

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 6
 Columbia River Compact
 August 21, 2008**

Fisheries under consideration:	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)

- Five early/mid August commercial fishing periods occurred during August 3-15. Regulations included a 9-inch minimum mesh restriction and a 10 white sturgeon per vessel weekly landing limit.
- Landings for the first late August fishing period included 844 Chinook, or 15% of the preseason catch expectation for late August commercial fisheries of 5,650 Chinook.

August Commercial Fishery Landings, 2008				
Early/Mid August	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	White Sturgeon
Aug. 3-4 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	134	786	0	872
Aug. 5-6 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	105	2,151	3	281
Aug. 7-8 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	139	1,830	6	242
Aug. 10-11 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	172	2,783	8	957
Aug. 14-15 (Z 2-5) 9" mesh	113	1,116	2	291
Sum		8,666	19	2,643
Late August				
Aug. 19-20 (Z4-5) 9" mesh	56	844	7	31
Total		9,510	26	2,674

- Based on landings to date and stock composition (partial CWT data), commercial impacts for upriver bright fall Chinook are estimated at 1.34%, or 35% of the commercial guideline (3.86%). An estimated 3,500 salmon remain available for commercial harvest during late August.
- Based on preseason run size forecasts, an additional 8,500 Chinook are expected to be available for commercial harvest during September and October.

Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Salmon Fishery		
Season:	11 PM Sunday August 24 to 5 AM Monday August 25 11 PM Tuesday August 26 to 5 AM Wednesday August 27	(6 hours) (6 hours)
Area:	Zones 4- 5	
Sanctuaries:	Lewis-B, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers	
Gear:	9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restriction.	
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. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only.	
Additional:	12-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- The expected catch for this fishery is $\leq 3,500$ Chinook and 100 white sturgeon.
- The closed day between fishing periods provides an opportunity to update landings and modify or rescind the second fishing period if needed. Given the schedule, fishers are advised that notification times will be short.
- Staff is recommending that sturgeon sales continue in August even though the sturgeon guideline for August fisheries (2,459) has been exceeded. Handle in the proposed fishery is expected to be low and can be deducted from the 3,444 sturgeon that remain available for late fall commercial fisheries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Joint Staff will track landings as the fishery progresses and request a Compact (via telephone) if necessary. Staff anticipates that if further action is needed, the announcement will be distributed Tuesday morning, August 26.