

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
JOINT STAFF REPORT  
SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 11  
July 15, 2011**

Fisheries under consideration:	Recreational salmon downstream of McNary Dam
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- The inseason run size forecast for Upper Columbia Summer Chinook is 80,000 adult fish, compared to the preseason forecast of 91,100 fish. Bonneville Dam passage since June 16 totals 55,600 adult Chinook. Passage is typically 50% complete by June 30.
- The inseason run size forecast for sockeye is 181,500 fish, compared to the preseason forecast of 161,900 fish. Bonneville Dam passage totals 173,500 sockeye. Passage is typically 50% complete by June 24; however, the run appears to be late-timed this year.
- Consistent with current management agreements, and based on ESA limits and current run size forecasts, non-Indian Columbia River fisheries are limited to a total of 19,711 adult upper Columbia River Chinook (kept plus release mortalities). In addition, non-Indian Columbia River fisheries downstream from the Snake River are limited to 1,815 sockeye (kept plus release mortalities).
- Recreational fisheries opened on June 16 in the Columbia River from the Astoria Megler Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam for hatchery Chinook and sockeye retention. These fisheries are scheduled to continue through July 31.

	Non-Indian Fisheries (kept + release morts)			
	Angler	Chinook	Sockeye	Status
	Trips			
Commercial		5,076	52	Complete
Below Bonn sport	54,322	5,668	1,623	through July 14
Bonn-PRD sport		137	205	through July 11
		10,881	1,880	
- Based on the current run forecast and agreements with the Colville Tribe, the sport fishery downstream from Bonneville Dam has an allocation of about 3,800 summer Chinook. Catch rates in this fishery have been much better than recent years, and the fishery has continued strong into July.

<b><i>Staff Recommendation: Recreational Salmon Fishery – Downstream from Bonneville Dam</i></b>
Effective Monday July 18, 2011 through July 31– From The Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam: closed to retention of adult Chinook and sockeye. The fishery would remain open for hatchery steelhead and hatchery Chinook jacks.

<b><i>Staff Recommendation: Recreational Sockeye Fishery – Upstream from Bonneville Dam</i></b>
Effective Monday July 18, 2011 through July 31– From Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge near Pasco, Washington: closed to retention of sockeye. The fishery would remain open for hatchery Chinook and hatchery steelhead.

- Closing the fishery downstream from Bonneville Dam for Chinook retention will provide assurance that upriver recreational and tribal fisheries will not be constrained.

- Combined non-Indian fisheries (including Colville and Wanapum tribal fisheries) are not expected to exceed the total non-Indian allocation of 19,711 summer Chinook.
- The escapement goal of 20,000 summer Chinook over Priest Rapids Dam is expected to be exceeded.
- Closing fisheries downstream from the mouth of the Snake River to the retention of sockeye is necessary because the non-Indian limit for sockeye has been reached.
- Fall Chinook fisheries will open as scheduled on August 1.
- The first fall season Compact is scheduled for 10 AM July 28 at the Holiday Inn (204 West Marine Dr.) in Astoria, Oregon.