

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 3
Columbia River Compact
August 7, 2009**

Fisheries under consideration:	Non-Indian commercial salmon
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Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2009 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1(July 29, 2009)

2009 Early Fall Non-Indian Commercial Fishery

- The preseason catch expectation for early August was 2,970 for August 4 and 6 and 2,260 for August 9 (5,230 total).
- A total of 2,000 white sturgeon were allocated to the August portion of the fall fishing season.
- Three 12-hour fishing periods were adopted for the nights of August 4, 6, and 9. Open areas included all of Zones 1-5 (except tributary mouth sanctuaries) with a 9-inch minimum mesh restriction and a 9 white sturgeon weekly landing/possession limit.
- Preliminary landings from the August 4 fishing period are available, but landings for August 6 fishery are preliminary. Landings have been much higher than expected.

<i>Early August Commercial Fishery Landings, 2009</i>				
Date	Deliveries	Chinook	Coho	White Sturgeon
Aug. 4-5 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	146	3,216	25	643
Aug. 6-7 (Z 1-5) 9" mesh	160	4,400	25	600
Total	306	7,616	50	1,243

- Preliminary stock composition is only available for the first fishing period. Based on Visual Stock Identification (VSI) and external marks, 45% of the catch was tule stock. Coded-wire tag analysis is needed to get accurate stock estimates.
- The Chinook catch through August 7 has exceeded the expected catch, but has not exceeded the expected commercial catch for fall seasons, or the available impacts to any ESA listed stocks.
- Lower River Hatchery (LRH) Chinook is the most constraining stock in this fishery. Harvesting more LRH in August would put the planned September Chinook target fishery at risk. The LRH run typically cannot be updated until late September or October.
- During the preseason planning process, it was determined that it is important to have at least one fishing period per week for marketing purposes.

2009 Early August Mainstem Commercial Salmon Fishery
Option 1: Modify the August 9 commercial fishing period to occur in Zones 2-5.
Option 2: Rescind the August 9 commercial fishing period.

- ✓ With the changed boundary expected catch for this fishery would be 800 Chinook.
- ✓ Rescinding the season would preserve LRH impacts for use in future fisheries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

None planned at this time.