

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER/SPRING FISHERY UPDATE #1
April 8, 2014**

Stock Status

- Passage of Chinook at Bonneville Dam through April 7 totals 1,475 adults.
- The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will begin meeting April 21 to review status of the upriver spring Chinook run on a weekly basis.

Non-Indian Fishery Update

- An 8-hour mainstem commercial salmon fishing period occurred on April 1. Landings totaled 1,746 Chinook from 145 deliveries. Kept plus release mortalities of upriver Chinook total 1,511 Chinook, which represents 87% of the 1,735 allowed pre-update. Commercial fisheries are on hold until a run-size update is available in early/mid May.
- Winter season Select Area fisheries concluded April 1. Combined landings total 476 Chinook. Harvest of upriver spring Chinook is estimated at 61 fish, which represents 26% of the 238 allowed pre-update.
- The recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam was extended beyond the scheduled closure date of April 8 and is currently scheduled remain open through April 14. The estimated catch through Sunday April 6 is 2,821 kept adult fish from 42,330 angler trips. Catch expectations for April 7-14 (closed Tuesday April 8) is 8,400 kept adults from 45,500 angler trips. Combined kept and release mortalities of upriver fish through April 14 is projected to be 9,230 fish, or 91% of the 10,157 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 10. 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 sport fisheries is 950 Chinook (including release mortalities).
- The expected total upriver catch (kept and release mortalities) in all non-treaty fisheries through April 14 is 10,800 fish. A final upriver run of 149,000 (66% of forecast) is required to remain within catch balance limitations for actual/ongoing fisheries through April 14.

2014 Preliminary summary of Non-Indian upriver Chinook catches (Pre-Update)				
Fishery	Upriver Mortalities			
	Allocated	Actual	Planned	Total
Mainstem commercial (April 1 fishery)	1,735	1,511		1,511
Select Area commercial (actual thru 4/1; planned. thru 6/15)	238	61	177	238
Below Bonneville recreational (actual thru 4/6; planned thru 4/14)	10,157	2,127	7,100	9,227
Bonn to OR/WA border recreational (actual through April 6)	1,354	0	1,354	1,354
Snake River recreational	950	0	950	950
Wanapum Tribal	26	0	26	26
Total	14,460	3,699	9,607	13,306

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 track the ongoing LCR sport fishery and request a hearing early next week if warranted.