

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 4**  
**Columbia River Compact/Joint State hearing**  
**August 29, 2007**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian recreational salmon
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*Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2007 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 26, 2007)*

**Buoy 10 Checkpoint #2**

- The Buoy 10 fishery (Columbia mouth upstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line) opened August 1 for adipose fin-clipped coho and adipose fin-clipped steelhead. Chinook retention is allowed during August 22 through September 3. The daily salmon bag limit is two fish, of which one can be a Chinook.
- Preseason catch expectations include 3,800 adult Chinook and 12,000 coho. Total Chinook allocation (adjusted for jacks and adult strays) is about 4,300 fish, including 300 Chinook reserved for release mortalities.
- Because of the short duration of the Chinook retention fishery, complete CWT data will not be available in-season.
- Catch rates of 0.3 fish per angler during August 22-24 prompted concern that the Chinook guideline would be exceeded prior to September 3. The estimated catch through August 26 included 2,400 Chinook and 1,800 coho from 14,200 angler trips.
- A Joint State hearing took place on August 27 to review Chinook catch at Buoy 10 and determine if in-season action was necessary. Due to a decline in Chinook catch rates beginning Sunday August 26, it was determined that Chinook retention could continue through at least Friday August 31 with minimal risk of exceeding the catch guideline (~4,300 Chinook).
- Chinook catch rates during August 27-28 have remained low, averaging 0.1 Chinook/angler or less.
- Chinook catch projections for August 29 through September 3 range from 1,100-1,700 fish based on effort and catch rate trends observed in previous years and adjusted to the current season.
- Based on catch to date (2,700 Chinook) and catch projections through September 3, the season total Chinook catch for Buoy 10 is expected to range from 3,800-4,400 fish.
- The Joint Staff concludes there is minimal risk of exceeding the Chinook allocation or associated ESA-impact guidelines allocated to the Buoy 10 prior to the conclusion of the currently scheduled August 22-September 3 Chinook retention period.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday September 6, 2007 to consider additional treaty Indian commercial fishing periods, and provide a LCR sport update.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday September 13, 2007 at the **Rainier City Hall, Council Chambers Room, 106 West B Street, Rainier, Oregon** to consider commercial fishing periods for the late fall season expected to begin the week of September 17.