

**TRIBAL STAFF REPORT  
Fall FACT SHEET No. 7a  
Columbia River Compact**

**September 26, 2003**

<b>Purpose:</b> To consider treaty Indian commercial fishing options for the mainstem Columbia River.
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***Treaty Indian Commercial Fisheries***

<b>Recommendation</b>		
Season:	6 AM Wednesday October 1 to 6 PM Saturday October 4	(3½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Gear:	There will be no mesh size restriction at this time.	
Sanctuaries:	Small Spring Creek sanctuary within a radius of 150 feet of the Spring Creek Hatchery fishway.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	Sturgeon between 4-5 feet in length may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence purposes.	

- Allowed sales of platform and hook and line caught fish continue through this period and will not require Compact action at this time.
- Additionally, the Yakama Nation will continue to propose allowing the commercial sale of salmon and steelhead caught during its regularly scheduled openings in the Klickitat and Big White Salmon Rivers. These openings are Tuesday through Saturday in the Klickitat, and Monday through Saturday in the Big White Salmon.

Following are the estimated catches to date along with projected catches and impacts of the treaty fishery proposal.

Fishery	Total Chinook Catch	URB Catch	URB Impact	Total Steelhead Catch	Wild B-Index Steelhead Catch	Wild B-Index Steelhead Impact
August C&S	670	594	0.15%	3,186	98	0.8%
1 <sup>st</sup> Gillnet opening	8,715	4,969	1.29%	839	28	0.2%
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gillnet Opening	19,277	7,733	2.00%	1,462	49	0.4%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gillnet Opening	29,527	9,013	1.80%	1,423	47	0.4%
4 <sup>th</sup> Gillnet Opening	34,000	6,932	2.80%	1,552	88	0.7%
5 <sup>th</sup> Gillnet Opening (9/24-9/27 projected)	18,200	16,211	4.20%	1,900	120	0.9%
Projected Catch through 9/27	110,400	52,240	13.53%	10,362	430	3.3%
6 <sup>th</sup> Gillnet Opening (10/1-10/4 projected)	8,000	4,800	1.24%	1,600	115	0.9
Total Projected Catch	106,184	57,040	14.78%	13,377	545	4.2%
Remaining Impacts		31,895	8.26%		1,405	10.8%