

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION**  
**STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 3**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**August 13, 2013**

Fisheries Under Consideration: Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Fall Factsheet #1, dated July 25, 2013*

**STOCK STATUS AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

- Forecasts and management limits were included in Fall Fact Sheet #1
- 13,242 adult fall Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam through August 12. The cumulative count is the highest since 1989. All fall Chinook passing Bonneville are presumed to be bright stock fish through August 15. A subsampling of the window counts indicates that less than 29% of the adult Chinook at Bonneville are ad-clipped.
- Counts of A and B Index steelhead at Bonneville Dam for July 1-August 12 totals 127,031 fish. These include 66,588 unclipped fish (approximately 50% unclipped). Passage of A Run fish at Bonneville Dam (July-October) is typically 50% complete by August 11. TAC met on August 12 and agreed the total counts are tracking less than expected and will likely provide an update next week.
- The adult coho count at Bonneville Dam is 65 fish through August 12. The low coho count is normal for this time of year.

**2013 TREATY INDIAN FALL FISHERIES**

- During July 29 and August 9, the tribes conducted a C&S permit gillnet fishery. Less than 15 permits were fished. Catches are still being tabulated and separated into summer season and fall season catches. Total catches are expected to be between 500 and 1,000 Chinook, 200-300 steelhead, and a very small number of sockeye.
- The platform and hook and line fishery is open for subsistence use during the fall season. All the sampling data for the first week of August has not been tabulated yet, but the preliminary catch estimate for the platform and hook and line fishery is 300 Chinook and 700-800 steelhead. This level of catch is typical for this time of year.
- There appears to be some tribal fishing downstream of Bonneville and catches for this part of the fishery are being tabulated.
- Commercial sales began at 6:00 AM on Monday August 12 for platform and hook and line Yakama Nation tributary fisheries. Sales are expected to continue throughout the fall season.
- The tribes met and agreed to the following three openings for the first part of fall season commercial gillnet fishery.

<b>Recommendation: 2013 Fall Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery</b>	
Season:	6:00 AM Monday August 19 through 6:00 PM Wednesday August 21 (2.5 days) 6:00 AM Monday August 26 through 6:00 PM Friday August 30 (4.5 days) 6:00 AM Tuesday September 3 through 6:00 PM Saturday September 7 (4.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Gillnet. 8 inch minimum mesh size.
Sanctuaries	Standard sanctuaries for this gear type are in place including the Standard Spring Creek Sanctuary
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from the Bonneville Pool (38 to 54 inches fork length) and from The Dalles and John Day Pools (43 to 54 inches fork length) may be retained for subsistence purposes. Fish caught during the open periods may be sold after the period concludes.
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

- Projected catches are shown in the table below.

Catch Projections for Treaty Fishery									
Week	Dates	Days	Nets	Total Adult Chinook	URB	MCB	BPH	Total Sthd	B Sthd
	8/1-8/18	18	Platform/ Permit	1000	900	100		800	50
34	8/19-8/21	2.5	350	9,700	9,400	100	200	1,100	100
35	8/27-8/31	4.5	400	16,000	12,100	2,100	1,800	2,500	300
36	9/3-9/7	4.5	550	31,020	22,500	4,920	3,600	3,200	450
	Total			57,720	44,900	7,220	5,600	7,600	900
Allowed (based on Pre-season Forecast)					130,300				4,740
Remaining					85,400				3,840

- Tribal staff will monitor fisheries and report catches on a weekly basis. Net counts will be done each week to determine fishing effort.
- After the first three openings, tribal staff project that based on the pre-season forecasts, 85,400 URB Chinook and 3,840 B steelhead would still remain available for the tribal fishery. This should provide for additional fishing opportunity as well as for a buffer when the preseason run sizes are updated.
- The tribes expect to set additional gillnet openings later in September.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- The tribes will request a Compact Hearing to be held on Thursday September 5 to consider commercial gillnet fishing periods.