

YAKAMA NATION

TRIBAL STAFF REPORT SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 3 May 14, 2009

Purpose: Consider Tribal Commercial Fishery Proposal

TRIBAL FISHERIES UPDATE

2009 Treaty Spring Season Fisheries

- TAC recently stated they believe the upriver spring Chinook and Snake River summer Chinook run size will be between 120,000 and 150,000 at the river mouth. At this run size, based on the 2008-2017 Management Agreement, the tribal fishery will manage for either an 8.3% or a 9.1% harvest rate or 9,960 to 13,650 spring Chinook.
- The tribes have discontinued ceremonial gillnet fisheries as of May 9.

Preliminary harvest to date:

Permit Gillnet	8,523	Predicted through May 9
Platform Hook and line	1,080	Estimated through May 2
To date subtotal	9,603	Expected through May 9
Allowed	10,790	Based on 130K run size
Remaining	1,187	
Additional expected platform Catch	1,020	For May 3-June 15
Buffer	167	

Following is a catch summary with available remaining fish at various run sizes.

2009 Spring Chinook Tribal Fishery Summary

Run Size	Harvest Rate	Allowed Harvest	Permit Harvest	Platform Harvest to date	Remaining Available
120,000	8.30%	9,960	8,523	1080	357
125,000	8.30%	10,375	8,523	1080	772
130,000	8.30%	10,790	8,523	1080	1,187
135,000	8.30%	11,205	8,523	1080	1,602
140,000	8.30%	11,620	8,523	1080	2,017
145,000	9.10%	13,195	8,523	1080	3,592
150,000	9.10%	13,650	8,523	1080	4,047

- The Tribes met this morning and were not able to reach consensus on the proposal to allow commercial sale for the Platform/H&L Fishery.

Fishery Recommendation

<i>Platform Hook and Line Fishery Recommendation</i>	
Dates:	The Yakama Nation will allow the sale of platform and hook and line caught fish. 6:00 AM Satday May 16, 2009 until further notice.
Area:	All of Zone 6; and the YN Fishery below Bonneville Dam.
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, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in Fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in Fork length in the Bonneville pool may also be retained for subsistence. Fish may NOT be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.
Additional	24-hour Quick reporting rule in effect for Washington buyers

- The platform fishery is not expected to harvest more than about 2,100 total Chinook prior to June 15. 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 Yakama Nation intent is to allow sale of platform caught fish throughout the spring, summer, and fall management period, unless tribes decide to implement any additional permit gillnet fisheries.
- The proposed tribal commercial fisheries are expected be within the overall allowed spring 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:

Tributary	Regularly Scheduled Opening	Allowed Commercial Sales
Wind River	Noon Monday to 6 PM Saturday Through June 27.	Beginning 6 AM May 16 and then each weekly opening Noon Mon. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Big White Salmon River	Closed Sundays	Beginning 6 AM May 16 and then each weekly open 6:00 AM Mon. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Klickitat River	Noon Wednesday to 6 PM Saturdays Through May 30	Beginning 6 AM May 16 and then each weekly opening Noon Wed. to 6 PM Saturday. (no fishing Sundays)
Drano Lake/Little White Salmon	9:00 PM Tuesday through Noon Wednesday May 19 to June 10	9:00 PM Each Tuesday through Noon Wednesday through June 10.

- Yakama Nation Tributary Landings: Wind River (May 2) is 45 Chinook Adults and 40 Jacks; Klickitat River (May 2) is 9 Chinook Adults and 18 Steelhead; Drano Lake (May 12-13) is 913 Chinook Adults. Yakama Nation below Bonneville Dam Fishery catch is 620 Chinook Adults and 390 Jacks.
- The Washington Quick Reporting Rule is in effect for Washington Commercial Buyers

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