

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 5
 Columbia River Compact
 February 25, 2014**

<i>Fisheries under review:</i>
Treaty Indian winter gillnet fishery

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under permanent regulations, a winter gillnet fishery is open in Zone 6 from noon February 1 to 6:00 p.m. March 21. Gear is limited to gill nets, hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Allowable sales include sturgeon, salmon, steelhead as well as miscellaneous non-native fish.
- The area immediately downstream of Bonneville Dam is also open under the terms of agreements with the States during times when areas in Zone 6 are open.
- Preliminary harvest estimates in the 2014 tribal winter season fishery through February 24 are shown in the table below.

2014 Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Harvest					
Pool	Jan Setline	Winter Gillnet	Total	Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	8	13	21	1,100	1,079
The Dalles	0	45	45	1,000	955
John Day	64	860	924	1,000	76
Total	72	918	990	3,100	2,110

- Based on actual and projected catch, it is estimated that the John Day Pool harvest guideline will be met by the middle of this week.

<i>Recommendation – John Day Pool</i>
Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday February 26, 2014: The commercial winter gillnet fishery in The John Day Pool will close. The sale of legal sized sturgeon landed prior 6:00 PM on Wednesday is allowed after the fishery closes.

- The platform and hook and line fishery in the John Day Pool will remain open for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in John Day pool may be retained for subsistence purposes.
- The current regulations for commercial fisheries in the Bonneville and The Dalles pools remain in effect and the tribes will be meeting later this week to discuss options given the slot limit/guideline issues.
- The tribes will continue to monitor the ongoing winter gillnet fishery and will make additional regulation changes as needed.