

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

JOINT STAFF REPORT SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 7a

June 4, 2007

Fisheries under consideration: Columbia River- recreational Chinook

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 June 30 at Bonneville Dam totaled 69,197 adult and 17,345 jack spring Chinook
- TAC met on June 4 and concluded that the run is tracking to exceed the preseason forecast of 78,500 fish, and estimated the run will total 80,500 to 84,000 upriver Chinook at the river mouth.

FISHERY UPDATES

Recreational Salmon Fisheries

- Currently the lower Columbia River is open through June 15 for Chinook retention from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge. Chinook handle through May 31 is estimated at 7,259 fish. During June 1-15, expected Chinook handle is an additional 540 fish.
- The recreational Chinook fishery from Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam closed effective May 4. The estimated catch includes 521 kept and 125 released from 3,000 angler trips.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

2007 Mainstem Recreational Spring Chinook Fishery

<i>Joint Staff Recommendation - Recreational Salmon Fishery Lower Columbia River</i>	
•	Open the area above I-5 Bridge for Chinook retention.
Area:	The I-5 Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam.
Date:	June 6 – June 15, 2007
Catch Limits:	Oregon: Two adult salmon <u>or</u> steelhead per day. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. Washington: Two adult salmon <u>and</u> two steelhead per day. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept.
Miscellaneous Regulations:	For the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery upstream of the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line effective during February 15 through June 15, it is unlawful when fishing from vessels which are less than 30 feet in length, substantiated by Coast Guard documentation or Marine Board registration, to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released.

- ✓ Anticipated Chinook handle for this area during June 6-15 is 300 fish per week, with 95% assumed to be of upriver origin. Additional impacts associated with this recommendation are 0.048%
- ✓ If adopted, total non-Indian impacts are estimated at 1.439%, or 95.9% of the 1.5% limit.

Joint Staff Recommendation – Recreational Salmon Fishery above Bonneville Dam	
• Re-open the fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam.	
Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam	
Area:	Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to McNary Dam plus the Oregon bank between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.
Dates:	June 6- June 15, 2007
Catch Limits:	Oregon: Two adult salmon <u>or</u> steelhead per day. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. Washington: Two adult salmon <u>and</u> two steelhead per day. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept.
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- ✓ Anticipated Chinook handle for this area during June 6-15 is 125 fish per week, with 100% assumed to be of upriver origin. Additional impacts associated with this recommendation are 0.021%
- ✓ The combined impact for these two recommended fisheries is 0.069% based on a run of 80,500 fish. Total non-Indian impacts would be 1.493%, or 99.5% of the total 1.5% impact limit

2007 Non-Indian Upriver Spring Chinook Impacts				
		78,500	80,500	82,000
Allocation				
Lower Columbia (Thru May)	0.641%	0.568%	0.554%	0.544%
Bonn. to McNary Dam	0.071%	0.082%	0.080%	0.079%
Snake R/Wanapum	0.143%	0.143%	0.143%	0.143%
Sport Total	0.855%	0.794%	0.778%	0.766%
Commercial	0.545%	0.568%	0.553%	0.543%
SAFE	0.100%	0.062%	0.060%	0.059%
Commercial Total	0.645%	0.629%	0.614%	0.603%
Total Non-Indian Impacts	1.50%	1.42%	1.39%	
	2.00%			1.37%
Percent of Allocation		94.9%	92.7%	68.4%
TP- I-5 Jun 1-15		0.034%	0.033%	0.033%
I-5 to Bonn Jun 6-15		0.049%	0.048%	0.047%
Z6 Sport Jun 6-15		0.022%	0.021%	0.021%
Through Jun 15		101.9%	99.5%	73.5%

- A hearing is scheduled for 11 AM Thursday June 14 via teleconference to consider summer season commercial fishing periods for non-Indian and treaty Indian fisheries.
- A hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 26 to consider non-Indian fall season commercial fishing periods. Location yet to be determined.