

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 3
Columbia River Compact
May 23, 2013

Fisheries under Consideration: Treaty sturgeon setline fishery
Treaty shad fishery

Stock status and catch data were presented in Sturgeon Joint Staff Report (January 15, 2013) and Winter Fact Sheet #2 (January 30, 2013).

Stock Status and Management Guidelines

- The 2013 Zone 6 treaty commercial sturgeon harvest guidelines are shown in the table below.

Pool	Treaty Commercial Guideline
Bonneville	1,100
The Dalles	1,000
John Day	1,000
Total	3,100

- Tribal subsistence harvest is low, typically around 300-400 fish per year in all three pools combined and is accounted for separately.
- Shad are a non-native fish in the Columbia River. The ten year average return to Bonneville Dam is over 2 million fish. There are no fishery limits in place for the numbers of shad that can be harvested.

Treaty Fishery Update

- The tribes set a setline fishery in all three pools in January each year. Effort and harvest is normally low. 2013 catches are shown in the table below.
- In 2013, the tribes set a winter gillnet fishery in all three pools beginning on February 1. The fishery ran until February 27 in the John Day Pool and March 6 in the Bonneville Pool. The fishery in The Dalles Pool ran until the end of the winter season on March 21. The catches in the Winter gillnet fishery are shown in the table below.

Reservoir	January Setline	Winter Gill Net	Commercial Total	Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	13	1,261	1,274	1,100	-174
The Dalles	6	639	645	1,000	355
John Day	25	1,017	1,042	1,000	-42
Total	44	2,917	2,961	3,100	

- The tribes are only allowing setline fishing downstream of the grain elevator at Rufus, Oregon (approximately river mile 214) to avoid handling fish that may be spawning in the area downstream of the John Day Dam.

Treaty Fishery Recommendations

- The tribal sturgeon recommendation adopted by all four tribes is shown in the box below:

<i>Treaty-Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery - Recommendation</i>	
Season	6:00 AM Friday May 24 to 6:00 PM Saturday June 15, 2013 (23.5 days)
Gear	Setline Gear only. Hook size must be 9/0 or larger. Fishers are encouraged to used circle hooks and avoid J hooks.
Area:	The Dalles Pool downstream of the grain elevator at Rufus, Oregon.
Sanctuaries:	Standard Dam sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.
Allowable Sales:	White sturgeon only (43-54 inch fork length). Sturgeon must be delivered in the round. Eggs may not be sold or bartered if they have been removed from the sturgeon prior to delivery.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

- There are 355 sturgeon remaining on The Dalles Pool commercial sturgeon guideline. Tribal setline fishing normally has low effort and low catches of not more than 100 sturgeon per week in August setline fisheries. With colder water and higher flows in the spring, tribal staff estimate setline fishing in the spring would harvest no more than 50 fish per week.
- The tribes will take action to close the fishery prior to June 15 if the commercial harvest guideline is expected to be reached prior to June 15.
- The tribal shad proposal is shown in the box below. The tribes will authorize hook and line fishing until June 15 using hook sizes of #6 or smaller and 12 lb test line or lighter until June 15. The tribes will allow shad fishing for commercial or subsistence with all typical tribal gear after that in the Summer Management period.

<i>Treaty-Indian Commercial Shad Fishery - Recommendation</i>	
Season	6:00 AM Friday May 24 through 11:59PM Saturday June 15
Gear	Hook and line gear only. Hook size restricted to #6 or smaller. Line restricted to 12 lb test or lighter.
Area:	All of Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard dam sanctuaries are in effect.
Allowable Sales:	Shad. Any other species except sturgeon or adult Chinook may be retained for subsistence.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

- The tribes anticipate that shad harvest will be less than 1,000 fish and sales will be primarily direct sales to the public in the Cascade Locks area. At this time the Yakama Nation does not anticipate using the trap fishery at The Dalles Dam.
- Currently Oregon allows sale of shad caught in any tribal fishery, but Washington does not. While the Compact may want to concur on this regulation, only Washington needs to take action.

Future Hearing

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 3:30 PM Tuesday May 28, 2013 via teleconference.