

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 3b**  
**September 4, 2024**

<b><i>Fisheries under consideration:</i></b> Non-treaty Select Area commercial salmon
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available online. The 2024 Fall Report was distributed on July 5, 2024. Links to the reports are: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/columbia-river/reports> or <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/jsmreports.asp>*

**RIVER CONDITIONS**

- River conditions measured at Bonneville Dam are provided in Fall Fact Sheet No. 3a.

**STOCK STATUS**

- Run size forecasts for 2024 and stock descriptions for salmon and steelhead encountered in fall-season fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1.
- Columbia River fall Chinook are comprised of multiple management components: Select Area Brights (SAB), Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Lower River Wild (LRW), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH), Upriver Bright (URB), Pool Upriver Bright (PUB), and Lower River Bright (LRB). The LRH and BPH stocks are referred to as tule stock and the remaining stocks are referred to as bright stock.
- Bonneville Dam passage and steelhead Adult Fish Facility sampling estimates are provided in Fall Fact Sheet No. 3a.

***In-Season Run Size Updates***

- Preseason abundance estimates for upriver-origin fall Chinook stocks (BPH, PUB, and URB) and upriver summer steelhead (A- and B-Index) are updated in-season by the *U.S. v. OR* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Lower river Chinook stocks (SAB, LRH, LRW, and LRB) are not updated in-season.
- The current TAC in-season A-Index steelhead abundance projection is provided in Fall Fact Sheet No. 3a.

**MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

- Based on information available preseason and input from the public, a fishing plan was developed for Columbia River non-treaty fisheries during the North of Falcon management process. This fishing plan is available on the ODFW and WDFW websites.
- Additional management guidelines for 2024 fall fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1.

## 2024 NON-TREATY FALL FISHERIES

### *Recreational and Commercial Salmon Fisheries*

- The Buoy 10 to west Puget Island (WPI) recreational fishery was open August 1–29 for hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho retention, August 30 – September 3 for Chinook and hatchery coho, and is scheduled to be open September 4 – December 31 for hatchery coho.
- WPI to Warrior Rock (WR) recreational fishery is scheduled to be open August 1 through September 4 for Chinook and hatchery coho retention, then be open September 5–11 for hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho retention, and October 1 – December 31 for hatchery coho retention.
- WR to Bonneville Dam (BON) recreational fishery is scheduled to be open August 1 through September 15 for Chinook and hatchery coho retention, and October 1 – December 31 for coho retention.
- BON upstream to Highway 395 Bridge (Pasco, WA) recreational fishery is scheduled to be open August 1 through September 15 for Chinook and coho retention and October 1 – December 31 for coho retention.
- Fall Select Area commercial fisheries in Youngs Bay opened August 6. The Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Tongue Point/South Channel fisheries opened August 26, while the Deep River fishery is currently scheduled to open September 16.
- The mainstem Emerging Commercial Fishery (ECF) began on August 8 and may continue through October 31 in Zones 1-3. Seine fishers are limited to individual fishery quotas as presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1.
- The early-fall Zone 4/5 commercial fishery began on August 7 and continued through August 30 with nine total fishing periods.
- Dependent on in-season factors, late-fall Chinook-directed commercial periods in Zones 4/5 may occur starting mid-September. Periods would likely be 10-hours (8 PM–6 AM); gear regulations would include an 8-inch minimum mesh restriction.
- Late-fall commercial fishing periods in Zones 1–3 targeting hatchery coho using 3.75-inch tangle nets and other live-capture techniques are scheduled to occur beginning the week of September 15 and continue through October 31 totaling thirty-two periods.

Fall Chinook and Coho mortalities in non-treaty mainstem fisheries.				
Area	Chinook		Coho	
	Through Sep. 1	Season Total Expectation	Through Sep. 1	Season Total Expectation
Buoy 10 +TP-WPI	20,876	39,570	23,410	29,100
WPI-WR	8,427	12,290	684	3,250
WR-BO	2,317	12,690	96	-
BO-Hwy 395*	3,606	5,880	87	-
Tributaries	-	1,200	-	-
<i>Recreational subtotal</i>	<i>33,146</i>	<i>71,630</i>	<i>24,277</i>	<i>38,300</i>
Zone 4-5 Early Fall	27,804	29,320	2,021	1,800
Zone 4-5 Late Fall placeholder	-	1,590	-	2,550
Zone 1-3 ECF Seine	81	1,890	2	6,750
Zone 1-3 Tangle net	-	2,000	-	9,500
Select Areas*	4,065	5,010	6,983	30,900
<i>Commercial subtotal</i>	<i>31,950</i>	<i>39,810</i>	<i>9,006</i>	<i>51,500</i>
<b>Non-Treaty Total</b>	<b>65,096</b>	<b>111,440</b>	<b>33,283</b>	<b>89,800</b>

\* Through August 31, 2024

- Preliminary in-season Columbia River mainstem recreational catch and effort details can be found on the web at [Fishing Report - Columbia Zone | Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife \(myodfw.com\)](https://myodfw.com), or [Columbia River recreational fishing | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](https://www.wa.gov) and selecting *Columbia River mainstem recreational catches* which will redirect you to the ODFW website location.
- Current Columbia River mainstem and Select Area commercial landings can be found at [ODFW Columbia River Commercial Fishery Landings \(state.or.us\)](https://state.or.us).

***Deep River Commercial Select Area***

- Fishers have requested earlier September opportunity in the Deep River commercial Select Area fishery to harvest fall Chinook and coho. A revised start date would be consistent with the 2023 fishery and additional periods would connect to the remainder of the previously-adopted periods. Therefore, staff recommend adding the following periods to the previously-adopted Deep River season.

<b><i>Recommendation: 2024 Select Area Fall Season – Deep River Fishery</i></b>
<p><b><u>Adopt</u></b> the following fishing periods for Deep River: 6 PM – 9 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday nights September 5 through September 12 (5 periods)</p> <p>Other regulations for the currently-adopted periods, including area, mesh size, net length, etc. would be in effect.</p> <p>All other previously-adopted periods and regulations for the Deep River fall-season fishery remain in effect.</p>

- The expected harvest is 160 and 150 local-origin coho and fall Chinook, respectively.
- ESA impacts accrued with this recommendation are expected to remain within the estimates provided in Fall Fact Sheet #1 when the Select Area fall-season fisheries were adopted.
- A voluntary logbook program will be implemented throughout the season to obtain additional catch information.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.