

TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 8
Columbia River Compact
May 19, 2010

Fisheries under consideration: Treaty Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Stock Abundance

- Through May 18, 224,754 adult spring Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam.
- TAC met Monday and adjusted the river mouth run size forecast to 340,000 spring Chinook.

Tribal Fisheries

- Tribal fisheries will be managed based on the harvest rate schedule in the 2008-2017 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement.
- Based on the updated 340,000 run size the allowed tribal catch would be 39,780 (11.7% harvest rate)
- The tribes received additional fish ticket data from the first gillnet opening on the afternoon of May 18. This had the effect of increasing the catch from the first gillnet opening by 3,181 fish above what the catch was thought to be on Monday May 17.
- The table below, shows the tribal spring Chinook harvest to date.

Fishery	Catch
Ceremonial Permits	8,600
Platform/hook and line (through 5/15)	4,970
Commercial Gillnet #1 4/27-4/30	19,108
Commercial Gillnet #2 5/11-5/14	8,830
Total	41,508
Allowed Catch at 340,000	39,780
Remaining available harvest	-1,728
Note: gillnet fishery totals include some platform h/l catch during same time period.	

- Because it now appears that the tribal fishery has exceeded its harvest rate limit based on the current run size projection, the tribes have decided to make an emergency regulation to close the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery.
- At this time the tribes will leave the current regulations for tributary fisheries unchanged. This includes the allowance of commercial sales of platform and hook and line fish from the Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributaries as previously scheduled.
- All four tribes concurred in this action.

Staff Recommendation – Tribal Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

The platform and hook and line fisheries in Zone 6 will close at 6:00 PM on Wednesday May 19, 2010 through 6:00AM Wednesday June 16.

- The tribes will monitor the run size if the run size projection increases to a level such that the tribal fishery were again within the allowed harvest rate prior to June 16, the tribes would re-open the Zone 6 fishery.