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JOINT STAFF REPORT  
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***Fisheries Review:*** Lower Columbia River Non-Indian Fisheries Update.

- Bonneville Dam passage of spring Chinook through April 21 totals 4,372 adults. Daily counts began increasing late last week and the highest count so far has occurred on April 21 (1,164 fish). The cumulative passage to date is well below expectations considering the large forecasted return. Based on the 5-year average, passage is 50% complete at Bonneville Dam on May 7.
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on April 16 and April 21 to review the status of the upriver spring Chinook run. Although it is too early to update the run, TAC urged fishery managers to continue a conservative management strategy for all fisheries until additional information is available to update the run.

***Lower Columbia River Recreational Fishery***

- The recreational fishery downstream of Hayden Island closed as scheduled on April 19. The area from Hayden Island upstream to Bonneville Dam will be open for one additional retention day on April 22.
- The projected season total catch for the below Bonneville recreational fishery is expected to include 16,600 kept Chinook and 3,100 released from 140,400 angler trips. At the projected catch, impacts for this fishery would be 0.601%, or 83% of the 0.726% impact limit available for this fishery prior to the run update.

<b>2009 LCR Recreational Fishery- Pre-Update, Below Bonn.</b>					
<b>Below Hayden Isl.</b>	<b>Anglers</b>	<b>Kept</b>	<b>Released</b>	<b>Impacts</b>	<b>CPUE</b>
February	4,539	34	1	0.001%	0.008
March	31,653	2,108	497	0.064%	0.082
April	43,715	6,897	1,179	0.241%	0.185
<b>Preliminary Sum</b>	<b>79,907</b>	<b>9,039</b>	<b>1,677</b>	<b>0.306%</b>	<b>0.134</b>
<b>Above Hayden Isl.</b>					
<b>Anglers</b>	<b>Kept</b>	<b>Released</b>	<b>Impacts</b>	<b>CPUE</b>	
March	23,408	1,798	437	0.073%	0.095
April 1-18	33,160	4,916	845	0.189%	0.173
April 22 (proj.)	3,905	820	150	0.033%	0.250
<b>Preliminary Sum</b>	<b>60,473</b>	<b>7,534</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>0.295%</b>	<b>0.165</b>
<b>Season Total</b> (Actual and Projected)	<b>140,380</b>	<b>16,573</b>	<b>3,109</b>	<b>0.601%</b>	<b>0.140</b>

***Mainstem Commercial Fishery***

- The mainstem commercial fishery included three fishing periods in the area above the Hayden Island powerlines during March 29-April 14. Total catch for the season is 4,372 fish (includes 18 fish landed in the winter sturgeon fishery). The mainstem commercial fishery has used 0.260%, or 69% of the 0.378% impact limit available for this fishery prior to the run update.

***Below Bonneville Mainstem Spring Chinook Fisheries***

- Based on the preseason upriver forecast and fishing plan, impacts remain available for both the recreational and commercial fisheries for pre-run update use; however, staff feels there is too much uncertainty in the upriver run size and therefore is not recommending an extension

of any lower river mainstem fisheries until the run size can be updated, which typically occurs in early to mid-May.

### **Future Hearings**

At this time staff is not recommending additional hearings. Staff will continue to monitor the spring Chinook run and may recommend a hearing next week to consider additional fisheries (Zone 6 recreational, Select Area commercial, and commercial shad).