

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 14
Columbia River Compact/Joint State hearing
October 3, 2007

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian commercial 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)

<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	4,406	8,331	1,984
Oct 1, Z 1-3 (6") proj.		300	4,000	100
Oct 3, Z 1-3 (6") proj.		300	4,000	100
Oct 4, Z1-5 (9") proj.		100	300	650
Season Total		9,087	16,688	5,571
White Sturgeon remain				-6

- In-season run sizes include 118,500 URBs at the Columbia River mouth.
- CWT data for August and September fisheries is basically complete.
- Through October 4, projected impacts for fall commercial fisheries include 3.29% URB Chinook (4.07% allocation) and 16.7 % (20% exploitation rate) for LCR Coho.

RECOMMENDATION

<i>Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Fishery</i>		
Target Chinook	7 PM Wednesday October 3 to 7 AM Thursday October 4, 2007 7 PM Thursday October 4 to 7 AM Friday October 5, 2007	(12 hours) (12 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5	
Gear:	8-inch minimum mesh size and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size. Nets not specifically authorized for use in the fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored.	
Sanctuaries:	Lewis-B, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 7 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only.	
Additional Rules:	24 hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- Estimated catch for the two proposed fisheries includes 800 Chinook, 200 coho and 100 sturgeon.
- Total non-Indian impacts, including ongoing recreational fisheries, SAFE fisheries, all October commercial fisheries and the proposed fisheries are estimated at 8.22% URB, 4.39% LRH, 1.81% for upriver steelhead and 20.0% for LCR coho.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff is recommending a Compact hearing be scheduled via teleconference for 10:00 AM Monday October 8, 2007 to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.