

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT
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Fisheries under consideration: Treaty Indian commercial salmon

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management Agreements

- The 2008-2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for treaty and non-treaty summer season Chinook and sockeye fisheries which were outlined in Fact Sheet #1.

2010 SUMMER SEASON TREATY FISHERIES

- The tribes will re-open the Zone 6 fisheries for both subsistence and commercial use at the beginning of the summer management period on June 16.
- The Zone 6 platform/hook and line fishery will open under its standard rules.
- The tribes will set two initial commercial gillnet openings. These openings will not require a mesh size restriction to limit the harvest of sockeye. The tribes may utilize a mesh size restriction if needed in any subsequent openings.
- The catch expectation in the first gillnet opening is 4,000 to 5,000 Chinook and 1,500 to 2,000 sockeye. The catch expectation in the second opening is 3,000 to 4,000 Chinook and 2,000 to 2,500 sockeye. These predicted catches are based on catch rates in 2009 fisheries and assume a total effort of approximately 400 nets.
- The Yakama, Umatilla, and Warm Springs tribes will re-open their fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam under the terms of their respective MOA's with Washington and Oregon. The tribes will allow the sale of fish harvested during open periods and from open areas in these fisheries.
- The Yakama Nation will allow commercial sales of fish harvested in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries during the times when those fisheries are open concurrently with commercial sales in the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

PLATFORM/SCAFFOLD/HOOK AND LINE SALES

AREA: All of Zone 6

DATES: Fish harvested after 6:00 AM Wednesday June 16, 2010 may be sold until further notice.

GEAR: Hoop Net, Dip Net, and Hook and Line.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches total length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

SANCTUARIES: All dam sanctuaries for these gear types shall remain in effect.

Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fisheries

COMMERCIAL GILLNET SEASON

AREA: All of Zone 6

DATES: 6:00 AM Wednesday June 16, 2010 through 6:00 PM Friday June 18 (2.5 days).

And 6:00 AM Tuesday June 22, 2010 through 6:00 PM Thursday June 24 (2.5 days)

GEAR: There will be no mesh size restriction.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches total length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Sales of fish caught during the open period for gillnet fishing are allowed after the end of the open period as long as the fish were landed during the open period.

SANCTUARIES: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries shall remain in effect, with the exception of the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary, which is not necessary this time of year.

The quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington commercial fish buyers.

Below Bonneville Dam Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

PLATFORM/HOOK AND LINE FISHERIES DOWNSTREAM OF BONNEVILLE DAM

The Yakama Nation, Warm Springs Tribes, and Umatilla Tribes will allow sale of fish caught in their platform and hook and line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam

GEAR and AREA: As agreed to in each tribe's MOU's

DATES: 6:00 AM Wednesday June 16, 2010 until further notice (on days when the fishery is open and sales are allowed in Zone 6 platform and hook and line fisheries)

ALLOWABLE SALES: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in this fishery.

No Sales are allowed on USACE property at Bonneville Dam.

Yakama Zone 6 and Icicle Creek Tributary Fisheries

The Yakama Nation proposes that sales of fish caught in their Zone 6 and Icicle Creek tributary fisheries when those fisheries are open concurrent with allowed sales in Zone 6 platform and hook and line fisheries. These fisheries and their schedules are:

1. Wind River: noon Mondays through 6:00 PM Saturdays until June 26.
2. Big White Salmon River: noon Mondays through 6:00 PM Saturday all year.
3. Klickitat River: noon Tuesdays through 6:00 PM Saturdays until December 25.
4. Icicle Creek 6:00 AM Tuesdays through 6:00 PM Saturdays until July 24.

Weekly fishing schedules are subject to modification based on catches and run sizes.

- The expected harvest in the two gillnet openings are within the harvest limits based on the U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement, even if the Chinook and Sockeye runs are less than forecast. These two gillnet openings are expected to harvest up to half of the tribal sockeye limit at the pre-season run size and up to about 40% of the Chinook harvest limit based on the pre-season run size.
- Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line fisheries typically harvest less than 1000 Chinook, but can harvest large numbers of sockeye. The tribes will monitor sockeye catch in the platform fishery carefully.
- Based on experience last year, the fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam is expected to have very low effort and very low catches in the summer and fall seasons in 2010.
- The tribes will monitor and report harvests.
- A net flight will occur during each commercial gillnet opening to estimate the fishing effort.
- The tribes may propose additional commercial gillnet fishing dependant on the catches in the first two openings and the number of fish available for harvest as the run sizes are updated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The tribes may request a Compact Hearing late in the week of June 21 or early in the week of June 28.