

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: WINTER/SPRING FISHERY UPDATE #1
April 20, 2015

- Passage of Chinook at Bonneville Dam through April 19 totals 41,223 adults. Passage is typically 50% complete by May 7.
- The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met today to review status of the upriver spring Chinook run. TAC determined that it is still too early to provide a run size update. TAC will continue to monitor the run as it progresses and will provide updates weekly.
- Two mainstem commercial salmon fishing periods have occurred to date (17 hours total). Landings totaled 1,737 Chinook. Kept plus release mortalities of upriver Chinook totaled 1,361 Chinook, which represents 77% of the 1,760 allowed pre-update. Commercial fisheries are on hold until a run-size update is available.
- Winter season Select Area fisheries concluded March 31. Combined landings totaled 885 Chinook and included 244 upriver spring Chinook (100% of the pre-update allocation). Spring season began April 16 in Deep River and is scheduled to begin April 21 in the other sites. A Compact hearing will be held today to consider modifications to the spring season structure.
- The recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam was open through April 11 and for an additional day on April 16. Through April 11 the estimated catch was 11,213 kept adult fish from 90,474 angler trips. The catch estimate for April 16 is not yet available; however, preliminary information indicates about 2,000 adult Chinook were kept. If so, kept and release mortality of upriver fish is very close to the pre-run-update allocation (10,318). Given this, no additional opportunity is 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 be open through May 6. Typical for this fishery the season is off to a slow start. Catch estimates through April 12 totaled 25 adult Chinook from 800 angler trips (1,376 upriver mortalities available pre-update). Staff will continue to monitor this fishery as it progresses.
- Snake River recreational fisheries (Washington waters) are scheduled to open beginning April 19. The pre-season allocation for this sport fishery is 1,083 Chinook (including release mortalities).
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. April 20 to discuss fisheries in the Select Areas.