

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

TRIBAL STAFF REPORT WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 5 March 2, 2010

Purpose: Consider Commercial Sales for Tribal Platform/Hook and Line Fishery

ZONE 6 STURGEON FISHERIES

- The Compact previously took action to discontinue the winter season tribal gillnet fisheries. The Bonneville pool and the John Day pool fisheries have already closed. The Dalles Pool gillnet fishery closes on Wednesday March 3 at 6:00PM.
- The tribal fishery codes require 48 hour notice in closing fisheries to ensure notification of fishermen. The tribes have met previously and took action to allow for the 48-hour notice.
- The sale of salmon and steelhead are currently allowed in the platform/hook and line fishery in Zone 6. The Yakama Nation currently allows the sale of salmon and steelhead caught in their below Bonneville Dam platform and hook and line fishery, provided sale does not occur on USACE Property.
- The tribes met on Monday March 1 and decided to end all commercial sales for all species at the same time The Dalles Pool gillnet fishery closes.

Fishery Proposal

- The tribes propose that fish caught after 6:00 PM on March 3 in the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery as well as in the Yakama Nation below Bonneville Dam fishery may not be sold. The fishery will remain open for subsistence purposes.
- Subsistence retention of sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches in fork length in the John Day Pool in The Dalles Pool is allowed. Sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may also be retained for subsistence. Undersize and oversize sturgeon must be released unharmed. Retention rules for other species remains unchanged.

Staff Recommendation:

Fish harvested in the Treaty Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery as well as the Yakama Nation fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam after 6:00 PM on March 3 may not be sold.

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