

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – FALL FACT SHEET #7
Joint State Hearing
August 21, 2008

Fisheries under consideration:	Buoy 10 recreational
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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)

- The recreational Buoy 10 salmon fishery opened August 1 under permanent rule with retention of adipose fin-clipped coho and steelhead allowed through December 31.
- Chinook retention (1 fish/day) was scheduled for August 1-September 1, with a 6,500 Chinook catch guideline.
- Chinook catch rates increased substantially beginning August 9 with angler effort building shortly thereafter.
- The average catch rate of 0.43 Chinook kept/angler during August 11-17 is similar to the high catch rates observed in the late 1980's.
- Catch rates this week have declined slightly averaging 0.33 Chinook kept/angler. Heavy wind and rain has reduced effort somewhat.

2008 Buoy 10 Recreational Salmon Fishery-Catch to Date							
Week	Date	Angler Trips	Chinook	Coho	Kept Catch Per Angler trip		
					Chinook	Coho	Combined
31	Aug. 1-Aug. 3	484	2	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Aug. 4-Aug. 10	1,027	135	0	0.13	0.00	0.13
33	Aug. 11-Aug. 17	6,312	2,791	353	0.44	0.06	0.50
34	Aug. 18-Aug. 20	3,077	1,019	213	0.33	0.07	0.40
Total	Aug. 1-Aug. 20	10,900	3,947	566	0.36	0.05	0.41
34	Aug. 21-Aug. 24 (Proj.)	8,300	2,000	800	0.24	0.10	0.34
Total (Proj.)	Aug. 1-Aug. 24	19,200	5,947	1,366	0.31	0.07	0.38

- Through August 20 a total of 3,900 Chinook have been harvested which is 60% of the preseason catch expectation.
- Based on coded-wire tag (CWT) readings to date, upriver brights (URBs) have comprised 27% of the Chinook catch compared to the preseason expectation of 19%.
- Through August 20, an estimated 1,037 URB fall Chinook (83% of the Buoy 10 URB allocation) have been harvested.

Joint Staff Recommendation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective Monday, August 25, prohibit the retention of Chinook salmon in the Buoy 10 recreational fishery (Buoy 10 to Tongue/Rocky Point line). The fishery would remain open for hatchery coho and hatchery steelhead under permanent regulations.

- Total catch through Sunday, August 24 is projected to be about 5,900 Chinook and 1,560 URBs, compared to preseason expectations of 6,500 Chinook and 1,250 URBs. The stock composition will likely change when final CWT analysis is completed.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional hearings are currently scheduled. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor the run and fisheries and request a hearing when necessary.