

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 6
July 6, 2009**

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial salmon
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Management guidelines and run forecasts for the 2009 summer season were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 10, 2009)

- Through July 5, there have been 34,357 adult summer Chinook and 165,392 sockeye counted at Bonneville Dam. Additionally, there have been 16,254 adult summer Chinook counted through July 2 at Rock Island Dam. There have also been 503 sockeye counted at Ice Harbor Dam through July 5.
- TAC met on Monday July 6, 2009 and updated the Chinook and Sockeye run sizes. The updated summer Chinook run size is 58,000 at the river mouth. This is based on average counts from now through July 31 at Bonneville and an estimated below Bonneville harvest of 5,100 Chinook. TAC increased the sockeye run size to 190,000 at the river mouth. This forecast is based on an average run timing curve.
- Treaty Indian fisheries are allocated 13,500 summer Chinook and 13,300 sockeye based on the updated forecasts and the harvest rate schedules in the 2008-2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement.
- No additional Compact action is required on the mainstem platform and hook and line fishery, the Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributary fisheries, or the Yakama Nation platform and hook and line bank fishery on the Washington shore immediately below Bonneville Dam (see factsheets dated May 13 and May 25).
- The first three tribal commercial gillnet fisheries occurred from June 16 to July 2 (9.5 Days). The scaffold fishery has been ongoing. Effort and catch statistics are listed in the Table below. Platform/H&L catches are included with gillnet landings.

<i>Preliminary Treaty Indian Gillnet/Platform/H&L Landings</i>				
	Adult Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead	Net Count
June 16 to 19 (3.5 days)	4,306	2,001	106	396
June 22 to 25 (3.5 days)	3,187	4,055	99	418
June 30 to July 2 (2.5 days)	1,602	2,766	121	385
Total	9,095	8,822	326	
Remaining (based on updated run size)	4,405	4,478		
July 8 to July 11 (3.5 days) (projected)	2,500	1,500	400	350 (proj)
Total on July 11	11,595	10,322	726	
Remaining after July 11 (based on updated run size)	1,905	2,978		

<i>Recommendation - Treaty Indian Gillnet Fishery</i>		
Dates:	6:00 AM Wednesday, July 8 to 6:00 PM Saturday, July 11, 2009	3.5 Days
Area:	All of Zone 6	
Gear:	No 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, sockeye, walleye, carp, yellow perch, catfish, bass 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 be retained for subsistence.	
Additional	24-hour Quick reporting rule in effect for Washington buyers	

- Chinook and sockeye catches are expected to decline as the Bonneville counts decrease through the end of July. Estimated Chinook catch is 2,500 Chinook and 1,500 sockeye for the Fourth opening based observed effort and catch rates in the first two openings. Steelhead abundance is still relatively low in Zone 6 but is increasing. The catch expectation for the proposed fishery is an additional 400 steelhead. The Grand Total would then be: 11,595 Chinook; 10,322 Sockeye; and 726 Steelhead.
- The platform and hook and line fishery landings have been included in the gillnet catch estimates, and are not expected to harvest more than approximately 500 Chinook and 1,000 sockeye prior to the end of July.
- The proposed fisheries are expected to result in catches that are less than the allowed limits under the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement and may allow further commercial opportunity while continuing subsistence opportunity later in the summer management period.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing next week to consider additional treaty Indian commercial periods.

*Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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