

**TRIBAL STAFF REPORT
 SPRING FACT SHEET No. 3
 Columbia River Compact**

May 17, 2004

Purpose: To consider treaty Indian commercial fishing options for the mainstem Columbia River.

Treaty Indian Spring Chinook Harvest to Date and Projected Impacts

At the updated Run Size the tribes are allowed a 9% harvest rate.

Fishery	Harvest Total Allowable catch = 17,028	Impacts with Run Size = 189,200
Winter Season Platform	NA	~0
Winter Season Gillnet	2	0.0%
Spring Ceremonial Permits	8,066	4.3%
Platform Projection Through May 31.	1000 (910 through 5/15)	0.5%
1 st Commercial Gillnet Opening 2.5 days.	3,172 (preliminary)	1.7%
2 nd Commercial Gillnet Opening (5/11-5/14; 3.5 days)	2,549 (preliminary)	1.4%
Subtotal Impacts to date with platforms through May	14,789	7.8%
3 rd Commercial Gillnet Opening (5/19-5/21; 2.5 days)	2,000 (Assumes 250 nets)	1.1%
Projected Total Impacts	16,789	8.8%
Remaining Impacts	239	0.1%

If the run size at the mouth is adjusted downward by ~2000 fish then the allowable catch would be 16,848 and the remaining available would be 59. The projected total catch would be 8.97%.

Treaty Indian Commercial Fishery Proposal

Recommendation	
Season:	6:00 AM Wednesday May 19 to 6:00 PM Friday May 21 (Sale of Platform/Hook and Line caught fish allowed until 6PM Monday May 31)
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Gear:	There will be no mesh size restriction at this time.
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries remain in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 4-5 feet in length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon between 45-60 inches in the Bonneville pool may also be retained for subsistence.
Miscellaneous Rules:	The quick reporting rule for Washington buyers will be in effect.

- Depending on the run size and harvest levels the tribes could take action discontinuing sales of platform/hook and line caught fish to ensure platforms are available for subsistence use through May 31.
- The Yakama Nation will allow commercial sale of fish caught in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries that overlap with this period. The general fishing schedule for these tributaries is:

Tributary	Regularly Scheduled Opening	Allowed Commercial Sales
Wind River	March 8 to June 26 Noon Mon to 6 PM Sat	Each weekly opening Noon Tues. May 11 to 6 PM Monday May 31. (no fishing Sundays)
Drano Lake	Tuesday Nights	Tuesday Nights May 11-12, May 18-19, and May 25-26.
Big White Salmon River	Closed Sundays	Each weekly opening 6:00 AM Tues. May 11 to 6 PM Monday May 31. (no fishing Sundays)
Klikitat River	April 6 to June 5 Noon Tue to 6 PM Sat	Each weekly opening Noon Tues. May 11 to 6 PM Monday May 31. (no fishing Sundays)

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