

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER/SPRING FISHERY UPDATE #1
April 9, 2013**

Stock Status

- Passage of Chinook at Bonneville Dam through April 8 totals 864 adults.
- The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will begin meeting April 22 to review status of the upriver spring Chinook run on a weekly basis.

Non-Treaty Fishery Update

- A 9-hour mainstem commercial salmon fishing period (9 Chinook/vessel landing limit) was adopted for today (April 9). Landings are expected to be 1,250 Chinook which includes 1,140 upriver mortalities (kept plus release mortalities).
- Winter season Select Area fisheries concluded April 2. Combined landings total 638 Chinook and 17 white sturgeon. Harvest of upriver spring Chinook is estimated at 26 fish (4.1%).
- The recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam was extended beyond the scheduled closure date of April 6 and is currently scheduled to close effective Saturday April 13. The estimated catch through Sunday April 7 is 3,668 kept adult fish from 61,500 angler trips. Catch expectations for April 8-12 (closed Tuesday April 9) is 2,330 kept adults from 14,500 angler trips. Season total kept and release mortalities of upriver fish is projected to be 4,484 fish, or 91% of the 4,934 available prior to a run update.
- The recreational fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Oregon/Washington border opened March 16 and is currently scheduled to close effective May 6. Staff will continue to monitor this fishery and may request a Joint State hearing in early May if warranted.
- Snake River recreational fisheries (Washington waters) do not open until late April. The pre-season allocation for Snake River and Upper Columbia River fisheries is 363 Chinook.
- The expected total upriver catch (kept and release mortalities) in all non-treaty fisheries through April 12 is 5,650 fish. A final upriver run size of 80,700 (57% of forecast) is required to remain within catch balance limitations for actual/ongoing fisheries through April 12.

Preliminary summary of 2013 Non-treaty upriver Chinook catches (Pre-Update)				
Fishery	Upriver Mortalities			
	Allocated	Actual	Planned	Total
Mainstem commercial (April 9 fishery)	1,222	0	1,140	1,140
Select Area commercial (actual thru 4/2; planned. thru 6/15)	148	26	122	148
Below Bonneville recreational (actual thru 4/7; planned thru 4/12)	4,934	2,597	1,887	4,484
Bonn to OR/WA border recreational (actual through April 7)	658	0	658	658
Snake River recreational	351	0	351	351
Wanapum Tribal	12	0	12	12
Total	7,325	2,623	4,170	6,793

Does not include minimal impacts for planned non-target fisheries (shad commercial and LCR mainstem recreational steelhead).

Future Meetings

- Staff is not proposing any hearings at this time. Staff will review fishery results early next week and provide another update Tuesday afternoon.