

**TRIBAL STAFF REPORT
WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 5
Columbia River Compact
March 5, 2004**

Purpose: To consider Treaty commercial fishing seasons for sturgeon in the Columbia River

Sturgeon:

The Zone 6 commercial sturgeon harvests are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Zone 6 Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Harvest in 2004			
Pool	Catch Through 3/3	Harvest Guideline	% of Guideline
Bonneville	353	400	88%
The Dalles	615	900	66%
John Day	108	335	32%
Total	1,076	1,635	

- Current harvest predictions indicate it will be likely that the harvest guidelines for the Bonneville and The Dalles Pools will be met on Monday March 8.
- The catches in the John Day pools are not anticipated to be met in the very near future.

Proposal

The tribes will propose closing the gillnet fishery in the Bonneville and The Dalles Pools only effective Noon, Wednesday 10. The gillnet fishery will remain open under current regulations in the John Day pool. The anticipated closing date for the John Day pool fishery is March 21 as is currently scheduled. The platform and hook and line fishery will remain open for subsistence use.