

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION**  
**STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 12**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**October 7, 2013**

Fisheries Under Consideration: Treaty Indian Mainstem Platform and Hook and Line
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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.
- 904,555 adult fall Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam through October 6. TAC met today and maintained the previous predicted run sizes of 832,500 URB's, and 69,000 BPH fish at the Columbia River mouth.
- Counts of A and B Index steelhead at Bonneville Dam for July 1-October 6 totals 221,456 fish. TAC maintained the predicted Group A index run size of 213,400 at Bonneville including 88,800 wild A fish and 10,700 B index fish including 2,500 wild B fish. TAC has had difficulty in determining the A and B steelhead run sizes due to low numbers of steelhead sampled at the Bonneville adult fish trap. There is still some uncertainty about what the final B steelhead run size will be.
- A and B Index Steelhead are counted at Bonneville through October 31. Beginning November 1, any steelhead passing Bonneville are considered to be winter steelhead.

**2013 TREATY INDIAN FALL FISHERIES**

- Fall season treaty harvest to date is shown in the Table below.
- Commercial sales began at 6:00 AM on Monday August 12 for platform and hook and line and Yakama Nation tributary fisheries.
- The seventh week of commercial gillnet fishing concluded last week.
- Full coded wire tag (CWT) data are not yet available last week's Chinook catch. The Chinook stock composition will be revised as complete CWT data become available. This should not be an immediate management concern due to the relatively low URB harvest rate to-date in the tribal fishery.
- Steelhead stock composition estimates are still preliminary, but are not expected to change much as monitoring data are finalized. Based on these catches and the estimated run size to date, the tribal fishery is 47 B steelhead over the allowed limit. When the run size is finalized the overage may be greater or less than this. If the post season run size estimate is greater than 11,061, the tribes will be within the ESA limit allowed.

2013 Fall Season Tribal Harvest									
Fishery	Dates	Nets	Total Adult Chinook Catch	Adult URB	Adult MCB	Adult Tule	Total Steelhead catch	B Steelhead	Coho
Platform/ Permit	8/1- 8/18		1,478	1,289	34	0	4,100	140	11
Gillnet #1	8/19-8/21	403	4,922	4,409	144	286	1,016	90	11
Gillnet #2	8/26-8/30	655	27,517	21,052	1,489	4,952	1,365	31	101
Gillnet #3	9/3-9/7	726	47,055	41,227	3,600	2,228	2,092	54	173
Gillnet #4	9/10-9/14	682	70,512	57,614	7,216	5,682	2,550	143	847
Gillnet #5	9/16-9/20	610	40,419	33,020	4,136	3,257	1,302	155	293
Gillnet #6	9/24-9/27	496	23,185	18,942	2,372	1,868	1,735	309	685
Gillnet #7	9/30-10/3	377	12,275	10,028	1,256	989	2,901	516	3,190
Total			227,363	187,581	20,247	19,262	17,061	1,438	5,311
Allowed				249,750				1,391	
Remaining				62,169				-47	

- Based on catch estimates to date the tribal fishery is at a 22.5% URB harvest rate and a 13.4% B steelhead harvest rate.
- Given this situation the tribes have taken action to close their mainstem platform and hook and line fisheries both in Zone 6 and downstream of Bonneville at 6:00 PM on Wednesday October 9 through midnight October 31. Additionally the Yakama Nation will close its Drano Lake fishery.
- Yakama Nation tributary fisheries in the Klickitat River will continue as previously scheduled. The Yakama Nation will not need to issue transport permits for these fish to be sold since the mainstem fisheries will be closed. Transport permits are only needed when the mainstem fisheries are just open for subsistence use.

***Recommendation: 2013 Fall Season Treaty Mainstem Fisheries***

Effective 6:00 PM on October 9 through midnight October 31,  
The tribal platform and hook and line fisheries in Zone 6 and downstream of Bonneville are closed.

Fish harvested prior to 6:00 PM on October 9 can be sold at any time.

### FUTURE MEETINGS

- The tribes do not request an additional Compact Hearing at this time.