

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND  
WILDLIFE  
JOINT STAFF REPORT: FALL FACT SHEET #6  
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing  
August 28, 2015**

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| Fisheries under consideration: | Non-Indian commercial |
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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, 2015.*

***Non-Indian Commercial Fisheries – Fall Season***

- Harvest through August 26 includes 17,991 Chinook and 75 Coho. Based on Coded wire tag data and harvest through August 26, an estimated 21,500 Chinook remained available for harvest during August 27-31.
- Landings from last night’s fishery (August 27) are very preliminary and range from 9,000-12,000 fish. This is much higher than the 7,500 fish modeled. Fish per delivery are reported to range from 50-175 Chinook from last night’s fishery.
- A fishing period is scheduled for Sunday evening, August 30. At the time the fishery was set, projected catch was 14,000 Chinook (range 10,000 – 18,000). Any catch that exceeded the August allocation would be taken from the September/October allocation of 19,100 fish.
- Given the catch for last night was higher than expected, along with changing weather patterns, the catch for this Sunday night could be much greater than projected (ranging from 14, 000- 20,000+ Chinook).
- Preseason and inseason discussions have included shifting some September fish to August, but the general understanding was that no more than half of September/October should be shifted to August in order to provide reasonable opportunity in September/October.
- The increased catch on Thursday evening and the increased catch projection for Sunday evening increases the risk of providing reasonable opportunity in the September/October Chinook fisheries. In an effort to minimize that risk staff is proposing a modification to fishing period scheduled for Sunday evening

***Recommendations:***

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| <b><i>Recommendation: 2015 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i></b>  |
| Delay the start of fishing period scheduled for August 30-31 until <b>2:00 a.m.</b> Monday August 31. The fishery will continue until 6:00 a.m. August 31 as scheduled. All other regulations previously adopted remain in place. |

- Reducing the open hours from nine hours (9p-6a) to four hours (2a-6a) will provide opportunity to access the balance of the fish available for August, but minimize the risk of greatly effecting future commercial fisheries planned for September /October.