

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 7
Joint State hearing
September 17, 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)

- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met September 12 and concluded the Upriver Bright (URB) fall Chinook run will not meet the preseason forecast of 185,200 adults returning to Columbia River mouth. TAC estimated the run will likely fall in the range of 121,000-151,000 fish (65%-82% of the preseason). The upper end of the range can only be achieved if the run is \geq four days late.
- The States met on Thursday September 13 and concluded that Chinook retention in the LCR fishery could continue at least through Wednesday September 19 if the URB run size was not further downgraded, and catch/stock composition estimates were within expectations.
- Passage of bright Chinook through September 16 totals 87,500 adults, which is well below the 148,800 adults expected by the same date (based on preseason expectations and normal run timing).
- On Monday September 17 the TAC updated the URB run to 105,000 adults at the river mouth, which is a reduction from the previous inseason estimate of 121,000 and 57% of the preseason forecast.

2007 Recreational Catch and Associated Impacts					
		#	#	Impact	Impact
	Total catch	URB	LRH	URB	LRH
Buoy 10	4,000	560	900	0.53	1.07
Lower River	7,950	3,800	2,650	3.62	3.10
Above Bonn	50	40	--	0.04	--
	12,000	4,400	3,550	4.19	4.17
Allocated				4.17	2.56
% allocated				100%	163%

- Based on the revised inseason URB forecast, projected Chinook catch, sport/commercial impact sharing guidelines and projected cumulative impacts, the Joint Staff is making the following recommendations:

Recommendation for Fishery below Bonneville Dam
Prohibit the retention of Chinook salmon in Columbia River recreational fisheries from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam effective 12:01 AM Wednesday September 19, 2007 until further notice.

- The Joint Staff realizes the area below the Lewis River is currently closed for Chinook retention through September 30. Current information indicates the fishery cannot re-open as scheduled for Chinook retention, and the Joint Staff is therefore recommending the area below Bonneville Dam remained closed for Chinook retention until further notice.

Recommendation for Fishery above Bonneville Dam

Prohibit the retention of Chinook salmon in Columbia River recreational fisheries from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 bridge in Pasco, Washington effective 12:01 AM Thursday September 20, 2007.

- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor Chinook returns as the season progresses, and will provide updates as needed.
- 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.