
| Week 40 | Sep 28-Oct 3 | 4,018 | 2,409 | 546 |
| Week 41 | Oct 8, 9 | 624 | 650 | 76 |
| Total | | 12,763 | 8,432 | 2,968 |
- Most recently two commercial fishing periods took place in Zones 4-5 on the evenings of October 8 and 9.
 - Staff is managing non-Indian fisheries to remain below 10.75% URB ESA impacts (11% allowed). Impacts to date include ongoing recreational fisheries in the Columbia and Snake rivers, ongoing commercial fisheries in Select Areas, and catch to date in mainstem commercial and recreational fisheries.
 - At this time, commercial fisheries are constrained mainly by limits on LRW Chinook. Based on current runsize projections, landings, and stock composition to date, an estimated 10,000 coho and 4,000-7,000 Chinook (dependent on fishing area) remain available for harvest.
- | Non-Indian Impacts to Date | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------|
| | Impact Limit | To date |
| URB | 11.0% | 9.2% |
| LRW | 10.0% | 6.4% |
| LRH | 41.0% | 35.0% |
| Coho | 8.0% | 6.0% |
| Steelhead | 2.0% | 1.1% |

Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery		
Time	6 PM Wednesday Oct 15 through 6 AM Thursday Oct 16 8 PM Thursday Oct 16 through 8 AM Friday Oct 17	(12 hours each)
Area	Zones 4-5	
Gear	8-inch minimum mesh size Catch expectation: 500 Chinook, 600 coho, 75 sturgeon	
Time	7 AM – 7 PM Thursday Oct 16	(12 hours)
Area	Zones 1-5 (upstream to the Longview Bridge) and Zones 4-5	
Gear	No minimum mesh size restriction Catch expectation: 900 Chinook, 5,000-8,000 coho, 150 sturgeon	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 3 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only. Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.	
Sanctuaries:	Elochoman-A, Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal rivers as applicable.	
Additional Rules	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater	

- Impacts to URBs are expected to remain well within ESA limits.
- Impacts to LRW are expected to be less than 10%, and LRH Chinook are expected remain well below the 41% ESA limit.
- Due to run timing of steelhead, impacts to upriver steelhead are low, and there is minimal risk of exceeding the 2% limit.
- Coho impacts are based on expected mark rate and current runsize estimates. Total coho impacts are expected to total 7.0-7.6 % compared to the 8% ESA limit.

Non-Indian UpRiver Bright (URB) Adult Catch and Impacts Expected				
URB Impact Allowed	11.0%	Run Size	<u>224,200</u>	
URB management	10.75%			
Sport (53%)	5.7%			
Comm. (47%)	5.1%	Adult		
Fishery	Status	URB catch	Impact	
Buoy 10	Complete	2,550	1.1%	
LCR Sport	Ongoing	6,700	3.0%	
Zone 6 Sport	Ongoing	1,490	0.7%	
Snake River Sport	Ongoing	500	0.5%	
		11,240	5.3%	52%
August Comm.	Complete	4,430	2.0%	
Sep/Oct Comm.	Complete	4,780	2.1%	
Oct	projected	1,560	0.7%	
SAFE	Ongoing	280	0.1%	
		11,050	4.9%	48%
Total Non Indian		22,290	10.2%	