

**TRIBAL SUPPLEMENT TO
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 9
Columbia River Compact
September 14, 2006**

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i> Treaty-Indian Commercial
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FISHERY UPDATES

Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Preseason catch expectations for treaty Indian fisheries totaled 88,300 Chinook including 57,400 URBs.
- Three weekly fishing periods have taken place during August 21 through September 9. These periods occurred 3.5 to 4.5 days per week, with no mesh restriction in place until the week of Sept 5, when an 8-inch minimum was implemented.
- A fourth fishing period is currently underway, consisting of a 4.5 day period September 11-15 with an 8-inch minimum mesh requirement.
- Landings through September 9 are estimated at 26,440 Chinook (14,386 URBs), 6,972 steelhead (204 wild Group B), and 1,291 coho.
- Projected landings from the fourth fishing period are expected to be 19,548 Chinook (11,766 URBs) and 4,482 steelhead (151 wild Group B). and 1,300 coho
- Based on projected landings, impacts estimated at 13.21% for URBs (57% of limit) and 5.2% for wild Group B steelhead (35% of limit).

FISHERY PROPOSALS

Treaty Indian Commercial

<i>Recommendation</i>		
Season:	6 AM Monday September 18 to 6 PM Friday September 22	(4½ days)
	6 AM Monday September 25 to 6 PM Friday September 29	(4½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Gear:	8” minimum mesh size restriction.	
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries will be in effect. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will continue to be in effect.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon between four and five feet total length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and between 45”-60” in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence purposes.	
	The Quick Reporting rule will also be in effect for Washington Buyers.	

Following are the projected catches for the Treaty fishery proposal:

Fishery	Nets	Total Chinook Catch	URB Catch	URB Harvest Rate	Total Steelhead Catch	Wild B-Index Steelhead Catch	Wild B-Index Harvest Rate
Preliminary subtotal through 9/14		45,988	26,152	13.2%	11,454	404	3.8%
September 19-23	500	12,700	6,500	3.3%	4,400	200	1.9%
September 25-29	450	7,600	5,000	2.5%	3,300	200	1.9%
SubTotal Cumulative Catch (Proj)		66,288	37,652	18.9%	19,154	804	7.7%
Expected Late Fall Subsistence Catches		200	200	0.1%	300	200	1.9%
Projected Grand Total		66,488	37,852	19.0%	19,454	1,004	9.6%

- Cumulative impacts to URBs through the recommended commercial gillnet opening are projected to be 19.05%, or 83% of the treaty allocation.
- Impacts to Wild Group B steelhead are projected to total 9.6% through the proposed fishing period shown above, or 64% of the treaty allocation.

Impacts Summary

<i>Summary of Fishery Impacts During Fall of 2006</i>			
Fishery	Chinook Catch	URB Impacts	
		No.	%
Treaty Indian Fisheries			
August C&S	360	319	0.16%
Commercial through Sep 18 (Proj. Total)	45,628	25,833	13.00%
Commercial 19-23 (Proj. Total)	20,300	11,500	5.79%
Expected Late fall catches	200	200	0.10%
Treaty Indian Total	66,488	37,852	19.05%

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