

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 4
Joint State Hearing
June 29, 2006

Fisheries under Consideration: Below Bonneville Summer Chinook Sport Fishery

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 16-28 total 34,968 Chinook. Cumulative passage to date is greater than the 5-year average of 29,400 fish. Passage is typically 43% complete by June 28 and 50% complete around July 1.
- TAC met this morning and estimated the run size to 93,000 fish at the river mouth. TAC will meet July 5 to update the run again.
- Non-Treaty Indian allocation for sport fisheries below Priest Rapids Dam is about 5,200 to 5,300 fish, based on the draft upper Columbia management plan.
- Catch and effort above Bonneville Dam is minimal, with a projected total catch of 100-300 Chinook for the season, based on past years.
- Catch estimates below Bonneville Dam:
 - Through June 30 is 3,400 Chinook.
 - Through July 4 is 4,600 Chinook
 - Through July 31 is 5,500 Chinook
- Catch is averaging about 250 fish per day, but typically decreases in July.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Thursday July 6 via teleconference to review fisheries and stock status.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, July 27, 2006 located at the River Street Building, 25 River Street in Cathlamet, Washington. The purpose of the hearing will be to review stock status of fall Chinook and consider non-Indian fall commercial fisheries.