Columbia River Commercial Advisor Group Meeting

January 14, 2025 10:00a-12:00p Hybrid – Rainier City Hall

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10:00a - 12:00p January 14, 2025

Agenda	
 Welcome and Introductions Ground rules Introduction Roles and expectations Agenda review 	(15 minutes)
 Update on white sturgeon 2024 Lower Columbia population status and trends 2025 Lower Columbia fishery discussion 	(30 minutes)
 Update on Eulachon (smelt) Populations trend 2025 outlook 	(20 minutes)
 Summary of 2024 Salmon Fisheries ECF review 	(20 minutes)
 Ocean Conditions & 2025 Forecasts Spring tangle net 	(20 minutes)
Additional Discussion (as time permits or reserved for future meetings)	(15 minutes)
 Future Meetings Compact Hearing (smelt), January 16, 2:30p Select Area Commercial Fishing Public meeting, Astoria, OR, January 22 Compact Hearing (Select Area commercial), February 10, 11a WA Fish and Wildlife Commission (Columbia River blue sheet topics and C-3630 annual report), Olympia, WA, February 13-15 Joint State Hearing (spring Chinook sport), Clackamas ODFW, February 19, 10a CRCAG meeting (NOF prep, other info), TBD Pacific Fishery Management Council, March 5-11, Vancouver, WA Columbia River North of Falcon public meeting, Ridgefield WDFW, April 3 (tentative), 10a Pacific Fishery Management Council, San Jose, CA, April 9-15 Alternative Gear Work Group, May 9, 10a 	

Ground rules

- Focus on the task at hand *stick to the agenda*
- Be a conduit and collaborator *share information*
- One person at a time to speak speak your name to be added to the speaking list
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Columbia River Recreational Advisory Group (2024–2026)

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Tim Heuker	Cascade Locks	OR
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2025 Joint State Staff (OR-WA) roles

ODFW

Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program (OSCRP)

- Ocean and Columbia River cross-regional fisheries management
- FCRPS hydro-system

Tucker Jones (971-673-6067), Clackamas

- Ocean Salmon and Columbia River Program Manager
- Supervise OSCRP Program
- Policy level representation in various inter-jurisdictional forums
- OR's designated decision maker for Compact/Joint State hearings

Columbia River Management

Jeff Whisler (971-673-6024), Clackamas

- Columbia River Fisheries Manager
 - Design, recommend, and coordinate implementation of Columbia River commercial and recreational fisheries
- Supervise ODFW Columbia River Management program/staff
- Lead staff for Compact/Joint State hearings
- U.S. v. OR Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) representative

Hannah Moore (971-673-6029), Clackamas

- Primary technical analyst
- Technical staff for Compact/Joint State hearings
- TAC representative

Rob Reagan (971-673-6017), Clackamas

- Columbia and Willamette River Fisheries Project Leader
 - Responsible for coordinating monitoring of fisheries in lower Columbia/Willamette rivers, including catch/effort estimates
- Primary contact for Willamette Falls fishway/counts

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- Select Area and Estuary Fisheries Project Leader
 - Responsible for coordinating monitoring of Columbia River estuary fisheries, including catch/effort estimates
 - o Responsible for implementing and evaluating Select Area fisheries
- Primary contact for Select Area commercial fisheries

WDFW

Kelly Cunningham (360-790-0778), Olympia

- Fish Program Director
 - o Fish Program lead, supervise Charlene

Columbia River Division (CRD)

- Columbia River cross-regional fisheries management, including pikeminnow sport-reward
- Sturgeon, smelt, lamprey research/stock assessment
- Columbia River System Hydro-Operations (CRSO)
- Northwest Power and Conservation Council Engagement for WA

Charlene Hurst (360-605-5247), Ridgefield

- Columbia River Division Manager
 - o Columbia River Policy lead for fish; supervise Ryan, Laura, Mark, Eric Winther (northern pikeminnow), and Charlie Morrill (hydro)
- WA's designated decision maker for Compact/Joint State hearings
- Policy level representation in various inter-jurisdictional forums, including *U.S. v OR* and the Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement (RCBA)

Ryan Lothrop (360-701-3602), Olympia

- Columbia River Fisheries Manager
 - Design, recommend, and coordinate implementation of Columbia River commercial and recreational fisheries
 - o Supervise Quinten, Beth, and Shannon
- Fishery coordinator with eastside regions, ODFW, and tribes
- TAC representative and lead WA staff for Compact/Joint State hearings
- Point person for CRD in PFMC and PSC forums

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- Columbia River Fishery Policy Analyst
 - o Technical and statistical analysist for CRD fisheries
- TAC representative (WA lead)
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- Technical staff for Compact/Joint State hearings and TAC representative

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- Columbia River Fishery Sampling Coordinator
 - Coordinates fishery sampling and test fisheries, supervise Nathan White (field biologist) and Bryant Spellman (Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission lead staff)

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- Sturgeon, Smelt, Lamprey Lead
 - o Supervises sturgeon, smelt, and lamprey research/monitoring programs
- Lead on white sturgeon, green sturgeon, and eulachon conservation and management
- Provides support for Compact/Joint State hearings

Matt Sturza (360-355-5643), Ridgefield

- Sturgeon, Smelt Biologist
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- Technical staff for Compact/Joint State hearings
- Supervises sturgeon/smelt sampling staff

Mark Sorel (607-351-7352), Ridgefield

- Columbia River Research Scientist
 - o Provides analytical/statistical support
- TAC representative

Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon

Abundance and CPUE Trends

Table 1. Estimated and projected abundance of 38–54 inch FL (96–137 cm) white sturgeon in the LCR from 2010-2025 based on mark-recapture surveys. Historic method is the number of fish present at the start of May, while the setline method is the number of fish present at the start of the year.

	Historic method		Setline method							
Year	estimate	Estima	ate (95% C.I.)	Projection 1	guideline					
2010	65,300	100,300			24,000					
2011	72,800	80,600		77,000	17,000					
2012	83,400	72,700		65,000	10,400					
2013		113,900		74,300	10,105					
2014		131,000	(75,500 - 186,500)	131,700						
2015		143,900	(85,700 - 202,100)	138,200						
2016		224,000	(118,300 - 329,600)	147,100						
2017		199,800	(69,900 - 329,700)	237,900	6,235					
2018		162,200	(93,400 - 231,000)	198,300	6,160					
2019		168,200	(100,100-236,300)	164,100	6,160					
2020 ²		199,500	(40,100-358,800)	148,800	5,720					
2021		110,100	(65,700-154,500)	201,400	6,160					
2022		78,400	(40,400-116,400)	101,600	4,000					
2023		65,600	(40,200-90,900)	74,500						
2024		103,800	(55,000-152,600)	62,900						
2025				102,900						

¹ Projected abundance is based on the previous year's setline estimate. Projections do not include harvest.

² Due to sampling issue related to COVID-19 pandemic, the sample size was lower than standards and therefore the estimate of 199,500 during 2020 has considerable uncertainty.

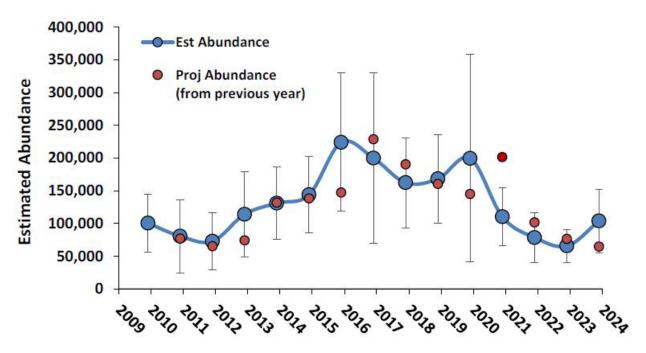


Figure 1. Estimated and projected abundance for 96–137 cm FL White Sturgeon from the LCR, 2009 – 2024. Error bars represent 95% CIs for the estimated abundance.

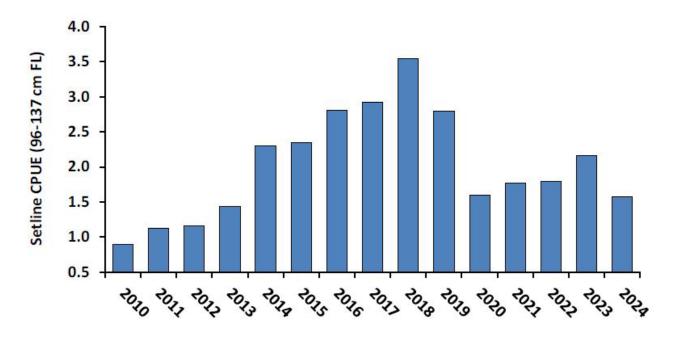


Figure 2. CPUE of 96 – 137 cm FL White Sturgeon caught with setlines in the LCR, 2010 – 2024.

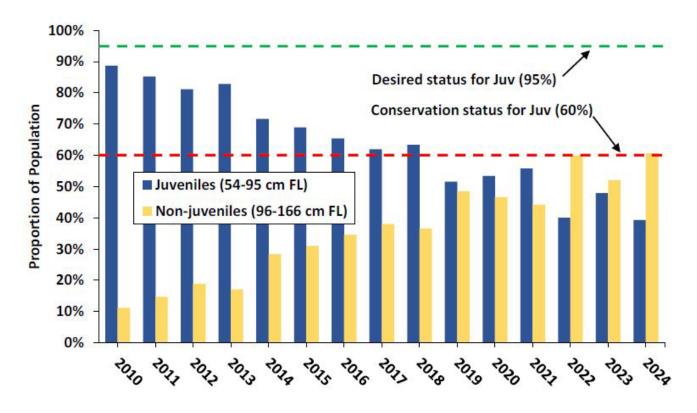


Figure 3. Lower Columbia River White Sturgeon population composition, 2010 – 2024.

Adult Abundance and CPUE Trends

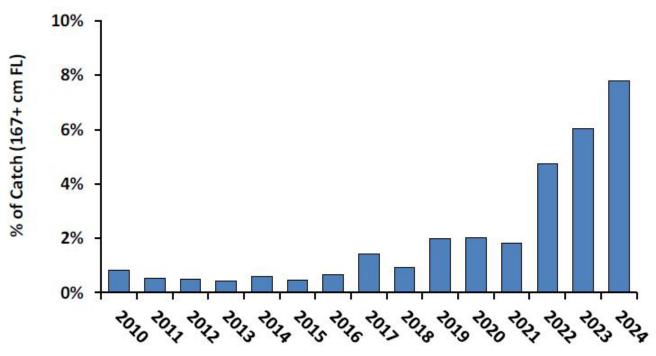


Figure 4. Percent of LCR setline catch comprised of White Sturgeon \geq 167 cm FL, 2010 – 2024.

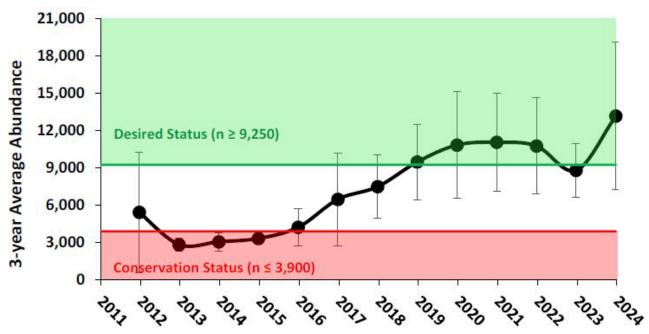


Figure 5. Three-year running average estimated abundance for White Sturgeon \geq 167 cm FL from the LCR, 2012 – 2024. Less than three years of data were available prior to 2012, therefore no averages were calculated. Error bars represent one standard deviation.

Length Frequency Trend

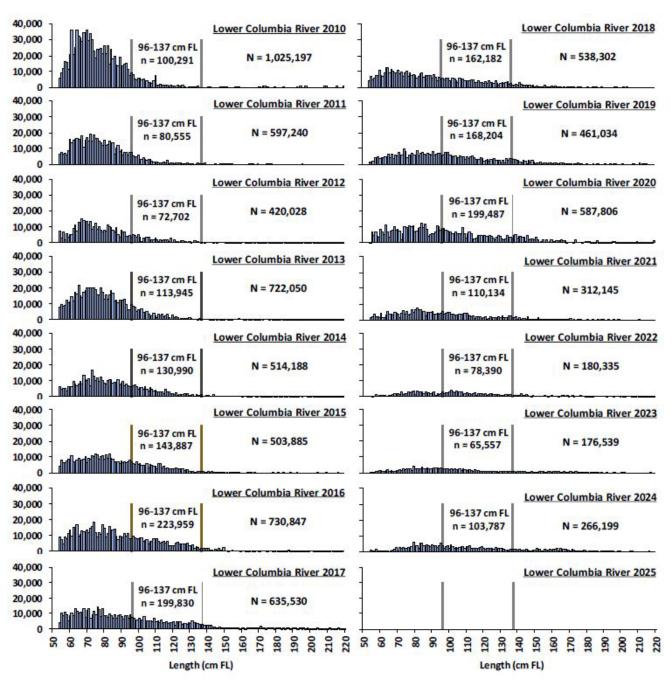


Figure 6. Estimated abundance by 1-cm length increments of White Sturgeon \geq 54 cm FL from the LCR, 2010 - 2024.

Legal-size Abundance Forecasts

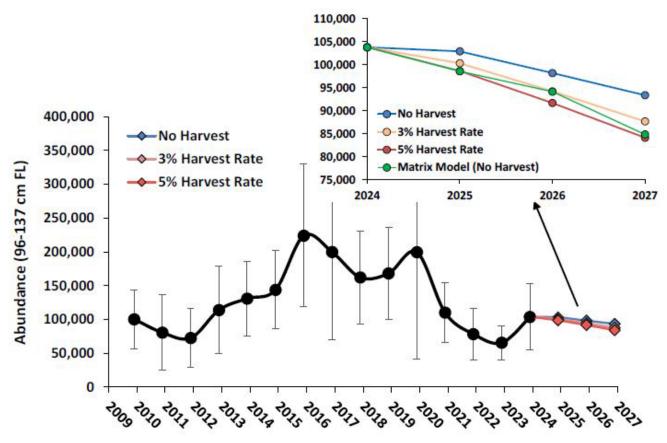


Figure 7. Projected abundance (from 2025-2027) of White Sturgeon 96 - 137 cm FL in the LCR under theoretical harvest rates.

Sub-yearling (Age-0) Production

Table 2. Annual recruitment index (E_p) and catch-per-net (CPN) for age-0 White Sturgeon from the Willamette River (Will R) and the lower Columbia River (LCR), 2004 - 2024.

Year	Will R E_p	Will R CPN	$LCR E_p$	LCR CPN
2004			0.44	1.29
2005			0.49	1.74
2006			0.52	1.88
2007^{1}				
2008			0.45	1.23
2009			0.78	5.66
2010	0.24	0.43	0.18	0.19
2011	0.06	0.06	0.34	0.58
2012	0.22	0.25	0.35	0.77
2013^{2}			0.12	0.21
2014	0.38	1.38	0.31	0.56
2015	0.26	0.58	0.05	0.06
2016	0.50	0.75	0.14	0.20
2017	0.50	1.75	0.58	1.64
2018	0.83	3.96	0.27	0.43
2019	0.58	1.13	0.19	0.30
2020^{1}				
2021	0.17	0.17	0.02	0.02
2022	0.29	0.42	0.18	0.20
2023	0.42	0.88	0.07	0.09
2024	0.08	0.08	0.02	0.02

¹ No age-0 sampling in either the lower Columbia or Willamette rivers.

2025 LCR Fisheries

While data supports the conclusion that the population could support limited harvest, it has become difficult to prosecute retention fisheries with meaningful harvest opportunity within the legal-size abundance due to the continued prolonged recruitment shortfall. Therefore, there was no retention of white sturgeon for either commercial or recreational fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam in 2023 and 2024, and fisheries are not recommended for 2025.

² No age-0 sampling in the Willamette River.

Columbia River Eulachon Smelt

Stock Status

- In the last decade, the adult run size has ranged from a low of 370,000 pounds in 2018 to a high of 18,300,000 pounds in 2022 (Figure 1).
- In 2024, spawning stock biomass (SSB) surveys were conducted with sampling occurring over 17 weeks from January through the first week of June. The spawning-stock biomass (SSB) for 2024 is estimated at 10,300,000 pounds, and a decline from the estimate for 2023. After accounting for 2024 fisheries, the run size is estimated at 10,400,000 pounds.

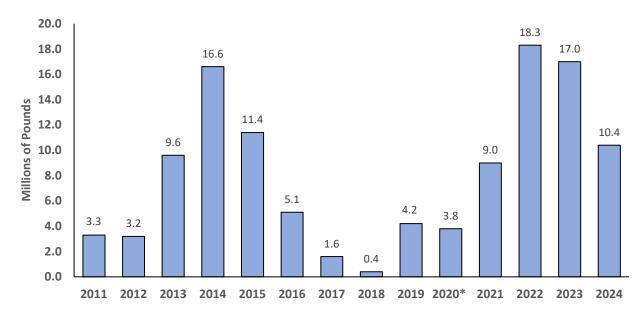


Figure 1. Columbia River Eulachon abundance, in millions of pounds, by year. *2020 run size estimate is considered incomplete due to a truncated SSB sampling season.

Abundance indicators for 2024

- During 2024, Age-4 smelt from the 2020 cohort comprised 56 percent of the run, the first time this age class has been in the majority since 2016. Typically, Age-3 smelt make up the highest proportion of a run, indicating that the 2021 and 2022 cohorts may have experienced lower than normal survival.
- In-river environmental conditions during outmigration for the 2020 (Age-5), and 2022 (Age-3) cohorts appear neutral for early life-stage survival. Columbia River flow was near normal suggesting average downstream transport timing, but warmer than normal potentially leading to quicker development of larvae.
- Conversely, outmigration conditions in the Columbia River for the 2021 (Age-4) and 2023 (Age-2) cohorts appear negative with warmer water and lower flow.
- Ocean Indices such as PDO, SOI, and ONI improved from 2020 through 2023 to the most productive values in over a decade; however, some of these indices have trended in a direction less beneficial for eulachon over the past year.
- Spring upwelling anomalies were relatively strong between 2020-2022, but have trended weaker since 2023. The overall copepod richness anomaly has remained in the positive range since 2020, although the biomass of nutritionally richer northern species of copepod declined by approximately half between 2023-2024.

Table 1. Summary of factors to forecast the Columbia River Eulachon adult return in 2025.

	_	Cohort Surviva	al Factors	
Brood	Age at			Forecasted
Year	Spawn	Freshwater Phase	Ocean Phase	Contribution
2020	5	0	+	+
2021	4	-	+	+
2022	3	0	+	-
2023	2	-	0	-

2024-2025 Observations

- Smelt were caught by ODFW staff while conducting young-of-year sturgeon surveys during late-November.
- A small number of eggs and larvae have been caught in WDFW's SSB survey on the Columbia River during early-January.
- Increased numbers of pinnipeds and birds have been observed up to the mouth of the Cowlitz River, suggesting the presence of smelt.

Use of the commercial fishery data

- The biological data collected during the commercial fishery allow for investigation of the structure of the annual Eulachon run into the Columbia River including run distribution, run strength, weight distribution, age composition, sex ratio, stage of maturity, and fecundity.
- Fishery assessment provides data to evaluate the utility of SSB calculations and provides context to historical landings data. For example, there appears to be a correlation between the pounds per landing data provided by the mainstem commercial fishery and the data from the larval density survey (Figure 7).

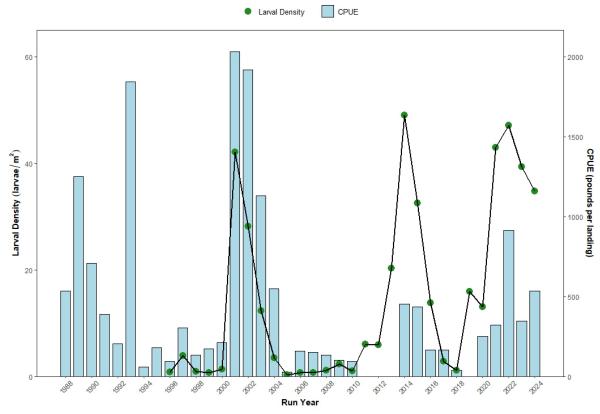


Figure 2. Comparison of adult Eulachon catch per unit effort (CPUE) in terms of total pounds per landing in the mainstem Columbia River commercial gillnet fishery and mean larval densities captured at mainstem Columbia index sites using plankton tow nets, 1988–2024.

Table 2. Columbia River Eulachon run size and harvest estimates, 2011–2024.

	1	Run size		Har	vest (pound	ls)	
	Weeks sampled	(SSB plus harvest in	Comm	nercial			
Year	for SSB	pounds) ¹	Mainstem	Tributary	Sport	Tribal	Combined
2011	19	3,300,000					0
2012	25	3,200,000					0
2013	29	9,600,000				7,470	7,470
2014	22	16,600,000	18,560		203,880	6,970	229,410
2015	33	11,400,000	16,550		290,770	10,400	317,720
2016	25	5,100,000	4,820		141,050	8,560	154,430
2017	18	1,600,000	5,019		541	1,900	7,531
2018	13	400,000	110				110
2019	16	4,205,000				23,660	23,660
2020	10	²	10,255		35,040	23,900	69,195
2021	17	9,000,000	10,997		91,250	55,940	158,187
2022	19	18,300,000	27,398		169,543	27,385	224,326
2023	20	17,000,000	1,726		55,595	10,806	68,127
2024	17	10,400,000	11,768		53,675	16,842	82,285

¹ Rounded to the nearest 100,000 pounds.

² The 2020 SSB estimate is incomplete due to truncated sampling during March

2025 Management Considerations

- **2025 Forecast:** Overall, the 2025 run is expected to be less than the 2024 run and similar to or less than the 10-year average of 8.6 million pounds.
- 2025 Fisheries:
 - o Commercial Harvest:
 - Staff are considering a 2025 fishery season structure as follows:
 - Season: M, W & Th, late January-early March
 - Area: Zones 1-3Gear: Gillnet only

*Commercial fishing season subject to decision at the Compact hearing, scheduled for January 16, 2025.

- o Recreational Fisheries:
 - WDFW plans to announce tentative dates for a recreational Eulachon dip in the Cowlitz River in early February through approximately March 22. These dates would be announced in advance, during the Compact hearing on Jan. 16, 2025, and remain tentative until commercial or test fisheries confirm a run size large enough to support sustainable recreational harvests (around 200 pounds per landing from Harvest Phase 2).
 - The fishery would open on a weekly basis (two days per week: Wednesdays and Saturdays) and close early if the specified harvest rate is met. Managers would have the option to approve only a single day for recreational harvest in the following week, if necessary to remain within the harvest rate.
 - In the absence of adequate commercial landings data, WDFW may draw data from the test fishery and use discretion to set recreational fisheries.
 - With respect to recreational fisheries in the Sandy River, ODFW will make the determination if a fishery is to occur based on in-season information.

Summary of 2024 Salmon Fisheries (all data considered preliminary)

Lower Columbia River Recreational Fisheries Summary

				Adult	Adult	Jack	Jack	Sthd	Sthd	Sockeye	Sockeye	Adult	Adult	Jack	Jack	Days for
Time Period	Area	Species Allowed	Salmonid Anglers	Chin. Kept	Chin. Rel'd	Chin. Kept	Chin. Rel.	Kept ³	Rel'd	Kept⁴	Rel'd	Coho Kept	Coho Rel'd	Coho Kept	Coho Rel.	Chinook
Feb	Buoy 10 to I-5	ChS. StW	2.652	0	0	0	0	142	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
March	LCR	ChS, StW	17,006	691	102	4	10	146	197	0	0	ő	0	Ö	Ö	31
April	LCR	ChS, StW	22,311	2,997	234	43	4	110	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
May 16-31	Buoy 10 to I-5	StS, ChS Jx	13,318	666	260	226	45	821	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
June 1-15	TP-BO	Shad only	18,689	1,351	504	316	20	1,543	249	0	224	0	0	0	0	15
Totals ¹	(January 1-Jur	ne 15)	73,976	5,705	1,100	589	79	2,762	634	0	224	0	0	0	0	
June 16-30	Astoria Br-BO	ChR, StS, Sok	19,292	798	379	114	19	1,658	404	4,143	135	0	0	0	0	4
July 1-31	Astoria Br-BO	StS, ChR Jx	15,704	0	291	66	9	2,299	2,456	0	265	0	0	0	0	0
Totals ²	(June 16-July	31)	34,996	798	670	180	28	3,957	2,860	4,143	400	0	0	0	0	
Spring/Summer Totals	;		108,972	6,503	1,770	769	107	6,719	3,494	4,143	624	0	0	0	0	
Aug	WPIBO	ChF, Co	43,487	9,287	672	746	380	0	1,056	0	13	803	347	25	36	31
Sep	WPIBO	ChF, Co	62,280	19,817	3,182	3,206	639	0	130	0	0	3,964	697	295	139	30
Oct	WPIBO	ChF, Co	12,087	2,746	522	528	159	0	29	0	0	1,368	462	104	27	31
Totals ⁵	(August 1-Octo	ober 31)	117,854	31,850	4,376	4,480	1,178	0	1,215	0	13	6,135	1,506	424	202	
LCR Spring Summer a	and Fall		226,826	38,353	6,146	5,249	1,285	6,719	4,709	4,143	637	6,135	1,506	424	202	
OR Buoy 10	B10-TP	ChF, Co	63,271	14,270	13,213	0	0	0	137	0	0	22,840	14,180	0	0	83
WN Buoy 10	B10-TP	ChF, Co	35,829	3,831	4,709	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,348	8,536	0	0	83
•	TP-WPI	ChF, Co	3,224	552	323	69	0	0	8	0	0	332	105	0	0	83
Buoy 10 Total ⁶	(August 1- Oct	ober 31)	102,324	18,653	18,245	69	0	0	145	0	0	35,520	22,821	0	0	
B10 and Mainstem Fal	l Totals		220,178	50,503	22,621	4,549	1,178	0	1,360	0	13	41,655	24,327	424	202	
LCR and B10 Grand To	otals		329,150	57,006	24,391	5,318	1,285	6,719	4,854	4,143	637	41,655	24,327	424	202	272

¹Spring Chinook was open Jan. 1- Feb. 29 between Buoy 10 and the I-5 Bridge; Mar. 1-Apr. 11 from Buoy 10 to Beacon Rock plus the banks between Beacon Rock and Bonneville; May 17-19, May 24-27 and June 1-7 between Tongue Point and Beacon Rock plus the banks between Beacon Rock and Bonneville Dam, and June 8-15 between Tongue Point and Bonneville Dam.

²Retention of adult hatchery summer Chinook was allowed June 16-19 from the Astoria-Megler Bridge to Bonneville Dam.

³The retention of hatchery steelhead was allowed Feb. 1-Apr. 11 between Buoy 10 and Bonneville Dam; May 16-31 from Tongue Point-F5, and June 16-July 31 from the Astoria-Megler Bridge to Bonneville Dam. Steelhead allowed above F5 in conjunction with spring Chinook fishing during May 17-19, 24-27 and June 1-15. One steelhead bag limit effective June 16.

⁴Sockeye retention was open during June 16-27 from the Astoria-Megler Bridge to Bonneville Dam.

⁵Fall Chinook was open as follows: WPI-WR open Aug 1-Sep 4, Sep 5-11 (MSF) and Sep 20-Dec 31, closed when Chinook retention not allowed; WR-BO open Aug 1-Dec 31.

⁶Buoy 10 and TP-WPI was open for Chinook and coho during Aug. 1-29 (MSF), Aug. 30-Sep. 3, Sep.4-11 (Coho only), and Sep. 12-Dec 31. 2 fish bag limit but only 1 Chinook through Sep. 3 then 3 fish but only 1 Chinook September 12-October 31.

Zone 6 Recreational Fisheries Summary

2024 Zone 6 (Bonneville Dam - McNary Dam) Spring, Summer, and Fall Salmon Fisheries. Final, post-season estimates from ODFW creel monitoring program.

				A dult	A dult	Jack	Adult	A dult	Jack	Sockeye	Sockeye
Area/Pool	Time Period	Species Allowed	Salmonid Anglers	Chin. Kept				Coho Rel.		Kept	Reľd
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Bonneville			1,425	364	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Dalles	A pr 15 - Jun 15	Chinook, steelhead	2,735	860	95	21	0	0	0	0	0
John Day			841	239	77	6	0	0	0	0	83
Spring Management Period Total (Jan 1 - June 15)		5,001	1,463	217	27	0	0	0	0	83	
Bonneville		Chinaak ataalbaad	1,542	20	21	24	0	0	0	419	126
The Dalles	Jun 16 - Jul 31	Chinook, steelhead,	121	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Day		sockeye	498	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	0
Summer Management P	eriod To1 (June 16-July 31)	2,161	20	22	24	0	0	0	485	126
Bonneville			29,185	8,193	3,373	2,672	4,296	770	355	0	0
The Dalles	Aug 1 - Nov 30	Chinook, steelhead,	12,918	2,888	168	509	870	17	8	0	0
John Day	_	coho	2,404	132	31	105	20	0	0	0	0
Fall Management Period	l Total 3/ (August 1-Decen	mber 31)	44,507	11,213	3,572	3,286	5,186	787	363	0	0
Grand Total			51,669	12,696	3,811	3,337	5,186	787	363	485	209

^{1/} Open Apr 1 - April 29 and June 8 - June 15; 2 fish, 1 Chinook. Bank only from BON upstream to Tower Island powerlines.

Upstream of McNary Dam Recreational Summary

Fishery	Kept Adults	Released Adults	Chinook Season
Spring Chinook: Snake R.	784	77	May 7-10
Spring Chinook: McNary – OR/WA border	0	1	April 1-29, June 8-15
Summer Chinook: HWY 395 – PRD	94	30	June 16 – July 2
Sockeye: Hwy 395 – PRD	7,372	11	
Summer Chinook: Above PRD+tribs	3,320	574	July 1 – August 15
Sockeye: Above PRD	89,905	38	
Fall Chinook: Hanford Reach	10,197	0	August 16 – December 31

^{2/} Open June 16 - July 31. 2 fish/ 1 steelhead. Sockeye closed June 28 - July 31. Chinook closed July 1 - July 31.

^{3/} Open Aug 1 - Dec 31. 2 fish, 1 Chinook. Only hatchery coho may be retained downstream of the Hood River Bridge. BON: steelhead open Nov 1 - Dec 31. TDA & JD: steelhead open Aug 1 - Aug 31, Nov 1 - Dec 31

Fall Recreational Fishery Summary

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Fall Season	Chinook and Coho open
Buoy 10	Aug 1–Sep 3, 2 fish/1 CHF, Sep 12–Dec 31, (Aug 1-29 MSF);
TP/RP-WPI	Sep 4-11, 2 Coho; Sep 12–Oct 31, 3 fish/1 CHF; Nov 1–Dec 31, 2 fish/1 CHF
	STH retention closed Aug-Oct
	Total angler trips 102,300 (~3,200 TP/RP-WPI)
	18,653 Chinook kept – 12th highest since 1982 (18,245 rel)
	35,520 Coho kept (22,821 rel)
	145 STH rel
Fall Season	Chinook and Coho open
LCR Sport	WPI - Warrior R.
WPI - BON	Aug 1–Sep 4 nMSF; Sep 5-11 MSF; Sep 20–Dec 31 nMSF; 2 fish/1 CHF; closed Sep
	12-19 (8d)
	Warrior R BON
	Aug 1–Dec 31 nMSF; 2 fish/1 CHF
	STH retention closed Aug-Oct
	117,900 angler trips Aug–Oct; highest since 2016 (8th highest since 1980)
	31,850 adult Chinook kept; highest since 2014 (3rd highest since 1980), 3rd highest
	CPUE; 4,376 rel (2,389 during MSF)
	6,135 Coho kept (highest on record); 2,506 rel
	0 STH kept (1,215 rel)
Fall Season	Chinook and Coho open
BON – Hwy 395	Aug 1–Dec 31, 2 fish/1 CHF bag;
	STH closed Aug-Oct BON Pool and Sep-Oct TD/JD/MN pools
	44,507 angler trips Aug–Dec 31; 11,213 adult Chinook kept (2nd highest since 2015),
	3,572 rel
	5,186 Coho kept (787 rel); 13 hatchery STH kept (300 rel)
Fall Season	Fall Chinook and Coho open
Hanford Reach	Aug 16–Dec 31; 6 fish/1 adult
	22,200 angler trips
	10,197 adult and 938 jack Chinook kept;
	102 Coho kept

Lower Columbia River Commercial Landings Summary

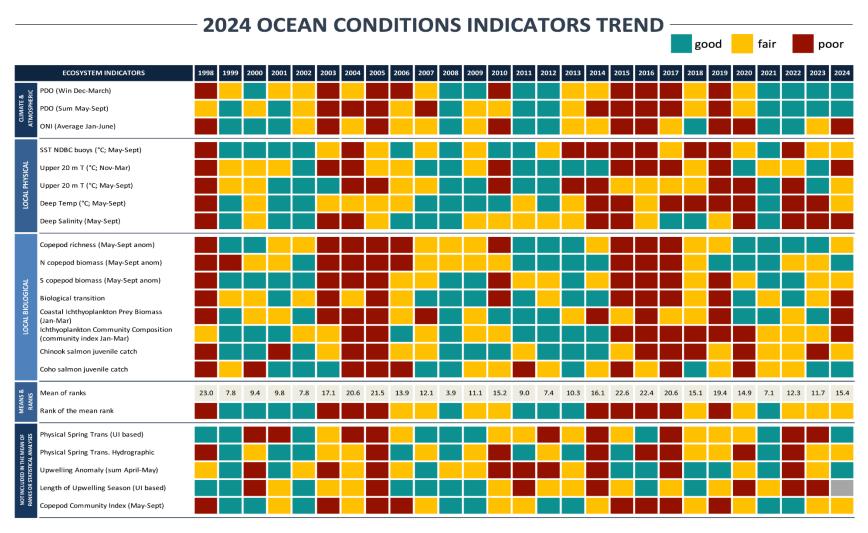
Season	Fishing Period	Week	Hours	Zones	Mesh Size	De1	Chinook	Coho	Sockeye	Pink	Chum	White Sturgeon
Spring	May 20, 7 AM - 7 PM	21	12	1-5	4-1/4" max tangle-net	14	ChS Adults 42	ChS Jacks 9	_	_	Prohibited	Prohibited
		Sprin	g Season I	Totals (and average	mumber of deliveries):	14	42	9	0	0	_	_
Summer	No season.	_		-		_	Chinook —	Coho	_	_	Prohibited	Prohibited
		Summe	r Season I	Totals (and average	number of deliveries):	0	0	0	0	0	_	_
	Aug 7, 9 PM - Aug 8, 6 AM	32	9	4–5	9"-9 3/4"	17	281	1	0	0		
	Aug 12, 9 PM - Aug 13, 6 AM Aug 14, 9 PM - Aug 15, 6 AM	33 33	9	4–5 4–5	9"-9 3/4" 9"-9 3/4"	30 38	690 1,458	4 22	0	0		
August Gill	Aug 18, 9 PM- Aug 19, 6 AM	34	9	4-5	9"-9 3/4"	56	5,495	192	0	0	• •	• •
Net	Aug 20, 9 PM - Aug 21, 6 AM	34 34	9 9	4–5 4–5	9"-9 3/4" 9"-9 3/4"	60 46	4,496 1,478	223 147	0	0		
	Aug 22, 9 PM - Aug 23, 6 AM Aug 25, 9 PM - Aug 26, 6 AM	35	9	4-5 4-5	9"-9 3/4"	63	5,008	522	0	0		•••
	Aug 27, 9 PM- Aug 28, 6 AM	35 35	9 9	4–5 4–5	9"-9 3/4" 9"-9 3/4"	55	5,557	474	0	0		
	Aug 29, 9 PM - Aug 30, 6 AM				_	50	3,539	460	0	0		
		Augu	st Season I	Totals (and average	mumber of deliveries):	46	28,002	2,045	0	0	-	-
	Sep 12, 8 PM - Sep 13, 6 AM Sep 16, 4 AM - 10 PM	37 38	10 18	4–5 1–3	8"-9 3/4" 3-3/4" max tangle-net	43 21	3,537 237	368 749	0	0		
	Sep 17, 8 PM - Sep 18, 6 AM	38	10	4–5	8"-9 3/4"	33	1,698	321	0	0		
	Sep 18, 4 AM- 10 PM	38	18	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	17	201	541	0	0	• •	• •
	Sep 19,4 AM - 10 PM	38 38	18 10	1–3 4–5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	12 20	106 1.189	262 228	0	0		
	Sep 19, 8 PM - Sep 20, 6 AM Sep 20, 4 AM - 6 PM	38	10 14	4–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	14	1,189	228 394	0	0		
	Sep 22, 8 PM- Sep 23, 6 AM	39	10	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	18	1,591	143	0	0	• •	
	Sep 23, 4 AM- 10 PM	39 39	18 18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net 3-3/4" max tangle-net	18 12	230 108	614 251	0	0		
	Sep 24, 4 AM - 10 PM Sep 24, 8 PM - Sep 25, 6 AM	39	10	1-3 4-5	8"-9 3/4"	16	1,239	193	Ö	Ö		
	Sep 25, 4 AM- 10 PM	39	18	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	9	65	280	0	0	• •	
	Sep 26, 4 AM - 10 PM	39 39	18 10	1–3 4–5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	13 17	99 1,164	574 98	0	0		
	Sep 26, 8 PM - Sep 27, 6 AM Sep 27, 4 AM - 6 PM	39	14	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	14	86	409	Ö	Ö		
	Sep 29, 7 PM - Sep 30, 7 AM	40	12	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	18	1,400	151	0	0		•••
	Sep 30, 4 AM- 10 PM	40 40	18 18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	13 9	46 25	495 204	0	0		
	Oct 1, 4 AM- 10 PM Oct 1, 7 PM- Oct 2, 7 AM	40	12	4–5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	12	1,140	97	0	Ö		
	Oct 2, 4 AM- 10 PM	40	18	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	2	2	28	0	0		
	Oct 3, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 3, 7 PM - Oct 4, 7 AM	40 40	18 12	1–3 4–5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	4 10	12 777	52 36	0	0		
	Oct 4, 4 AM- 6 PM	40	14	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	4	0	26	ŏ	ŏ		
	Oct 6, 7 PM - Oct 7, 7 AM	41	12	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	7	429	34	0	0		
	Oct 7, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 8, 4 AM - 10 PM	41 41	18 18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net 3-3/4" max tangle-net	0 3	0 16	0 50	0	0		
Late-Fall	Oct 8, 7 PM - Oct 9, 7 AM	41	12	4–5	8"-9 3/4"	4	430	25	ŏ	ŏ		
	Oct 9, 4 AM- 10 PM	41	18	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	0	0	0	0	0	• •	
Tangle Net	Oct 10, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 10, 7 PM - Oct 11, 7 AM	41 41	18 12	1–3 4–5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	1	4 239	49 0	0	0		
	Oct 11, 4 AM- 6 PM	41	14	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	Ö	0	ő	ő	ŏ		
	Oct 13, 7 PM- Oct 14, 7 AM	42	12	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	4	333	26	0	0		
	Oct 14, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 15, 4 AM - 10 PM	42 42	18 18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net 3-3/4" max tangle-net	0	0	0	0	0		
	Oct 15, 7 PM - Oct 16, 7 AM	42	12	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	4	237	16	0	0		
	Oct 16, 4 AM- 10 PM	42	18	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	0	0	0	0	0		
	Oct 17, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 17, 7 PM - Oct 18, 7 AM	42 42	18 12	1–3 4–5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	0 4	0 365	0 6	0	0		
	Oct 18, 4 AM- 6 PM	42	14	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	0	0	0	0	ō		
	Oct 20, 7 PM - Oct 21, 7 AM Oct 21, 4 AM - 10 PM	43 43	12 18	4–5 1–3	8"-9 3/4" 3-3/4" max tangle-net	3	370 0	0	0	0		
	Oct 21, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 22, 4 AM - 10 PM	43	18	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net 3-3/4" max tangle-net	3	6	105	0	0		
	Oct 22, 7 PM - Oct 23, 7 AM	43	12	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	3	308	0	0	0	••	
	Oct 23, 4 AM - 10 PM	43 43	18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	0	0	0	0	0		
	Oct 24, 4 AM- 10 PM Oct 24, 7 PM- Oct 25, 7 AM	43 43	18 12	1-3 4-5	3-3/4" max tangle-net 8"-9 3/4"	3	212	0	0	0		
	Oct 25, 4 AM- 6 PM	43	14	1-3	3-3/4" max tangle-net	ō	0	0	0	ō		
	Oct 27, 7 PM - Oct 28, 7 AM Oct 28, 4 AM - 10 PM	44 44	12	4-5 1-3	8"-9 3/4" 3-3/4" max tangle-net	2	441 0	0 11	0	0		
	Oct 28, 4 AM - 10 PM Oct 29, 4 AM - 10 PM	44	18 18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net 3-3/4" max tangle-net	1	0	5	0	0		
	Oct 29, 7 PM- Oct 30, 7 AM	44	12	4-5	8"-9 3/4"	2	136	0	0	0	• •	• •
	Oct 30, 4 AM- 10 PM Oct 31, 4 AM- 10 PM	44 44	18 18	1–3 1–3	3-3/4" max tangle-net 3-3/4" max tangle-net	0	0	0	0	0		
	Oct 31, 7 PM - Nov 1, 7 AM	44	12	4–5	8"-9 3/4"	ŏ	0	0	o	o	•••	
					number of deliveries):	5	1,344	5,099	0	0	-	-
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und Not	No febing occurred during 2024					_			_	_	Develokie	
each Seine	No fishing occurred during 2024 Aug 8 - Oct 31 (60 periods)	32-44	10 or 11	1-3	3-1/2" max	4	72	9	0	0	Prohibited Prohibited	
mze Seine ₁	Aug 8 - Oct 31 (60 periods)	32-44	10 or 11	1-3	3-1/2" max	1	17	2	0	0	Prohibited	Prohibite
				Total Pound Ne	et and Seine Landings:		89	11	0	0	-	-
							Chinaala	Celm	San Iron	D:1-	Chum	White
							Chinook	Coho	Soc keye			
							46,721	8,897	0	0	Prohibited	Prombe

Open hours were from 6 AM to 4 PM during August 8 - September 6, 7 AM to 5 PM during September 9 - 11, and from 6 AM to 5 PM during September 12 - October 31.
Open weekdays only, excluding September 2, Labor Day. Allowable sales were subject to individual fisher quotas (IFQs) as described within the individual fishers permit.
Beach seine landings (Chinook: 52 adults/20 jacks, coho: 9 adults/0 jacks). Purse seine landings (Chinook: 12 adults/5 jacks, coho: 2 adults/0 jacks).

Emerging Commercial Fishery (ECF) Summary

- 3 fishers (1 beach and 2 purse seiners) participated in the fishery
 - Resulted in Individual Fisher Quotas (IFQ) of 630 kept adult Chinook, 2,250 kept adult coho, and 250 handled (released) steelhead per participant
- Pound net gear was not fishable during 2024 and therefore, individuals using this gear type did not participate.
- Season: Weekdays in Zones 1-3, Aug. 8 Oct. 31
 - o Gear/area/sort time restrictions
 - o 10-11 specified daylight hours
 - o Required observation by WDFW/ODFW observer
 - o Allowable sales (retention) were subject to IFQ limits but included adipose clipped Chinook, adipose clipped coho only, sockeye, and pink salmon and shad.
- Fishery statistics
 - o 10 days of effort
 - o Harvested 88 clipped Chinook, 11 clipped coho
 - o Released 39 unclipped Chinook, 11 unclipped coho, 16 steelhead and 1 sturgeon

Ocean Conditions and Forecasts



^{*} NOAA ocean condition scorecard for outmigrating salmon with ratings from 1 (best) to 24 (worst). The years shown correspond to the years the smolts entered the ocean.

^{**} This table is easier to interpret if printed in color. Green represents more favorable indicators. Yellow is intermediate and Red indicates unfavorable.

		2024	2024	2025
		Forecast	Return	Forecast
Spring Chinook	Upriver Total *	121,000	116,332	122,500
	Upper Columbia	19,400	18,224	21,500
	Upper Columbia natural-origin	2,700	1,609	2,200
	Snake River Spring/Summer **	63,500	70,743	56,200
	Snake River natural-origin**	9,200	10,514	9,800
	Lower River Total	84,600	73,227	95,000
	Total Spring Chinook	205,600	189,559	217,500
	Area-specific detail			
	Willamette River	48,800	37,737	51,200
	Willamette River hatchery-origin	39,300	28,099	36,600
	Sandy River	7,700	5,358	7,300
	Select Areas***	18,100	15,953	16,600
	Cowlitz River	4,700	8,983	13,700
	Kalama River	1,900	2,474	3,000
	Lewis River	3,400	2,722	3,200
	Wind River***	4,200	4,604	4,900
	Drano Lake/Little White Salmon River***	5,300	7,863	7,600
	Hood River***	n/a	881	n/a
	Klickitat River***	1,300	491	1,200
	Deschutes River***	n/a	580	n/a
	John Day River***	n/a	2,430	n/a
	Umatilla River***	n/a	1,319	2,600
	Yakima River***	2,400	2,501	2,600
Summer Chinook	Upper Columbia	52,600	42,511	38,000
Sockeye	Total Sockeye	401,700	761,682	350,200
	Wenatchee	97,000	n/a	94,000
	Okanogan	288,700	n/a	248,000
	Yakima	12,100	n/a	5,000
	Deschutes	100	21	100
	Snake River	3,800	n/a	3,100

^{*} Upriver totals are developed by the U.S. v. OR TAC for use in management of U.S. v. OR fisheries. Wild components are included in the stock total. Area-specific estimates for upriver tributaries detailed here are provided by other agencies/entities and may not sum to TAC's upriver abundance estimates.

^{** 2024} return is based on current TAC run reconstruction methodology.

^{***} Return to tributary mouth.