

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 9
Columbia River Joint State Hearing
September 14, 2005**

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i> Non-Indian mainstem Columbia River sport

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

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

STOCK STATUS

- The TAC met today and updated the Upriver Bright (URB) fall chinook forecast to 280,000 fish at the Columbia River mouth, which is 79% of the pre-season forecast of 354,600.
- On average, Bonneville passage of bright chinook thru September 13 is about 72% complete, ranging from 48%- 91% over the most recent 20 years.
- TAC will meet again on Thursday September 15 to update the run size.

MAINSTEM SPORT FISHERIES

- Mainstem sport below Bonneville Dam catches:
 - August = 3,200
 - September 1-13 actual = 11,400 – cumulative thru 9/13 = 14,600
 - Sept 14-16 projected = 1,200 (range 800-1,600) – cumulative thru 9/16 = 15,800
 - Sept 17-18 projected = 1,200 (range 800-1,600) – cumulative thru 9/18 = 17,000
 - Sept 19-25 projected = 1,200 (range 800-1,600) – cumulative thru 9/25 = 18,200
 - Sept 26-30 projected = 400 (range 300-500) – cumulative thru 9/30 = 18,600
- Mainstem sport above Bonneville Dam (projected):
 - Thru September 12 = 25% complete
 - Thru September 14 = 30% complete
 - Thru September 24 = 50% complete

2005 Fall Fishery Harvest and URB Impacts						
Runsize	Preseason		Projected		URB Impact	
	Total	URB	Total	URB	Pre	In
354,600	Catch	Catch	Catch	Catch	Season	Season
280,000						
Buoy 10 (thru Dec)	12,360	3,200	9,300	2,248	0.90%	0.80%
LCR (thru Sept 16)	16,540	10,020	15,800	8,172	2.83%	2.92%
Zone 6 (thru Dec)	1,660	1,420	1,330	1,120	0.40%	0.40%
Sport total	30,560	14,640	26,430	11,540	4.13%	4.12%
August Comm.	13,130	3,470	11,430	3,924	0.98%	1.40%
Comm. Total	13,130	3,470	11,430	3,924	0.98%	1.40%
Today's Total	43,690	18,110	37,860	15,464	5.11%	5.52%
SAFE (thru Oct)	10,960	620	10,670	492	0.17%	0.18%
Sep/Oct Fisheries	20,960	10,530	15,800	7,160	2.97%	2.56%
Future Total	31,920	11,150	26,470	7,652	3.14%	2.73%
Projected	75,610	29,260	64,330	23,116	8.25%	8.26%

Joint Staff Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit the retention of Chinook salmon in Columbia River recreational fisheries from Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to Bonneville Dam effective 12:01 AM Saturday September 17, 2005.

Management Considerations

- Preseason goals were met for the Buoy 10 fishery – to have Chinook retention through at least Labor Day.
- The preseason goal for the mainstem sport fishery was to have Chinook retention through September 30, but at a minimum the fishery continuing through at least mid-September to cover the bulk of the high catch and effort period. The late fall commercial fishery does not begin until after mid-September when the bulk of the sport chinook catch has occurred.
- The Allocation Agreement provided for 50/50 sharing of the URB impacts between sport and commercial fisheries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for Friday September 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Service Center in Vancouver WA. The meeting will take place in the Clark County Commissioner’s hearing room on the 6th floor of the Public Service Center, which is located at 1300 Franklin St.