

**TRIBAL STAFF REPORT
SUMMER FACT SHEET No. 1
Columbia River Compact**

June 15, 2006

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

Treaty Indian Summer Season Fisheries

Currently the platform/hook and line fishery is open for sales and subsistence use in all of Zone 6. Sales of platform caught fish began on June 8. The platform expects to harvest about 1,000 summer Chinook and 1,500 sockeye over the summer management period (through July 31 assuming the platform fishery continues through the end of July). The summer season catch projections will be adjusted based on future catch updates.

Although the tribes have not had a commercial gillnet fishery for salmon in the week of June 19 in recent years, based on recent summer season fisheries, the expected gillnet catch is about 2,500 chinook and 50 sockeye. With the estimated platform catch through July 31 and no additional gillnet fishing, the total Chinook harvest would be 3,500(7.1%). The sockeye harvest would be 1,050(3.4%).

TABLE 1. Treaty Zone 6 Summer Season Harvest

Fishery	Dates	Nets	Chinook to date	Harvest Rate	Projected Chinook through 7/31	Harvest Rate	Sockeye to date	Harvest Rate	Projected Sockeye through 7/31	Harvest Rate	Steelhead to date	Projected Steelhead through 7/31
Platform			0	0.0%	1,000	2.0%	0	0.0%	1,000	3.2%	0	1,350
Proposed Gillnet #1 *	6/20-6/22	250	0	0.0%	2,500	5.1%	0	0.0%	50	0.2%	0	400
Total			0	0.0%	3,500	7.1%	0	0.0%	1,050	3.4%	0	1,750

* Minimum mesh size restrictions of 7 inches to minimize sockeye catch.

Treaty Indian Commercial Fishery Proposal

<i>Recommendation</i>	
Dates:	Commercial Gillnet Fishery (2.5 days) 6:00 AM Tuesday, June 20 until 6:00 PM Thursday, June 22
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	7 inch minimum mesh size restriction
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, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence. 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.

- Additionally, the tribes propose to continuation commercial sales of platform and hook and line caught fish that began 6:00 AM Monday, July 4 until further notice. The allowed sales would include Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence. 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. No Compact action is required.
- The Yakama Nation will continue allow commercial sale of fish caught in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries that overlap with commercial Zone 6 periods. Sales were allowed beginning June 8 and will continue until further notice. The general fishing schedule for these tributaries is:

Tributary	Regularly Scheduled Opening	Allowed Commercial Sales
		Coincides with open sales for Zone 6 platform fishery
Big White Salmon River	Closed Sundays	Each weekly open 6:00 AM Mon. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Klickitat River	Noon Tuesday to 6 PM Saturdays Through December 23	Each weekly opening Noon Tues. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)

No Compact Action is required for the ongoing tributary sales.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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