

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – FALL FACT SHEET NO. 6
September 24, 2010**

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial Non-Indian commercial
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Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2010 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1(July 29, 2010)

Stock Status

- Fall Chinook passage at Bonneville Dam during August 1 through September 22 totals 269,140 bright stock and 113,203 tule stock. The September 22 Chinook count was 13,186 fish, which is nearly 1½ times the next highest daily count for this period of the passage season (from 1979 on).
- Fall Chinook passage at Lower Granite Dam during August 18 through September 22 totals 23,881 adults (record high).
- Summer steelhead passage at Bonneville Dam during July 1 through September 22 totals 360,442 fish. Coho passage totals 42,496 adults.
- The current Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) estimates of Upriver Bright (URB) and Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH) river mouth run sizes are 279,900 fish and 123,800 fish respectively. TAC met on September 22 and updated the Group A steelhead run to 317,000 fish (88,800 wild) and the Group B run to 61,000 (12,200 wild) fish at Bonneville Dam.

NON-INDIAN FISHERIES

Mainstem Recreational Fishery

- The estimated total kept catch of adult Chinook through September 19 is 13,200 fish. The daily limit was increased effective September 22 to include two adult Chinook. Catch rates this week have been the highest of the season.

Mainstem Commercial Fishery

- On September 20, the Compact set two commercial openers. The first occurred on the night of September 22 and the second is scheduled to occur on September 26. The total catch expectation for both nights was 2,100 to 5,000 Chinook.
- Although landings are still preliminary, staff can account for a minimum catch of 5,000 Chinook for the first opener. Stock composition information for this fishery is not yet available.

<i>Recommendation - 2010 Non-Indian Commercial Fishery</i>
Rescind the fishery scheduled to occur from 8 PM Sunday September 26 to 6 AM Monday September 27.

- Preliminary estimates for Chinook catch in the fishery that occurred on the night of September 22 totals at least 5,000 fish, compared to 2,100–5,000 fish that were expected for both the Wednesday and Sunday openers. Allowing the fishery to continue may put remaining commercial fishing opportunity at risk.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Total catches in treaty fisheries through September 17 are 115,300 adult and jack Chinook and 21,400 steelhead.
- Through September 17, the tribes are estimating a total impact on Group B steelhead of 14.8% (20% available) and on URBs of 15.0% (25% available) at the current run size estimates.
- A total of 3,200 Group B and 28,000 URBs remain available for harvest at current run size estimates.
- The expected catch in next week’s fishery is based on the Zone 6 fishery model.

Week	Days	Start	End	Nets	Total Adult Chinook	URB	MCB	BPH	Total Steelhead	A Index	B Index	Coho
Platform		1-Aug	23-Aug		390	327	24	39	3,770	1,933	1,837	1
35	3.5	24-Aug	27-Aug	441	5,587	3,401	252	1,934	2,566	1,822	744	70
36	4.5	30-Aug	3-Sep	593	30,667	13,375	2,474	14,818	5,015	3,387	1,628	441
37	4.5	7-Sep	11-Sep	722	39,729	12,849	7,511	19,369	5,094	2,743	2,351	1,779
38	4.5	13-Sep	17-Sep	758	29,803	11,985	3,116	14,702	4,970	2,483	2,487	3,444
Sub-total					106,176	41,937	13,377	50,862	21,415	12,368	9,047	5,735
Allowed						69,975					12,200	
Remaining						28,038					3,153	
40	2.5	27-Sep	29-Sep	600	12,600	8,300	3100	1200	4,300	1400	2,900	
Total					118,776	50,237	16,477	52,062	25,715	13,768	11,947	
Remaining						19,738					253	

In addition, 1,110 other stock (mostly summer Chinook) and 8,200 jacks have been harvested.

- The tribes will make a recommendation for an additional 2.5-day fishery next week. The purpose of the fishery is to access some of the remaining fall Chinook available for harvest while keeping the tribal fishery within its allowed steelhead impact limit.

Recommendation - Treaty Indian Gillnet Fishery		
Dates:	6:00 AM Monday, September 27 to 6:00 PM Wednesday, September 29	2.5 days
Area:	Zone 6	
Gear:	Gillnet. There will be an 8 inch minimum mesh size restriction.	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types remain in effect. The small Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary will remain in effect (150 feet around the hatchery ladder).	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be retained for subsistence.	
Note:	24-hour Quick reporting rule in effect for Washington buyers	

- Catch expectation for the next weekly period includes 12,600 Chinook (8,300 URBs) and 4,300 steelhead (2,900 Group B).
- Based on updated run-size forecasts and treaty harvest (actual and projected) through September 29, URB impacts and Group B steelhead impacts are both expected to remain within treaty management limits. The remaining available Group B steelhead impacts are expected to be sufficient to allow platform and hook and line fisheries to continue through the fall.
- Total fishery impacts (including complete, ongoing and proposed fisheries) are projected to total 17.9% for URBs and 19.6% for Group B steelhead. These impact calculations are based on updated run size estimates for URB's and updated run size estimates for B steelhead.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint staff will continue to review catches and run sizes and will recommend future hearings as needed.