

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 4
Columbia River Joint State Hearing
August 20, 2013**

Fisheries under consideration:	Buoy 10 recreational salmon
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Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Fall Factsheet #1, dated July 25, 2013

- The Buoy 10 fishery opened August 1 with a daily bag limit of two fish/one Chinook. The fishery is currently open with Chinook retention scheduled through Sunday, September 1. Chinook retention is scheduled to re-open October 1 through December 31. Preseason catch expectations were 20,000 Chinook and 8,000 hatchery coho for the entire season.
- Chinook catch rates have been good; averaging 0.36 Chinook per angler during the first full week of the fishery and have increased to an average of 0.51 this past week (August 12-18). Coho catch rates have been low but began to improve recently.
- The estimated catch (including release mortalities) through August 19 includes 13,300 Chinook and 2,000 hatchery coho from 28,300 angler trips.
- Catch projections for Chinook average around 1,800 fish per day, and build as the week progresses. Staff estimates the Chinook guideline for the Buoy 10 fishery will be reached on Friday August 23.

<i>2013 Buoy 10 Recreational Fishery -Recommendation</i>	
Option 1	Continue fishery under existing regulations until Chinook allocation is reached: Effective Saturday August 24 through Monday September 30: retention of Chinook is prohibited.
Option 2	Implement mark-selective regulations to extend the opportunity for Chinook retention. Effective Friday August 23 through Tuesday August 27: only Chinook with a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the location of the fin or a completely removed left ventral fin and a healed scar at the location of the fin may be retained. Effective Wednesday August 28 through Monday September 30: release all Chinook.
Catch Limit:	Chinook minimum size 24-inches. Coho minimum size 16-inches. Daily limit 2 hatchery salmon or 2 hatchery steelhead or 1 of each. Only 1 hatchery Chinook may be retained. Release all wild salmon and steelhead.
Additional	Adjacent ocean fishery may have unclipped Chinook onboard while in transit through the Buoy 10 area.
Area	From a true north and south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a projected line from Rocky Point of the Washington Shore through Red Buoy # 44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon bank.

- Neither option gets the fishery through the schedule closure date of September 1.

- Option 1 estimates catch at 20,100 Chinook through Friday August 23. This option maximizes the allowable catch and impacts allocated for the Buoy 10 fishery.
- Option 2 proposes a 5-day mark-selective Chinook regulation to carry the fishery through the upcoming week-end. Catch expectations for this fishery includes 1,000 Chinook per day (catch plus release mortalities).

Future Meetings

- The Joint Staff is recommending a Compact hearing for 1:00 p.m. Thursday August 22 to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- The Compact has reserved Thursday September 5 to review treaty Indian fisheries.