

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 5**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**July 5, 2006**

<b>Fisheries under Consideration:</b> Non-Treaty Commercial Fisheries
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*Management guidelines, stock status and past fisheries are described in Summer Fact Sheet #1, dated June 15, 2006.*

**STOCK STATUS**

- Bonneville Dam counts from June 16-July 4 total 46,731 Chinook. Passage is typically 60% complete by July 4.
- TAC met this morning and estimated the run size as 87,000 fish at the river mouth.
- TAC also looked at the sockeye run and estimated the run size to be 40,000 fish at the river mouth, exceeding the preseason estimate of 31,100.

***Non-treaty Commercial Summer Chinook Fishery***

- Commercial fishing periods took place on June 26-27 and June 29-30 in Zones 1-5 between 7 PM and 5AM. Preliminary landings include 1,967 Chinook and 167 white sturgeon with about two thirds of the catch occurring in the first period.
- A third fishing period is scheduled to occur the evening of July 5 with the same time, area, and gear restrictions.
- Non-Treaty Indian allocation for commercial fisheries below Bonneville Dam is about 4,800 fish, based on the draft upper Columbia management plan and the updated run size.
- Based on fishing periods during the summer of 2005, the fishery is significantly less efficient after mid-July.

<b><i>Non-Indian Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery Recommendation</i></b>	
Season:	7 PM Thursday July 6 to 5 AM Friday July 7 (10 hours)  7 PM Monday July 10 to 5 AM Tuesday July 11 (10 hours) 7 PM Thursday July 13 to 5 AM Friday July 14 (10 hours)  7 PM Monday July 17 to 5 AM Tuesday July 18 (10 hours) 7 PM Thursday July 20 to 5 AM Friday July 21 (10 hours)  7 PM Monday July 24 to 5 AM Tuesday July 25 (10 hours) 7 PM Thursday July 27 to 5 AM Friday July 28 (10 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5.
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy Rivers.
Gear:	8-inch minimum mesh size.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, shad, and white sturgeon. All sockeye and steelhead must be released immediately. A maximum of three white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Green sturgeon may not be retained.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Quick reporting rule in effect for Washington buyers.

✓ Total catch for the season is estimated at less than 4,500 Chinook

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Thursday July 6 via teleconference to review the ongoing summer Chinook sport fishery below Bonneville Dam. A Compact hearing will follow to discuss additional treaty Indian fisheries
- A Columbia River Compact hearing for consideration of commercial fall fisheries has been scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, July 27, 2006 located at the River Street Building, 25 River Street in Cathlamet, Washington.