

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – FALL FACT SHEET NO. 2
July 31, 2009**

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial sturgeon
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2009 Zone 6 Commercial Sturgeon Harvest Guidelines and catches to date.

<i>Pool</i>	<i>2009 Commercial Harvest Guideline</i>	<i>Winter Season Gillnet Harvest</i>	<i>Remaining Available</i>
Bonneville	400	409	-9
The Dalles	1000	868	132
John Day	335	325	10
Total	1,735	1,602	

- There are 132 sturgeon remaining in the commercial harvest guideline for The Dalles Pool. Tribal subsistence harvest is not counted toward the commercial harvest guideline, but is accounted for in the stock assessment process.
- For the sturgeon setline fishery, the open period will be from 6:00 a.m. Monday August 3 through 6:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2009 or until the pool harvest guideline is met. The open areas will be The Dalles pool only.
- Standard setline gear regulations apply. Standard dam sanctuaries apply. River mouth sanctuaries will not be effect. The usual laws restricting sales of sturgeon eggs will be in effect along with the requirement that sturgeon delivered to a wholesale dealer must have head and tail intact.
- The allowable sales for the setline fishery include only Sturgeon caught in The Dalles Pool between 43 and 54-inches fork length. Sturgeon within these size limits and caught in the platform hook and line fishery in The Dalles during the open periods of the setline fishery may also be sold.
- Mainstem platform and hook and line fisheries in Zone 6 are expected to continue through out the fall season. Regulation allowing the sales of salmon, steelhead, and miscellaneous non-native fish harvested in the platform hook and line fisheries are currently in place. In addition, regulations are in place to allow the sales of fish caught during Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributary fisheries and 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). Compact action is required to temporarily allow sale of any legal sized sturgeon caught in The Dalles Pool platform/hook and line fishery while the setline fishery is open.

Recommendation - Treaty Indian Setline Fishery

Dates:	6:00 AM Monday, August 3 to 6:00 PM Saturday, August 15, 2009
Area:	The Dalles Pool Only
Gear:	Standard Setline Gear with a minimum hook size of 9/0. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J hooks. (Note: Sales of legal size sturgeon caught in The Dalles Pool platform and hook and line fishery are also allowed during this time period only)
Sanctuaries:	Standard dam sanctuaries applicable to this gear types.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon only. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles pool may be sold or retained for subsistence.

- Estimated sturgeon catch is expected to be less than 100 sturgeon. The effort will likely be small with only about 6-8 fishers participating.
- The tribes will take action to close the fishery early if the harvest guideline is met prior to August 15.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing in Mid August to set fall commercial salmon gillnet fisheries.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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