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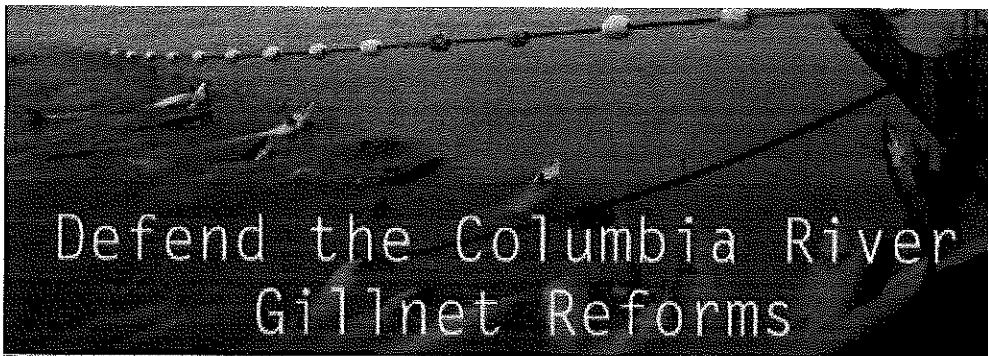
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Subject: Latest CCA

Columbia Gillnet Reforms Face New Threat



2017 presented yet another example of why non-selective gillnets have no place in mixed stock fisheries! After too many encounters of steelhead, the fall gillnet fishery on the Columbia River was thankfully closed prematurely, before the non-selective gillnets killed too many steelhead. As fisheries managers begin preparing for the 2018 season, we recently learned of a new proposal that would use nothing more than simple observer data, much of it collected at night, to significantly lower the overall mortality rate of steelhead caught in gillnets. This is in stark comparison to the millions of dollars that have been spent on in-depth scientific studies to determine mortality rates for seines. If approved, this would result in an increase in the number of dead steelhead - during a time when steelhead numbers are at, or near, record lows. The proposal being considered to lower steelhead bycatch mortality leads one to believe that good science is being ignored in favor of political pandering.

Fortunately, you will have an opportunity to comment on this and the importance of moving ahead with the promises made by our Commissioners years ago to take non-selective gillnets out of the mainstem Columbia River. Please mark your calendars for the Columbia River Recreational Advisory meeting in Ridgefield on March 14 from 3-5PM. If you are from Eastern Washington, plan to attend the Commission meeting in Wenatchee on March 16 or 17. We will be getting more information on these important meetings to you soon, so please stay tuned. Make your voice heard and let our fisheries managers know that we need to set politics aside and embrace common-sense conservation.

ODFW/WDFW Numbers as of January 9, 2018

Recreational Spring/Summer Catch (below Bonneville only)

Tributary Catch Willamette, Cowlitz, Clackamas, Kalama, Sandy & Lewis	14,252
Columbia River Main Stem Spring	9,047
Columbia River Main Stem Summer	3,047
TOTAL	26,815

Commercial Winter/Spring/Summer Catches

Select Areas (6 months)	17,596
Columbia River Mainstem Spring	0
Columbia River Main Stem Summer	0
TOTAL	17,596

Recreational August/Fall Kept Catch Buoy 10 to Hanford Reach — No Tributaries No release mortalities included

Chinook	71,676
Coho	21,414

Commercial August/Fall Main Stem Catches (7 periods)

Chinook	18,984
Coho	935

Commercial Fall Select Areas

Chinook	11,843 – high tulle count 58% of 5-year average
Coho	37,154 64% of 5-year Average

Spring Chinook - Summer Chinook -Tangle Net

Landings 2013–2017

Spring Season

Year	Openings	Chinook	Max Deliveries
2017	0	0	0
2016	6	3315	90
2015	8	6460	111
2014	5	3514	149
2013	4	1915	130

Summer Season

Year	Openings	Chinook	Max Deliveries
2017	0	0	0
2016	2	2990	95
2015	3	3944	67
2014	5	2743	75
2013	2	1868	112

Fall Tangle Net

Year	Openings	Chinook	Coho	Max Deliveries
2017	0	0	0	0
2016	0	0	0	0
2015	3	1893	993	40
2014	9	1988	18,234	35
2013	8	1862	4831	29

Fall Chinook Landings 2013–2017

Early Fall Season

Season	Mainstem Openings	Chinook	Coho	Maximum Deliveries
2017 August	5	13,679	220	119
2016 August	11	46,321	408	145
2015 August	10	33,437	155	126
2014 August	13	46,855	831	156
2013 August	8	44,255	403	132
Chinook Average 2013–2016 = 42,717				

Early Fall large-mesh fisheries 9-in. (2013–2017)

Late Fall Season

Season	Mainstem Openings	Chinook	Coho	Maximum Deliveries
2017 September	2	5,176	715	105
2016 September	2	11,619	257	118
* 2015 Late Fall	10	47,808	3737	134
* 2014 Late Fall	40	52,106	68,545	139
* 2013 Late Fall	34	40,651	9,363	128
Chinook Average 2013–2016 = 38,046				

* Including October large mesh, 6-inch, and tangle net openings

Late Fall large-mesh fisheries 8-in. (2013–2016); 9-in. (2017)

Salmon For All

From: Douglas Case <Douglas.J.Case@state.or.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Douglas Case
Subject: Select Area Landings Update

Hello All,

Please see the link for updated Select Area landings on the web through Week 42 (scroll down below for screenshots of Week 42 & totals).

Select Area fall seasons wind down for the year:

- Deep River concluded on October 13th.
- Tongue Point/South Channel and Blind Slough/Knapa Slough end this Friday October 27th.
- Youngs Bay closes at noon Tuesday October 31st.

--For comparison to recent 5- & 10-year averages—

Numbers of Chinook and coho from August 1 through October 20 (all Select Areas combined):

Total number of Select Area Chinook landed in 2017 is 57.8% of the recent 5-year average and 67.0% of the 10-year average:

2017 Chinook = 11,843;
2012-16 Chinook 5-yr ave. = 20,503;
2007-16 Chinook 10-yr ave. = 17,665.

Total number of Select Area coho landed in 2017 is 65.2% of the recent 5-year average and 68.9% of the 10-year average:

2017 Coho = 37,154;
2012-16 Coho 5-yr ave. = 57,016;
2007-16 Coho 10-yr ave. = 53,924.

Select Area prices this fall (Aug.1-Oct.20) have averaged about:

Bright Chinook = \$3.11;
Tule Chinook = \$0.64;
Coho = \$2.04;
White Sturgeon = \$3.31.

(Based on Oregon fish receiving tickets.)

Thanks,

Doug Case

Columbia River Fisheries
Ocean Salmon / Columbia River and Programs
Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife

For Columbia River commercial fishery landings, please see us on the web at:
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/comm_fishery_updates.asp

**From the commercial landings page, see also links to other important
Columbia River fishery information including Compact Action Notices,
Fact Sheets, Fishery Reports, recreational fishery information, and more...**

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From: Salmon For All <info@salmonforall.org>
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Subject: FW: recent-year SAB production

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Subject: recent-year SAB production

Mr. Wells,

Per your request, please see below table of recent Select Area Bright fall Chinook production. Note that for release years 2010-17 the totals shown represent actual released smolts; for 2018 the value is the estimate of eggs that were collected for the current brood, the smolts are scheduled for release later this year.

Brood YEAR	Release YEAR	SPECIES	South Fork Klaskanine	North Fork Klaskanine	Youngs Bay net pens	Grand Total
2009	2010	SAB fall chinook	685,056		229,105	914,161
2010	2011	SAB fall chinook	672,829		684,030	1,356,859
2011	2012	SAB fall chinook	704,594		653,452	1,358,046
2012	2013	SAB fall chinook	680,806	481,663	687,801	1,850,270
2013	2014	SAB fall chinook	697,554	822,825	706,974	2,227,353
2014	2015	SAB fall chinook	672,387	525,600	472,678	1,670,665
2015	2016	SAB fall chinook	160,487	461,441		621,928
2016	2017	SAB fall chinook		599,463		599,463
2017	2018	SAB fall chinook		334,491		334,491
						Egg Inventory

Let me know if you have any questions.

Jeff

2017 Pound Net Trap Results

Regardless of release mortality rates or other questionable benefits, traps must make money to be a commercial fishery worth investing in.

Total salmonids caught: 7,085

Steelhead: 921 (not marketable)

Chinook: 2,667 48% hatchery = 1,280 marketable

The key here is bright vs. tule percentage.

Tules travel the beaches, but if we give the trap the benefit of the doubt on lower river catches:

60% bright: $768 \times 16 \text{ lbs.} = 12,288 \text{ lbs.} \times \$2.75 = \$33,792$

40% tule: $512 \times 16 \text{ lbs.} = 8,192 \text{ lbs.} \times \$0.55 = \$4,505$

Coho: 3,497 52% hatchery = 1,818 marketable

$1,818 \times 7 \text{ lbs.} = 12,772 \text{ lbs.} \times \$2.00 = \$25,452$

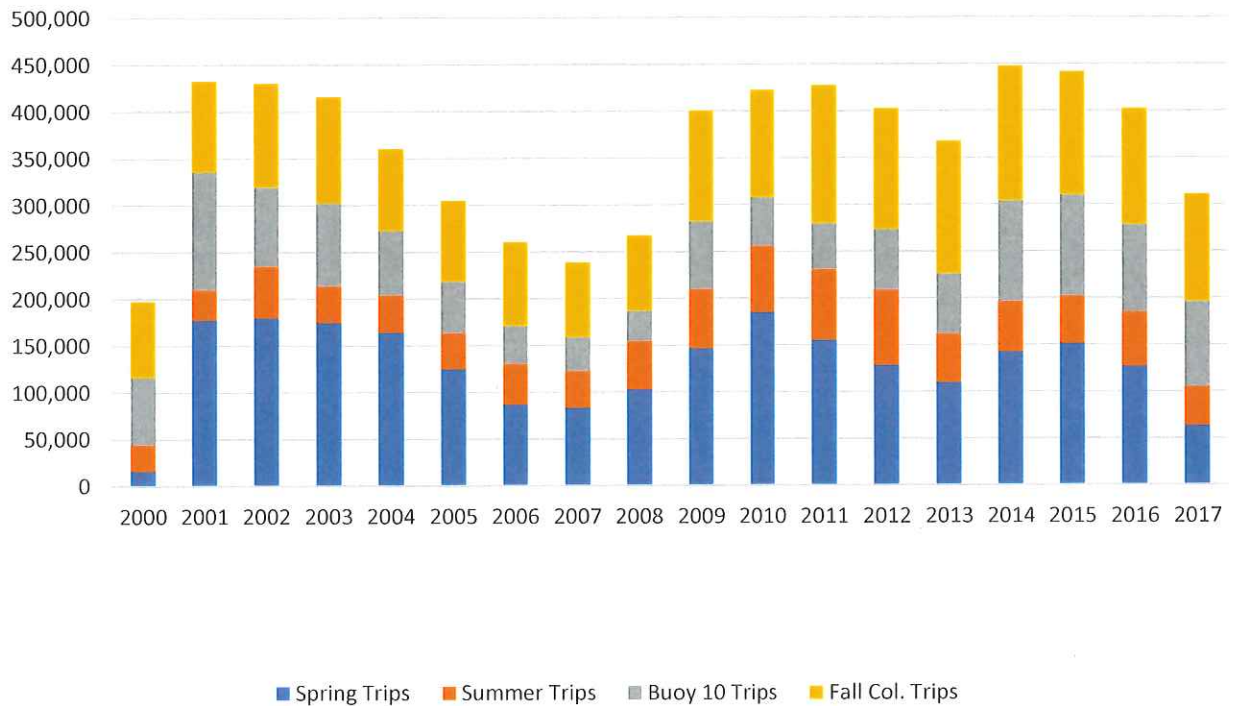
2017 Total Dollar Value = \$63,749

The trap ran for over a month every day with volunteer labor and close to a \$500,000 grant.

I gave the trap the benefit of the doubt on average fish weights by using Zones 4 & 5 gillnet weights on Chinook, and Zones 4 & 5 gillnet and Select Area average weights for coho. I would believe the trap averaged smaller fish because of the mesh size of the web used. Fish prices are based on 2017 gillnet ex-vessel prices. In a "hard money" world, good luck making this pencil out without a big subsidy from someplace.

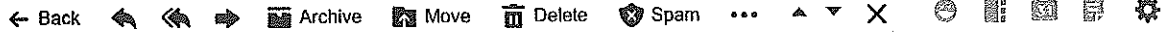
Jim

Angler Trips Below Bonneville in Spring, Summer Buoy-10 and Mainstem Fall, 2000-2017



This graph plots the angler trips in each season below Bonneville Dam. It shows that despite significant increases in the reallocation of harvestable Columbia River salmon from the commercial industry to the recreational fishery in all seasons, there has been no significant growth in angler trips. In fact, the total trips in 2017 were the lowest since 2008. Even during the first four years of the Columbia River Policy – 2013-2016 – when there were several record salmon returns to the Columbia, angler trip totals were essentially no greater than in 2001, when upriver spring Chinook returns first rebounded to harvestable levels.

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Feb 27 at 6:06 PM

Jim;

Per your voicemail, here is a summary of 2017 angler effort by season and how it ranks compared to different time periods

Recreational angler effort and rank by season, 2017

2017 Season	2017 Angler trips	Rank	Period	Rank since 2013
Spring	63,303	17/17	2001-2017	5/5
Summer	41,595	14/16	2002-2017	5/5
Fall (Buoy 10)	93,547	11/36	1982-2017	4/5
Fall (TP-Bon)	114,721	8/36	1982-2017	5/5

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