

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 9
Columbia River Compact
April 1, 2010

<i>Fisheries under Consideration:</i> Select Area Commercial Salmon
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Stock status and management guidelines for 2010 Chinook fisheries were presented in Winter Fact Sheet #3(February 18, 2010).

- Bonneville Dam passage of Chinook between January 1 and March 28 totals 311 adults. Since 2000, the cumulative count through March 28 has ranged from 21 fish (2006) up to 13,624 fish (2003). The cumulative counts averaged 75 fish during the most recent five years (all late years).
- Through March 30, a total of 1,457 spring Chinook have been landed in 2010 Select Area winter commercial fisheries including 1,034 spring Chinook in Youngs Bay, 234 spring Chinook in Blind Slough, and 189 in Deep River.
- Recent fishing periods in Deep River (March 24-25 and March 29-30) and Youngs Bay (March 29) resulted in higher than expected impacts to upriver spring Chinook, likely due in part to adverse weather conditions on March 29. Blind Slough has had minimal impacts throughout the winter season.
- Additional winter fishing periods are scheduled for April 5 in Youngs Bay (upstream of the old Youngs Bay Bridge); April 4-5 in Blind Slough; and March 31-April 1 (complete), April 5-6, and April 7-8 in Deep River.
- Based on upriver spring Chinook impacts accrued to date (25% of the 0.15% allocated to Select Areas), staff recommends that several late winter fishing periods be rescinded to reduce the potential need for modification of early spring Select Area fishing periods scheduled to begin in mid-April.

Staff Recommendation – Select Area Commercial Fisheries
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Joint Staff is recommending the Deep River Select Area commercial fishing periods previously adopted for April 5-6 and April 7-8, 2010 be rescinded.• Oregon Staff is recommending the Youngs Bay Select Area commercial fishing period previously adopted for April 5, 2010 be rescinded.

Future meetings

- A Compact hearing has been scheduled for 3:00 PM Monday April 5, 2010 to consider the non-Indian mainstem commercial fishery.