

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 2
Columbia River Compact
August 8, 2013

Fisheries Under Consideration: Treaty Indian Platform and Hook and line

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

Fall Chinook

- 6,247 adult fall Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam through August 7. The counts for the past three days are the highest daily counts since 1989. All fall Chinook passing Bonneville are presumed to be bright stock fish through August 15.

Upriver Summer Steelhead

- Counts of steelhead at Bonneville Dam for July 1-August 7, 2013 total 96,758 fish. To date, the total counts is tracking less than expected, but daily counts over the past three days have been above average. Passage at Bonneville Dam (July-October) is typically 50% complete by August 14.

2013 TREATY INDIAN FALL FISHERIES

Fall Season Fisheries

- The tribes are finishing a two week C&S permit gillnet fishery. Less than 15 permits have been fished. Catches are still being tabulated and need to be separated into summer season and fall season catches. Total catches are expected to be between 500 and 1,000 Chinook, along with 200-300 steelhead and a very small number of sockeye.
- The platform and hook and line fishery has been open for subsistence use in 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 approximately 300 Chinook and 700-800 steelhead. This level of catch is typical for this time of year.
- Tribal monitoring has not detected any tribal fishing effort or catch in open areas downstream of Bonneville Dam in the fall season.
- The tribes have met and agreed to finish their permit fishing this week and allow the sale of platform and hook and line caught fish that are caught beginning at 6:00 AM on Monday August 12. The commercial sale of platform and hook and line caught fish is expected to be maintained through the fall commercial gillnet fishing periods.

2013 Treaty Indian Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery - Recommendation	
Allowable Sales:	Effective 6:00 AM on Monday August 12 until further notice: The sale of fish caught in the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fisheries is allowed. Allowable sales include salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp which 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 fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

2013 Treaty Indian Platform Hook and Line below Bonneville Dam- Recommendation	
Season	Effective 6:00 AM on Monday August 12 until further notice: The sale of fish caught in tribal fisheries is allowed during open fishing times and in open areas as prescribed in tribal MOUs/MOAs and all other tribal regulations.
Gear:	Bank fishing with Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel and with hook and line consistent with tribal regulations.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes. Sales may not occur on USACE property.
Additional:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

- The tribes have not finalized plans for fall season commercial gillnet fisheries, but it is likely they will propose beginning commercial gillnet fisheries during the week of August 19. The tribes will be finalizing plans early next week.

2013 NON-TREATY FALL FISHERIES

Select Area Commercial Fishery

- Oregon will announce a minor gear modification for the Youngs Bay Select Area commercial fishery at the hearing.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The tribes will request a Compact Hearing to be held next week to consider commercial gillnet fishing periods.