

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – FALL FACT SHEET NO. 9
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Fisheries under consideration:	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)

- The current in-season run size estimate for Upriver Bright (URB) fall Chinook is 326,500 adult fish to the Columbia River mouth
- Coho returns appear to be tracking at or above preseason expectations for both the early and late stocks, with 78% of the total expected return already accounted for.
 - Passage at Bonneville Dam to date is greater than the season total expectation of 83,000 adult coho.
 - Hatchery returns are continuing to build for early stock, and are just beginning for late stock.
- TAC meet Tuesday October 12, and agreed the coho return appeared to be tracking at or above preseason expectations, but did not officially provide an in-season run size update.
- Late fall commercial fisheries have included five fishing periods to date. Landings for the first four periods (Sept. 22-Oct. 11) include 8,332 Chinook, 6,534 coho, 23 chum, and 1,046 white sturgeon. Landings for October 12 are not yet available but are expected to include approximately 300 Chinook, 3,000 coho, more than 50 chum, and 50 white sturgeon.
- Based on catch to date (actual and expected), in-season run size estimates and stock composition (from CWT data) some additional ESA impacts for URB Chinook remain available. LCR coho impacts remain available based on the pre-season forecast and total ocean and in-river catch (including estimates through Oct. 12). An estimated total of 675 white sturgeon remain available for commercial harvest.

2010 Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery		
Season #1:	7 PM Thursday, October 14 to 7 AM Friday, October 15	(12 hours)
	7 PM Sunday, October 17 to 7 AM Monday, October 18	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5	
Gear:	Drift gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size	
Season #2:	6 AM – 6 PM Thursday, October 14	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-3	
Gear:	Drift gill nets. 6-inch maximum mesh size; un-slackened floater gillnet	
The following applies to all proposed fisheries stated above		
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. Effective Sunday October 17, a maximum of 5 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.	
Additional Rules	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- Catch estimates for the three proposed fishing periods include 1,000 Chinook (600 URBs), 4,000-5,000 coho and 150 sturgeon. The Thursday openers will continue to operate on the existing 8 sturgeon weekly limit currently in effect from the last fishery on October 12.
- The Joint staff will review landings and stock status and call for a hearing if necessary.