

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 19
Columbia River Compact/Joint State hearing
October 24, 2007**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian commercial salmon
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- A hearing took place on October 22 and a coho-directed fishery was adopted for October 23. An estimated 3,500 coho were available for harvest in commercial fisheries, considering an in season run size of 110,000 late stock coho and a mark rate expectation of 76%.
- Coho harvest from the October 23 fishery is estimated at 3,500 fish, which is greater than the 2,500 fish expectation. In addition, the mark rate observed from this fishery was higher than expected (85%), which results in reduced impacts, as fewer unmarked fish were handled.
- Coho impacts are estimated at 19.7 % (20% limit). An estimated 2,000 coho remain available for commercial harvest.
- Currently two Chinook fishing periods (8", Z 1-5) are in place, scheduled for the evenings of Wednesday October 24 and Thursday, October 25.

<i>Recommendation - 2007 Late Fall Commercial Fishery</i>	
Coho-Directed Season:	7 AM – 1 PM Thursday October 25, 2007 (6 hrs)
Area	Zones 1-5
Gear:	No minimum and 9 ¾ - inch maximum mesh size
Chinook-Directed Season	7 PM – 7 AM (12 hrs) Sunday and Tuesday nights from October 28-31, 2007
Area	Zones 4-5
Gear:	8" minimum and 9 ¾ - inch maximum 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 for the proposed fisheries are estimated at 350 Chinook and 2,000 coho. Effort is expected to be about 70 vessels in the coho-directed fishery and about 6 boats in the Chinook-directed fisheries.
- Total impacts (including proposed and projected) are estimated at 20.0% for coho, 41% for LRH, 7.7% for URBs and 1.5% for wild upriver summer steelhead. Chum impacts are estimated to be less than 1% (5% limit).
- The Joint staff is not recommending any additional hearings.