

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT
FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1b
July 28, 2011

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial sturgeon setline Treaty Indian Commercial salmon gillnet
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STOCK STATUS and MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

- The stock status and management guidelines were reported in Fact Sheet 1a.

2011 Treaty Indian Fisheries

- Commercial sales of fish harvested in the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery are ongoing and do not require modification with the exception of during the proposed August Setline period.
- Yakama tributary fisheries are also ongoing, which may include the Little White Salmon River (Drano Lake), and the White Salmon, Klickitat, and Icicle rivers. These fisheries do not require Compact action.
- There are 161 sturgeon remaining on the commercial guideline for the Bonneville Pool. There are 662 remaining in The Dalles Pool, and 244 remaining in the John Day Pool guideline.
- The tribes propose a 13 day setline fishery in all three pools of Zone 6 (from 6:00AM August 1 through 6:00 PM August 13). The tribes project very low effort and catch and anticipate sturgeon to be remaining on all three pools' guidelines at the end of this fishery. The fishery will be closed sooner if the any of the pool harvest guidelines are met prior to August 13.
- The tribes also propose three 3.5 day fisheries to begin the fall season commercial gillnet season.
- The tribes utilize a fishery model based on historic catch rates to project harvest in the Zone 6 fishery. The tribes project a harvest of up to 130,000 Chinook including almost 68,000 URB's in the first three openings depending on effort and run size and timing. The total B steelhead harvest is projected to be approximately 3100 at the end of the first three openings. Projected harvest by opening is shown in the table below.

Stat Week	# Days	6 AM	6 PM	Nets	Total		Total	
		Opening Date	Closing Date		Chinook	URB	Steelhead	Total B
Early	Aug	Platform			350	350	2,000	750
35	3.5	22-Aug	25-Aug	450	23,000	13,500	2,800	500
36	3.5	30-Aug	2-Sep	600	48,000	24,000	3,800	700
37	3.5	6-Sep	9-Sep	650	59,000	31,000	4,300	1,200
Total	10.5				130,350	68,850	12,900	3,150

- The planned fisheries are well within the allowed harvest rate based on the pre-season forecast and are expected to be low enough to allow the tribes to adjust subsequent openings if the run sizes should be less than forecast.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Treaty Indian Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday August 1 to 6 PM Saturday August 13	(12.5 days)
Area	Zones 6	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries apply. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary for setline fishery.	
Gear:	Standard setline gear with hook size of 9/0 or greater. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J hooks.	
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sales of fish caught during open fishing periods are allowed after the end of the open period, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.	
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers.	

<i>Treaty Indian Fall Season Platform and Hook and Line Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday August 1 to 6 PM Saturday August 13	(12.5 days)
Area	Zones 6	
Sanctuaries:	Existing river mouth and dam sanctuaries apply. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary for this fishery. Sturgeon retention is not allowed on the Oregon shore between Covington Point and the Dalles Dam	
Gear:	As currently allowed for the Platform and Hook and Line fishery.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes if caught during the allowed time period for setline fishing only. Sales of fish caught during open fishing periods are allowed after the end of the open period, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.	
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers.	

<i>Treaty Indian Fall Season Commercial Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday August 22 to 6 PM Thursday August 25	(3.5 days)
	6 AM Tuesday August 30 to 6 PM Friday September 2	(3.5 days)
	6 AM Tuesday September 6 to 6 PM Friday September 9	(3.5 days)
Area	Zones 6	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries apply. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder) will be in effect.	
Gear:	Gill nets with a minimum mesh size of 8 inches.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.	
	Sales of fish caught during open gillnet periods are allowed after the end of the open period, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.	
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers.	

- The tribes plan on discussing the fishery on September 1 and propose adding Saturday September 10 as a commercial gillnet fishing day depending on the catches to date and Bonneville Dam counts.

Future Meetings

- The tribes may request a Compact on September 1 if any adjustments to the proposed schedule is needed or may request a Compact during the week of September 5.