

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Fisheries under consideration: Select Area Commercial Fisheries
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- The 2007 winter Select Area commercial season consisted of twenty fishing periods in Youngs Bay (Feb. 14-Apr. 10), eight periods in Blind Slough (Feb. 21-Mar. 26) and four periods in Deep River (Feb 18-Mar. 12).
- Combined landings total 961 spring Chinook and 14 white sturgeon compared to 811 spring Chinook and 8 white sturgeon landed during the 2006 winter season.
- Upriver spring Chinook impacts remaining for future Select Areas total 0.053% of the upriver preseason forecast, or 53% of the impacts allocated to SAFE fisheries. Mainstem commercial fisheries used 0.029% of the impacts allocated to SAFE fisheries.
- The Select Area spring season is scheduled to begin April 19 in Youngs Bay, Deep River, and Blind/Knappa Slough Select Areas.
- Typically, 40-50% of upriver spring Chinook impacts resulting from SAFE fisheries accrue during April fishing periods, and decline to near zero by early to mid-May.
- Considering limited upriver spring Chinook impacts available for remaining Select Area fisheries, an apparent late upriver run, and large tides (10'+) this week, caution is warranted for the scheduled April 19-20 fishing periods to reduce the potential need for more aggressive closures later.

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Joint Staff Recommendation - Select Area commercial fisheries</i></p> <p>The Joint Staff is recommending the following modification to previously adopted Select Area spring fisheries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rescind fishing periods previously adopted for April 19-20, 2007 in Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough and Deep River. Fisheries would resume as scheduled on Monday April 23, 2007.

- ✓ Delaying the spring opener should help ensure upriver spring Chinook impacts allocated to SAFE fisheries are not exceeded.
- ✓ Impact estimates for the remainder of the season are estimated at 0.050%, for a total of 0.097%, or 97% of the 0.100% allocated to SAFE fisheries.
- ✓ Industry support of the staff recommendation has been positive.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor spring Chinook runs and will schedule additional Compact/Joint State hearings as necessary.