

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FISHERIES UPDATE #1**  
**October 1, 2014**

Fisheries under review:	Non-Indian fisheries update
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Fall Factsheet #1, dated July 29, 2014*

***Non-Indian Commercial Fishery***

- The Early Fall season consisted of 13 fishing periods during August 3 – September 2 in Zones 4-5. Catch included 47,700 Chinook, and 1,000 coho.
- The Late Fall commercial season has included four commercial periods between September 14 and 29 in Zones 4-5. Catch included 42,100 Chinook and 5,000 coho. Seven additional periods are scheduled through October 15 in Zones 4-5.
- The research seine fishery is complete. Landed catch includes about 2,400 hatchery adult Chinook and 1,000 hatchery adult coho.
- The Select Area commercial fisheries are ongoing and generally are scheduled to continue through October. Catch of both Chinook and coho have exceeded expectations. Chinook and coho broodstock escapement goals have been met for most hatcheries in the areas. Combined catch includes 24,300 Chinook and 143,300 coho through September 27.
- A coho tangle net fishery consisting of five fishing periods in Zones 1-3 between October 1 and 8 has been adopted. Additional target coho periods (tangle net and 6-inch mesh) are expected to occur. The pre-season catch expectation for all mainstem commercial fisheries included 70,000 hatchery coho.

***Recreational Fisheries***

- Catch estimates for the Buoy 10 fishery include 29,800 Chinook and 58,700 coho (including release mortalities) from 100,600 angler trips through September 28. Chinook retention re-opened on October 1.
- Catch estimates for the lower Columbia River (LCR) recreational fishery include 25,000 Chinook and 5,900 coho (including release mortalities) from 129,000 angler trips through September 28. Chinook retention re-opened October 1 in the area from Tongue Point upstream to Warrior Rock.
- Chinook catches for both fisheries have been less than preseason expectations (88,500); however, the catch of LRH tulle stock exceeded expectations for the Buoy 10 fishery.
- Coho catches to-date (64,600) have exceeded expectations (60,300) for both fisheries.
- The recreational fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 opened August 1 and is scheduled to remain open through December 31. The season total catch expectation for this fishery is 9,700 Chinook.

***Non-Indian Fisheries ESA Impact Estimates***

- Considering all the data in hand, non-Indian fisheries (including completed, on-going, proposed, and planned fisheries) are expected to remain within the ESA constraints for both salmon and steelhead.

- Impacts to lower Columbia natural (LCN) Chinook are currently projected at 41.0% compared to the 41.0% limitation.
- Impacts to wild Group B steelhead are currently projected at 1.69% compared to the 2.00% ESA impact limit.
- URB impacts are projected to be 11.2% compared to the 15.0% ESA impact limit.
- Impacts to Lower Columbia River (LCR) coho are projected to be at the 22.5% allowed exploitation rate for ocean and in-river fisheries.

#### **Future Meetings**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Wednesday, October 8 via teleconference to review salmon stock status and consider treaty and non-Indian fisheries.