Fisheries under consideration: | Non-Indian commercial salmon

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

WATER CONDITIONS AND STOCK STATUS

- To date, Columbia River water temperatures during August are averaging 70.8°F, which exceeds both the recent 5-year (69.4°F) and 10-year (70.2°F) averages but is lower than 2005 (71.7°F).
- Passage of fall Chinook at Bonneville Dam through August 16 totals 7,420 adults, which is less than the 10-year average of nearly 9,000 adults.

2006 FALL FISHERIES REVIEW

Lower Columbia River Recreational Fisheries

- Chinook catch rates at Buoy 10 through Week 33 averaged 0.01 Chinook/angler, which is less than the average of 0.06 Chinook/angler seen in recent years. Catch rates have increased to an average of 0.18 Chinook/angler, with angler success improving daily since Aug 14. Coho catch rates have also increased since the beginning of the week.

Early August Non-Indian Commercial Fishery

- The early August season consisted of three fishing periods (7 PM-7 AM) the nights of August 2, 7, and 9 in all of Zones 1-5 with an 8-9¼ inch mesh restriction and a five white sturgeon landing/possession limit.
- Preseason expectations for non-Indian commercial fisheries in early August were for a total Chinook catch of 4,100 fish, including 470 URBs (5% of the 4.13% commercial allocation).
- Preliminary landings were below expectations and included 2,032 Chinook, 40 coho, and 560 white sturgeon.
- Based on CWTs, the fall Chinook catch included about 7% URBs, with the majority of the catch (54%) being LRH stock.
- Impacts to URBs for the early August fishery is estimated to be 0.05% or 1.3% of the 4.13% allocation.

Mid-August Non-Indian Commercial Fishery

- At the August 10 hearing, the Compact adopted three fishing periods (7 PM-7 AM) for the nights of August 13, 15, and 17. Open areas included Zone 1-5 (upstream of the Astoria-Megler Bridge) on August 13 and Zones 2-5 on August 15 and 17. Other regulations included an 8-9¼ inch restriction and a seven white sturgeon landing/possession limit.
- Preseason catch expectations consisted of 4,100 Chinook, including 670 URB’s (6.5% of the 4.13% allocation).
- Combined landings through August 15 are slightly below preseason expectations:
Early/Mid August Commercial Fishery Landings, 2006

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Through August 15, 1,296 white sturgeon (65% of the 2,000 fish August guideline) have been landed in August fisheries. Total landings for the season will likely be 80-90% of the guideline.

Assuming a catch of 1,200 Chinook from tonight’s fishery (August 17), URB impacts are estimated at 0.38% of the run, compared to preseason expectations of 0.46%.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

Late August Non-Indian Commercial Fishery

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

Season: 7 PM Monday August 21 to 7 AM Tuesday August 22
         7 PM Thursday August 24 to 7 AM Friday August 25
Area: Zones 4-5
Gear: 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restriction.
Allowable Sales: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of 7 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The 7 white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
Expected Catch: 3,600 Chinook
               300-350 white sturgeon
Miscellaneous Rules: Green sturgeon retention is prohibited.
Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2006 Fall Management Agreement and results of North of Falcon (NOF) negotiation process.

Preseason expectations during the late August fishery are for a catch of 3,600 Chinook, including 1,400 URBs (13.6% of the commercial URB allocation)

Closed days between fishing periods provide an opportunity to update landings and impacts and modify the second fishing period if needed.
FUTURE MEETINGS

• The Joint Staff is recommending a Compact hearing be scheduled for Tuesday September 12 to discuss commercial fishing periods for the late fall season expected to begin the week of September 17.
• Additional Compact or Joint State hearings will be scheduled as needed.