

STAFF REPORT
TREATY SUMMER SEASON FACT SHEET
July 2, 2003

Purpose: To review salmon and steelhead run sizes and consider treaty Indian fishery options.

This Fact Sheet was not reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

2003 MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

2001-2003 Interim Management Agreement

- An Interim Management Agreement covering fisheries for upriver spring chinook, summer chinook, and sockeye is in effect for 2001-2003.
- The Interim Management Agreement includes a sliding scale spring chinook harvest matrix for 2001-2005 and allocates upriver impacts between non-Indian and treaty Indian fisheries for 2001-2003.
- In accordance with the Interim Management Agreement, impacts in Treaty Indian fisheries to upriver summer chinook and sockeye during 2003 were each limited to 5%.
- Impacts to listed upriver summer chinook and sockeye during 2003 were each limited to 1% for non-Indian fisheries.

STOCK STATUS

Summer Chinook

- The preseason summer chinook run size forecast was for 87,600 to the Columbia River mouth.
- Through July 1, over 76,000 summer chinook have passed Bonneville Dam. Average run timing suggests the run would be approximately 60% complete on July 1.
- The TAC stated on June 23 it believes the run will be greater than 100,000. TAC will meet on July 7 to update the run size.
- Counts to date make this the second largest dam count since 1968. This years run could be the second largest dam count since 1957.
- Under average run timing as of July 2, 75% of the summer chinook passage at Ice Harbor Dam would be complete and only 25% of the summer chinook passage at Priest Rapids Dam is complete. This indicates that while Snake River summer chinook are present throughout the summer time period, fisheries in July in Zones 1-6 should impact primarily upper Columbia River fish.

Sockeye

- The preseason forecast was for 22,000 upper Columbia sockeye and 80 Snake River sockeye.
- Through July 1 over 28,000 sockeye have passed Bonneville.
- TAC has not updated the sockeye run size. Under average run timing, the sockeye run would be 61% complete.

Summer Steelhead

- The total upriver Skamania Index summer steelhead forecast was 25,000 including 9,700 wild fish.
- Summer steelhead counts from April through June 30 were 14,154 of which 4,656 were unmarked.
- Summer A and B Index counts begin July 1, but the vast majority of fish in early July are Group A steelhead.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

2003 Summer Season Fisheries

- The platform fishery is currently open for subsistence use. Harvest estimates through June 21 indicate a total summer chinook harvest of 250, total sockeye harvest of 90, and total steelhead harvest of 330.
- Sturgeon setline fisheries are ongoing in the Bonneville and John Day Pools. No current catch estimates are available, but effort is believed to be low.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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