

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 11
Columbia River Compact
September 27, 2006**

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i> Non-Treaty Commercial Fisheries
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MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management guidelines, allocations, and run size forecasts for the 2006 fall season were presented in the 2006 Fall Fact Sheets #1 and #9

STOCK STATUS

Summer Steelhead

- Based on counts through September 25, the TAC upgraded Group A and Group B steelhead run sizes to 258,400 Group A (including 65,600 wild) and 53,300 Group B (including 10,800 wild) for a total of 311,700 summer steelhead passing Bonneville Dam.

Fall Chinook

- TAC has updated the river mouth run size to 391,100 adults, including 208,300 URBs.

<i>Fall Chinook Adult Returns to the Columbia River Mouth</i>					
	2005	2006 Preseason	2006 TAC Update		
Stock	Return	Forecast	15-Sep	20-Sep	26-Sep
LRH	78,200	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
LRW	16,800	16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600
BPH	93,100	51,800	36,800	38,600	34,700
URB	268,700	249,050	198,700	206,600	208,300
MCB	98,000	86,600	73,400	75,600	61,600
SAB	6,600	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400
Total	561,400	473,950	395,400	407,300	391,100

- Lower Columbia hatchery returns to date are lower than preseason projections, however most hatcheries are expected to make their broodstock goals.

Early Stock Coho

- Bonneville Dam counts through September 25 total 59,400 adult coho. Early coho passage at Bonneville Dam is typically 91% complete by September 25.
- Commercial coho landings have been within catch expectations, and hatchery returns are varied, but appear to be on track.

FISHERY UPDATES

Non-Treaty Commercial Fisheries

- The Early Fall fishing season consisted of eight fishing periods occurring from August 2-25. An 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction was in place and a weekly landing limit of seven white sturgeon was maintained throughout the season.
- The Late Fall fishing season began September 19. An additional fishing period took place on September 25 and two periods are scheduled for September 27.

<i>Non-Indian Commercial Fishery Landings, Fall 2006</i>				
Dates	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	White Sturgeon
Early Fall Fisheries	~125	10,741	830	1911
Late Fall Fisheries				
Sep 19, Z 1-5 (8")	142	6,556	2,313	662
Sep 25, Z 1-5 (9")	88	257	540	557
Season Total		17,554	3,683	3,130

Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Preseason catch expectations for treaty Indian fisheries totaled 88,300 Chinook including 57,400 URBs.
- Five weekly fishing periods have taken place during August 21 through September 22.
- An additional week (September 25-29) of fishing is currently ongoing.

<i>2006 Total Treaty Landings</i>					
Dates	Chinook	URB	Steelhead	Wild B	Coho
August Platform	400	300	1,400	10	10
Expected Late Fall Subsistence	100	100	400	200	
Commercial					
Aug 21-24	1,700	1500	1,300	35	100
Aug 28-Sep 1	7,100	4,200	1500	40	300
Sep 5-9	17,300	8,400	2,800	130	900
Sep 11-15	17,600	8,300	3,100	230	1,500
Sep 18-22	15,600	6,700	3,400	275	1,800
Sep 25-29 (Projected)	14,500	10,800	4,000	245	1,800
Commercial Total	73,800	39,900	16,100	955	6,400
Total	74,300	40,300	17,900	1,165	6,410

- Projected impacts to Wild B steelhead through September 29 are 9.0%, compared to the 15% ESA limit.

Combined URB Impacts

2006 Fall Fishery Impacts Summary				
Fishery	Chinook Catch	URB Impacts		
		Number	%	
Treaty Indian Fisheries				
August C&S	360	319	0.15%	
Commercial through Sep 22	59,325	29,075	13.96%	
Commercial Sep 25-29 (Proj. Total)	14,500	10,800	5.18%	
Commercial Oct 2-6 (Proj. Total)	8,300	5,800	2.78%	
Expected Late Fall Subsistence	100	100	0.05%	
Treaty Indian Total	82,585	46,094	22.13%	
Non-Treaty Fisheries				
Buoy 10 Sport (Proj. Season Total)	1,725	870		
LCR Sport (through Sep 14)	13,800	8,486		
Zone 6 Sport (through Sep 14)	190	110		
<i>Sport Total</i>	<i>15,715</i>	<i>9,466</i>	<i>4.54%</i>	
Early Fall Commercial	10,728	2,470		
Select Area Commercial (Proj. Total)	4,100	49		
September Commercial Fisheries- Wk 39	6,556	2,845		
September Commercial Fisheries- Wk 40 (Proj.)	3,460	1,535		
October Commercial Fisheries (Proj.)	2,537	810		
<i>Commercial Total</i>	<i>27,382</i>	<i>7,710</i>	<i>3.70%</i>	
Non-Treaty Total	43,097	17,176	8.25%	
Non-Treaty Total Impact Limit			8.25%	
Treaty Indian Total Impact Limit			23.04%	
URB run Size		208,300		

FISHERY PROPOSALS

<i>Treaty -Indian Commercial Fishery</i>		
Season:	6 AM Tuesday October 3 to 6 PM Friday October 6	(3½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Gear:	8” minimum mesh size restriction.	
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries will be in effect including the standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon between four and five feet total length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and between 45”-60” in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence purposes.	
	The Quick Reporting rule will also be in effect for Washington Buyers.	
Catch expectations:	Chinook: 8,300, including 5,800 URB Steelhead: 4,000 including 174 Wild B	

- Additional impacts resulting from the proposed fishery are projected to bring the total URB impacts to 22.13. % (23.04% limit) and the total Wild B impacts to 12.32% (15% limit)

<i>Yakama Nation Commercial Fishery - Drano lake</i>		
Season:	9 PM Tuesdays to 12:00 PM (noon) Wednesdays from October 3 through October 25, 2006.	
Area:	Drano Lake	
Gear:	No minimum mesh size restriction.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon between 45”-60” may be kept for subsistence purposes. Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence purposes.	
	Rules and regulations as described by the Yakama Nation are in effect.	
	The Quick Reporting rule will also be in effect for Washington Buyers.	

Future Compact Hearings

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM, Friday September 29, 2006 via teleconference to discuss additional non-treaty commercial fishing seasons.