

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 5b
Columbia River Compact
July 10, 2013

Fisheries under consideration: Non- Indian commercial

Stock status and management guidelines for 2013 summer season fisheries were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 11, 2013).

Stock Status

- Through July 9, fish counts at Bonneville Dam include 46,392 adult summer Chinook and 161,130 sockeye.
- The *U.S. v Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met July 8 to review salmon returns. TAC updated the in-season run size forecasts to 64,000 upper Columbia summer Chinook and 165,000 sockeye to the Columbia River. Both of these estimates are less than pre-season, but improved over the estimates TAC provided last week.
- Based on updated in-season run size estimates and ESA limits and management agreements, a total of 13,432 adult summer Chinook and 1,650 sockeye (downstream of Hwy 395) are available for non- Indian Columbia River fisheries.

Non-Indian Fisheries

- The summer recreational fishery from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam closed to adult hatchery Chinook and sockeye retention effective June 30, but remains open to hatchery steelhead retention. Through June 30, harvest estimates (kept plus release mortalities) include 2,084 Chinook and 538 sockeye.
- The recreational fishery in the area from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam is open June 16-July 31 with a two adult fish daily bag limit. Hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead and sockeye retention is allowed. Through July 7, harvest estimates (kept plus release mortalities) include 50 Chinook and 10 sockeye. Season total catch estimates can be as high as 400 Chinook and 200 sockeye.
- The commercial fishery was open for one 8-hour period on June 16-17. Harvest estimates include 1,713 Chinook, 148 sockeye and 303 sturgeon.

2013 Non-Indian Summer Chinook Catch Summary				
Fishery	Guideline*	Total Mortalities	% of Allocated	# fish remain
Commercial: Mainstem	1,892	1,713	91%	179
Recreational: Below Bonneville	1,889	2,084	110%	-195
Recreational: Bonn to PRD (<i>actual and proj.</i>)	423	150-400	35%-95%	23-273
Recreational: Above PRD	4,287			

**Guideline based on Col R mouth return of 64,000 upper Columbia adult summer Chinook*

- At this time, no summer Chinook remain available for recreational fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam. Non-Indian commercial fisheries have a balance of 179 Chinook available for harvest.
- Staff will continue to monitor the ongoing recreational fisheries to determine if some Chinook may become available to the lower river for harvest prior to the fall season opener on August 1.

<i>2013 Non-Indian Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery - Recommendation</i>		
Season	9 PM Monday July 15 to 5 AM Tuesday July 16, 2013	(8 hours)
Area	Zones 1-5	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy Rivers.	
Gear:	Drift gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, sockeye, and shad. Sturgeon may not be possessed or sold. The Youngs Bay Select Area remains open under a 2 white sturgeon weekly retention limit.	
Additional:	A 24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers.	

- Harvest estimates include 175 Chinook and less than 35 sockeye from 30 deliveries.
- Protocol for white sturgeon harvest in commercial fisheries is developed annually with input from the Columbia River Commercial Advisory Group (CRCAG). The protocol includes sub-allocation of harvest by fishery.
- The white sturgeon sub-allocation for the winter/spring/summer fisheries (580 fish) has been met. A total of 1,035 sturgeon remain available for 2013 fall season mainstem commercial fisheries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 25 in Cathlamet, Washington.