

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: Spring Fact Sheet #7
May 17, 2010

<i>Fisheries under Consideration:</i>	Select Area commercial fisheries Recreational fisheries upstream of McNary Dam
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Stock Status

- Bonneville Dam passage of Chinook through May 16 totals 221,282 adults. This is the highest cumulative count to date since 2002 and the 3rd highest count to date (1977-current).
- The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met today and updated the upriver run to 340,000 adults at the Columbia River mouth. TAC will continue to meet at least weekly to review passage at Bonneville Dam.

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- Protocols for harvest of white sturgeon in commercial fisheries were adopted at the February 18, 2010 Compact (see Winter Fact Sheet #3).
- Under these protocols, Select Area commercial fisheries were to be managed for a total harvest of 300 white sturgeon for 2010. Of these, 200 were allotted for the winter/spring/summer seasons, and the remainder for fall seasons.
- Harvest of white sturgeon in Select Areas through May 17 totals 181 fish. Staff expects the winter-summer limit of 200 to be reached this week.

<i>Recommendation - Select Area Commercial Fisheries</i>
Effective 7 PM, Tuesday May 18, 2010 prohibit retention of white sturgeon in Select Area commercial fisheries.

Recreational Fisheries Upstream of McNary Dam

- Recreational fisheries are currently open in the Snake River and Upper Columbia River (Ringold Hatchery area) within Washington state waters.
- The Wanapum tribe has had one night of fishing with a total catch of 7 spring Chinook. WDFW will be issuing another permit for an additional night of fishing, with an expected total catch of about 30 spring Chinook.
- The Snake River sport fishery opened on April 20 and 24 for spring Chinook, depending on area. Catch through May 8 is estimated at 559 fish kept and 10 released. WDFW is estimating a total of 2,249 kept plus release mortalities in this fishery through May 21.
- The Ringold sport fishery opened on May 1 for spring Chinook. Catch through May 9 is estimated at 301 fish kept and 44 released. WDFW is estimating a total of 542 kept plus release mortalities in this fishery through May 21.
- WDFW will consider closing these fisheries this week.

2010 Non-Treaty Spring Fisheries Summary					
	Upriver Catch (kept and release mortalities)	Catch Allocation		% of Allocation	
		at 470,000	at 340,000	at 470,000	at 340,000
SAFE (projected thru 6/15)	1,462	705	510	208%	288%
MS Commercial (includes shad thru 6/15)	7,609	22,491	14,141	34%	54%
<i>Commercial Total</i>	<i>9,071</i>	<i>23,196</i>	<i>14,651</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>62%</i>
LCR Recreational (includes steelhead <1-5 thru 6/15)	23,553	31,465	19,874	75%	119%
Z6 Recreational (closed)	3,158	4,195	2,651	75%	119%
Snake River Recreational (projected thru 5/21)	2,249	3,290	2,078	68%	108%
Upper Columbia Recreational (projected thru 5/21)	542	834	526	65%	103%
<i>Recreational Total</i>	<i>29,502</i>	<i>39,784</i>	<i>25,129</i>	<i>74%</i>	<i>117%</i>
<i>Non-Treaty Total (including projections)</i>	<i>38,573</i>	<i>62,980</i>	<i>39,780</i>	<i>61%</i>	<i>97%</i>

- At the current 340,000 run size projection, non-treaty fisheries are projected to have a remaining balance of about 1,200 upriver spring Chinook for harvest under the catch-balancing agreement.
- Non-treaty impacts to ESA-listed spring Chinook are projected to be 1.93% compared to the 2.3% guideline at a 340,000 run size.

Future Hearings

- No additional Compacts are currently scheduled.