

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 3
Columbia River Compact
August 11, 2008

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian commercial salmon
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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)

2008 Early Fall Non-Indian Commercial Fishery

- The preseason catch expectation for early August was 5,200 Chinook, with 43% of the catch expected to be bright stock. The bright catch is expected to consist of 50% Select Area Bright (SABs; 100% left-ventral fin clip) stock and 50% other bright stocks (URBs and MCBs).
- A total of 2,459 white sturgeon are allocated to the August portion of the fall fishing season.
- Five 12-hour fishing periods were adopted for the nights of August 3, 5, 7, 10, and 12. Open areas included all of Zones 1-5 (except tributary mouth sanctuaries) with a 9-inch minimum mesh restriction and a 10 white sturgeon weekly landing/possession limit.
- Landings from the first three fishing periods are fairly complete, but landings for the Sunday night (August 10-11) fishery are preliminary. Landings have been higher than expected.

Early August Commercial Fishery Landings, 2008				
Date	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	White Sturgeon
Aug. 3-4 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	129	792	0	832
Aug. 5-6 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	103	2,194	3	274
Aug. 7-8 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	139	1,841	6	242
Aug. 10-11 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh ¹	150	2,700	5	1,200
Aug. 12-13 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	--	--	--	--
Early August Total		7,527	14	2,548

¹ Preliminary. Based on Oregon landings and assumption of 60% of total landings are in Oregon.

- Stock composition is currently only available for the first three fishing periods. Based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI) and external marks, 54% of the catch was bright stock, with 32% of those being SABs.
- Estimated Chinook landings to date represent 94% of the combined guideline of 8,030 Chinook reserved for early (5,160 Chinook) and mid-August (2,870 Chinook) fisheries, leaving a balance of 500 Chinook for the mid-August timeframe.
- Estimated white sturgeon landings to date represent 103% of the 2,459 fish reserved for August fisheries (based on updated landings for winter-summer fisheries). An additional 3,570 white sturgeon are currently available for late fall fisheries.
- The Chinook catch for the scheduled August 12 fishing period is projected to be similar to, or greater than that of August 10, which would exceed the combined early and mid-August guideline by about 2,200 fish.

- Based on the estimated catch to date, and the projected catch for the August 12 fishery, the Joint Staff is making the following recommendation:

2008 Early August Mainstem Commercial Salmon Fishery

Rescind the commercial fishing period scheduled for 7 PM Tuesday August 12 through 7 PM Wednesday August 13, 2008 in Zones 1-5.

- ✓ Staff will compile final landing and VSI data for the early August fishery as it becomes available and will examine the potential for a mid-August fishing period.
- ✓ The late August fishery was allocated 5,600 Chinook and is expected to occur on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday during the last week of August (modeled dates were August 24, 26, and 28).

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Joint Staff recommends a Compact (via telephone) be scheduled for 3:30 PM Wednesday, August 13 to consider treaty Indian commercial fishing periods and update and/or consider additional non-Indian commercial fisheries.