

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
 JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 8  
 Columbia River Compact  
 August 26, 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)*

**Stock Status**

As of August 25, 51,300 adult fall Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam. Through August 24, 76% of the adult fall Chinook passing Bonneville Dam were bright stock fish. TAC will begin meeting to monitor run sizes on September 2 and at least weekly thereafter.

**Mainstem Commercial Fishery**

- An estimated 3,500 Chinook were available for harvest in the two openers scheduled for the evenings of August 24 and August 26. Preliminary landings from the August 25 fishing period total 4,600 Chinook, which brought total Chinook landings for August above the guideline for August fisheries. Chinook remain available for harvest in September commercial fisheries.

<i>August Commercial Fishery Landings, 2008</i>				
	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	White Sturgeon
Early/Mid August	674	8,834	19	2,706
Late August	147	5,421	55	100
Total	821	14,285	74	2,806

<i>Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Salmon Fishery</i>
Rescind the previously adopted fishery scheduled for 11 PM August 26 through 5 AM August 27 in Zones 4-5.

- Commercial fisheries are expected to resume in mid- September.

**Select Area Commercial Fishery**

- A target Chinook fishery was adopted for the Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area at the July 22 Compact with an 8” maximum mesh size restriction through September 5 and a 6” maximum mesh size restriction thereafter.
- In prior target Chinook seasons in this location, a 9 ¾” maximum mesh size restriction was in place for the first week of the fishery, followed by a 6” maximum mesh size thereafter.

<i>Non-Indian Select Area Commercial Fall Fishery</i>
Change the maximum mesh size restriction in Knappa Slough/Blind Slough commercial fishery from 8” to 9 ¾” through September 5, 2008. Fisheries after September 5 would remain 6” maximum mesh size.

**Future Hearings**

Staff is not recommending any Compact hearings at this time.