

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

JOINT STAFF REPORT WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 13 April 13, 2007

Purpose: Spring Chinook stock status update and recreational fisheries review

- The fishery below Bonneville Dam is allocated 75% of the total recreational upriver ESA-impacts.
- A Joint State hearing took place on Wednesday April 11 to review the ongoing fishery occurring below the I-5 Bridge. Staff estimated that impacts allocated to the fishery would be reached by the April 16 closure date.
- The states decided to meet again today to review catch and effort data through April 11 and catch projections through April 15 and consider the possibility of extending the fishery beyond the April 16 scheduled closure date.

<i>2007 Recreational Spring Chinook Allocation</i>		
<u>Fishery</u>	<u>Buffered Allocation</u>	<u>Non-Buffered Allocation</u>
Lower Columbia	0.577%	0.641%
Above Bonn.	0.193%	0.214%
Total	0.770%	0.855%

2007 Recreational fishery below I-5 Bridge- Catch estimates and Impact Projections									
2007	Anglers	Kept	Release	Catch Rate	% Upriver	Method	Cum Impacts	% Buffered	Non Buffered
Thru Mar 31	33,644	1,172	338	0.04	52%	CWT	0.100%	17%	16%
April 1-11	26,638	3,110	618	0.14	67%	CWT	0.419%	73%	65%
Apr 12-15 (proj)	15,000	1,860	370	0.15	67%		0.610%	106%	95%
	75,282	6,142	1,326	0.10					

- To date, non- Treaty impacts total 1.01 %, based on the total ESA limit of 1.50%. Impact projections through April 15 are expected to total 1.20% (80%) of the limit.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

- The Joint Staff recommends no changes to the ongoing recreational sport fisheries
- ✓ Below I-5 Bridge is scheduled to remain open for hatchery Chinook through April 15.
- ✓ Above Bonneville Dam is scheduled to remain open for hatchery Chinook through April 30.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff recommends a Compact hearing be scheduled for 10:00 AM Tuesday, April 17, 2007 via teleconference to review ongoing Select Area fisheries.
- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor spring Chinook runs and will schedule additional Compact/Joint State hearings as necessary.