

# COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

## TRIBAL STAFF REPORT SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 1B June 14, 2007

<b>Purpose:</b> Consider Tribal Commercial Fishery Proposal
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### TRIBAL FISHERIES UPDATE

#### *2006 Treaty Summer Season Fisheries*

- At the pre-season forecast river mouth run size of 45,600 summer chinook, the allowed total harvest rate agreed to in the 2005-7 Interim Management Agreement is 18.2% (a harvest of 8,300 summer chinook).
- At the pre-season forecast river mouth run size of 27,300 sockeye, the allowed tribal harvest rate is 5% (a harvest of 1,365 sockeye)

#### *Fishery Recommendation*

<i>Platform Hook and Line Fishery Recommendation</i>	
Dates:	The tribes will allow the sale of platform and hook and line caught Chinook and steelhead. 6:00 AM Saturday June 16, 2007 until further notice.
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop Nets, Dip Nets and hook and line
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types 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.

- The platform fishery is not expected to harvest more than about 500-600 Chinook and about 800 sockeye between June 15 and July 31. Whether or not these fish are used for commercial purposes is not expected to result in significant changes in the total catch. Most productive platform sites are assumed to be currently in use and will continue to be used whether or not fish are sold. Platform effort is not predicted to increase significantly.
- The tribal intent is to allow sale of platform caught fish throughout the summer and fall management period.

***Gillnet Fishery Recommendation***

	The tribes will allow a commercial gillnet fishery targeting Upper Columbia Summer Chinook.
Dates:	6:00 AM Monday, June 18, 2007 to 6:00 PM Wednesday, June 20, 2007
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	There will be a 7" minimum mesh size restriction
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types 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.

- The first gillnet opening may have an effort of around 200 to 250 nets based on previous summer season fisheries. The expected catch is approximately 1,000-1,500 Chinook and only very small numbers of sockeye and steelhead.
- The proposed tribal commercial fisheries are expected to be well within the overall allowed summer season fishery impacts.
- Additionally, the Yakama Nation will propose that commercial sales of fish caught in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries be allowed when the tributary openings overlap with commercial openings in Zone 6. The allowed species for sale would coincide with the mainstem fisheries. The general fishing schedule for these tributaries is:

<b>Tributary</b>	<b>Regularly Scheduled Opening</b>	<b>Allowed Commercial Sales</b>
Wind River	Noon Monday to 6 PM Saturday Through June 23.	Beginning 6 AM June 8 through 6 PM June 10 and then each weekly opening Noon Tues. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Big White Salmon River	Closed Sundays	Beginning 6 AM June 8 through 6 PM June 10 and then each weekly open 6:00 AM Mon. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Klickitat River	Noon Tuesday to 6 PM Saturdays Through December 22	Beginning 6 AM June 8 through 6 PM June 10 and then each weekly opening Noon Tues. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)

- The tribes expect to propose additional summer season commercial gillnet fisheries at a later date. Future openings may be adjusted depending on catch rates and effort as well as run size updates.