

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT #5
Buoy 10 Recreational Fishery Update
August 19, 2008

Management guidelines, allocations, and run forecasts for the 2008 fall season were presented in the Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 22, 2008)

- The recreational Buoy 10 salmon fishery opened August 1 under permanent rule with retention of adipose fin-clipped coho and steelhead allowed through December 31.
- Chinook retention (1 fish/day) was scheduled for August 1-September 1, with a 6,500 Chinook catch guideline.
- Chinook catch rates increased substantially beginning August 9 with angler effort building shortly thereafter.

2008 Buoy 10 Recreational Salmon Fishery-Catch to Date							
Week	Date	Angler Trips	Chinook	Coho	Catch Per Angler trip		
					Chinook	Coho	Combined
31	Jul. 28-Aug. 3	484	2	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	Aug. 4-Aug. 10	1,027	135	0	0.13	0.00	0.13
33	Aug. 11-Aug. 17	6,312	2,791	353	0.44	0.06	0.50
Total		7,824	2,928	353	0.37	0.05	0.42

- Approximately 65% of the Chinook catch occurred over the weekend (August 16-17). The total Chinook catch through August 17 represents 45% of the guideline.

- The average catch rate of 0.43 Chinook kept/angler during August 11-17 is similar to the high catch rates observed in the late 1980's.

2008 Buoy 10 Daily Chinook Catch Rates for Week 33						
Week	Day	Date	Trips	Chinook	Coho	Chinook
						CPUE
33	Monday	11-Aug	113	15	0	0.13
	Tuesday	12-Aug	284	76	9	0.27
	Wednesday	13-Aug	313	90	2	0.29
	Thursday	14-Aug	578	242	32	0.42
	Friday	15-Aug	853	486	33	0.57
	Saturday	16-Aug	2,043	1,057	177	0.52
	Sunday	17-Aug	2,129	824	101	0.39
Week 33	Total	6,312	2,791	353	0.44	

- Effort and Chinook catch rates (0.38)

declined on Monday August 18, and may decrease further on Tuesday and Wednesday (August 19-20) due to the predicted arrival of a strong summer weather system.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Columbia River Compact is scheduled for 2:00 PM Thursday August 21 via teleconference to discuss non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- Immediately following the Compact (approximately 3:00 PM), a Joint State hearing will occur and staff will provide an update of the Buoy 10 recreational fishery and recommend action (if necessary).