

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

JOINT STAFF REPORT SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 4 May 7, 2007

Purpose:	Review salmon stock status
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Management guidelines and run forecasts for the 2007 spring season were presented in the Winter Fact Sheet #2 (January 25, 2007)

STOCK STATUS

- The upriver spring Chinook count through May 6 at Bonneville Dam totaled 41,372 spring Chinook. Based on average timing since 1980, the run is 65% complete by May 6. Late timed runs average 50% complete during the same time frame.
- The TAC met today to review the stock status of upriver spring Chinook. TAC concluded that the pre-season forecast of 78,500 fish remains a good estimate, and falls in the middle of projected run size estimates.
- Run size updates for Willamette spring Chinook could begin as early as next week.

FISHERY UPDATES

Recreational Fisheries

- The mainstem Willamette River below Willamette Falls is open for adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead the entire year. Performance of the fishery through April indicated the run was on track to meet preseason forecast; however; catch and daily dam counts have recently declined.
- The recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam, in the area from Buoy 10 to the I-5 Bridge, closed April 16. The recreational catch is estimated at 5,641 kept (and 1,235 released) spring Chinook from 67,244 angler trips
- The recreational Chinook fishery above Bonneville Dam closed effective May 4. The estimated catch includes 490 kept and 120 released from 2,800 angler trips.

Commercial Fisheries

- Commercial fishing concluded March 23. Landings during the salmon fishery totaled 2,726 Chinook and 34 white sturgeon.
- Spring season in Select Areas began April 23. Landings through May 5 include approximately 4,000 Chinook and 90 white sturgeon with very few upriver spring Chinook observed.

Non Treaty-Indian Fishery Impacts

2007 Non-Indian Upriver Spring Chinook Impacts						
		70,000	75,000	78,500	80,000	85,000
Allocation		<i>Impacts used, including projected (SAFE, SR Sport)</i>				
Lower Columbia (below Bonn)	0.641%	0.606%	0.566%	0.541%	0.531%	0.500%
Bonn. to McNary Dam	0.071%	0.087%	0.082%	0.078%	0.077%	0.072%
Snake R/Wanapum	0.143%	0.129%	0.143%	0.143%	0.143%	0.143%
Sport Total	0.855%	0.822%	0.791%	0.762%	0.751%	0.715%
Commercial	0.545%	0.637%	0.594%	0.568%	0.557%	0.524%
SAFE	0.100%	0.045%	0.051%	0.058%	0.058%	0.058%
Commercial Total	0.645%	0.682%	0.645%	0.626%	0.615%	0.582%
Total Non-Indian Impacts	1.50%	1.50%	1.44%	1.39%	1.37%	
	2.00%					1.30%
Percent of Allocation		100%	96%	93%	91%	65%

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff recommends a Joint State hearing be scheduled at 1PM Monday May 14 via telephone. Staff will continue to monitor the run and will request a hearing earlier if warranted.