

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER/SPRING FISHERY UPDATE #3
April 23, 2013**

Stock Status

- Passage of Chinook at Bonneville Dam through April 22 totals 4,410 adults.
- The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met April 22 to review the status of the upriver spring Chinook run. TAC determined it was too early to update the upriver run and will meet again Monday April 29.

Non-Treaty Fishery Update

- A 9-hour mainstem commercial salmon fishing period (9 adult Chinook/vessel landing limit) occurred on April 9. Landings included 982 adult Chinook and 6 white sturgeon from 128 deliveries. Of the kept Chinook, 67% were of upriver origin. Total upriver mortalities (kept plus release) is estimated at 690 fish, or 56% of the 1,222 fish available prior to a run update.
- Winter season Select Area fisheries concluded April 2 and spring season fisheries began April 18. Combined landings through April 19 total 1,162 Chinook and 18 white sturgeon. Harvest of upriver spring Chinook is estimated at 29 fish (2.5% of the catch).
- The recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam was open through April 12. The estimated catch for the season is 5,123 kept adult fish (1,203 released) from 75,736 angler trips. Of the kept Chinook, 67% were of upriver origin. Season total kept and release mortalities of upriver fish are estimated at 3,539 fish, or 72% 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. Through April 21, kept and release mortalities of upriver fish are estimated at 65 fish, or 10% of the 658 available prior to a run update.
- Snake River recreational fisheries (Washington waters) typically do not open until late April. The pre-season allocation for Snake River and Upper Columbia River fisheries is 363 Chinook.
- The total upriver catch (kept and release mortalities) in all non-treaty fisheries to date is 4,323 fish. A final upriver run size of 61,900 (44% of forecast) is required to remain within catch balance limitations for actual fisheries through April 21.

Preliminary summary of 2013 Non-treaty upriver Chinook catches (Pre-Update)				
Fishery	Upriver Mortalities			
	Allocated	Actual	Available/ Planned	Total
Mainstem commercial (actual for April 9 fishery)	1,222	690	532	1,222
Select Area commercial (actual thru 4/19; planned thru 6/15)	148	29	119	148
Below Bonneville recreational (actual thru 4/12)	4,934	3,539	1,395	4,934
Bonn to OR/WA border recreational (actual thru April 21)	658	65	593	658
Snake River recreational	351	0	351	351
Wanapum Tribal	12	0	12	12
Total	7,325	4,323	3,002	7,325

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

Future Meetings

- No hearings are currently scheduled. Staff will continue to monitor the status of the upriver spring Chinook run as it progresses and request hearings as warranted.