

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 7
Columbia River Compact
August 26, 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)

Stock Status

- Fall Chinook passage through August 25 totals 54,000 adults and 17,400 jacks. Daily passage has been steadily increasing over the last few days. The run is typically 50% complete by September 7.
- TAC is scheduled to meet again on September 2 to review run sizes and fisheries.

Non-Indian Commercial Fishery

- The Compact modified two previously scheduled fisheries to reduce the fishing area and shift the expected stock composition of the catch to upriver stock fish, due to remaining impact balances for the commercial fishery. The Compact also rescinded one August fishing period. Total Chinook catch from August commercial fishing periods through August 21 is 23,800 fish.
- Projected catch for the two remaining fisheries scheduled for the evenings of August 25 and August 27 was about 4,400 fish combined.
- Actual catch for the August 25-26 fishery is unknown at this time, but preliminary estimates indicate that it could be around 3,500-4,000 fish.

RECOMMENDATION

<i>Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Salmon Fishery</i>
Rescind the fishery scheduled to occur tomorrow night (8 PM Thursday August 27 through 6 AM Friday August 28, 2009).

- ✓ Commercial fisheries to date have caught a greater proportion of their URB allocation than planned preseason during August fisheries. Rescinding the last night of the fishery is to reduce the risk for later fisheries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will continue to track all ongoing fisheries and schedule Compacts as necessary. The tribes may request a hearing on or around September 10 to adopt additional commercial fishing periods in Zone 6.