

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 18
Columbia River Compact/Joint State hearing
October 22, 2007**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian commercial salmon
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- Preseason forecasts included 293,700 early stock and 73,200 late stock for a total of 366,900 coho returning to the Columbia River mouth.
- TAC updated the coho run size on October 19 to 310,000 fish, consisting of 200,000 early stock and 110,000 late stock.
- Preseason expectations for the fall season commercial fisheries included a harvest of 19,750 Chinook, 23,800 coho and 5,565 white sturgeon from mainstem fisheries.

<i>Non-Indian Commercial Fishery Landings, Fall 2007</i>				
Dates	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	White Sturgeon
August Totals	Ave 117	3,981	57	2,737
September Totals	Ave 105	4,368	8,331	1,984
October Totals through Oct 17	Ave 53	3,298	15,062	750
October 18-24 proj.	Ave 10	500	100	0
Mainstem Total		12,147	23,550	5,471

- Sturgeon retention is currently prohibited in commercial fisheries (mainstem and SAFE), as the 2007 guideline has been met.
- Based on post -season analysis of ocean fisheries and the current Columbia River run size, coho impacts are estimated at 19.1 % (20% limit), of which 12.7% are from ocean fisheries, and 6.4% are from in-river fisheries. An estimated 3,500 coho remain available for commercial harvest at the preseason mark rate.

<i>2007 Late Fall Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	7AM through 7 PM Tuesday October 23, 2007 (12 hrs)
Area	Zones 1-3
Gear:	No minimum and 9 ¾ - inch maximum mesh size
Season	7 PM through 7 AM (12 hr) Wednesday and Thursday nights from October 24-26, 2007
Area	Zones 1-5
Gear:	8" minimum mesh size
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-A, Abernathy, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy Rivers
Allowable Sales:	Salmon only. White sturgeon may not be sold.
Other Rules:	Nets not specifically authorized for use in the fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. 24 hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- Catch is estimated at 500 Chinook and 3,000 coho. Effort is expected to be less than last week as the season draws to a close. Salmon abundance in the mainstem is also expected to be decreasing, as fish move into the tributaries.
- Total impacts (including proposed and projected) are estimated at 19.9% for coho, 41% for LRH, 7.7% for URBs and 1.5% for wild upriver summer steelhead.
- The Joint staff is not recommending a hearing at this time, but may recommend a hearing be scheduled as early as Wednesday October 24 if coho landings and mark rates indicate additional coho remain available for harvest.