

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
TRIBAL STAFF REPORT: SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 8
Columbia River Compact
June 9, 2014

Fisheries under Consideration: Treaty mainstem commercial salmon

Stock status and management guidelines for 2014 Spring Chinook fisheries were presented in Winter Fact Sheet #2 (January 29, 2014).

Stock Status and Management Guidelines

- Bonneville Dam passage through June 8 totals 207,841 adult Chinook. Based on the 10-year average, passage is typically 87% complete by this date. Daily counts have been above the recent 10 year average counts for the past two weeks. The average count over the last 5 days was 2,700 fish per day.
- The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) upgraded the in-season run size this morning to 243,000 adult upriver Chinook. The spring management period continues through June 15.
- Under the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement, this run size allows for an harvest rate of 10.0% for treaty fisheries which equates to an allowed catch of 24,300 adult chinook.

Treaty Fisheries Update

- The Columbia River treaty tribes have finished their ceremonial permit fishing. Preliminary catch estimates total 6,127 adult Chinook.
- Commercial sales in the Zone 6 platform and hook & line fishery opened on May 6 and are expected to continue until July 31. The catch estimate through May 17 was 5,340 adult Chinook. After this date the platform catch has been included in the weekly gillnet totals.
- The preliminary landings for the first three gillnet openings were 3,237, 3,481 and 3,481 adult chinook respectively. There were 376 nets counted the first week but have declined afterwards.
- The area immediately downstream of Bonneville Dam is currently closed for treaty Indian fishing under tribal regulations and will not open until the summer management period. When lawfully enacted tribal regulations are adopted to open the area (in accordance with each tribal MOU/MOA), the Compact has rules in place to allow sales consistent with tribal rules/MOU/MOAs.
- Total catch of upriver spring Chinook to date totals 21,526 fish, or 89% of allowed at the predicted 234,000 run size. The table below shows a summary of the spring harvest. Tribal fisheries have harvested less than 250 steelhead to date which is typical for this time of year. Only a very small number of sockeye have been harvested to date.

Fishery	nets	Chinook
Winter Gilnet		0
Spring C&S Permit Gillnet		6,127
Zone 6 Platform H&L Through 5/17		5,340
Zone 5 H&L		0
Total Platform H&L		5,340
5/20-22 Gillnet #1 (with platforms) (2.5 days)	376	3,237
5/28-31 Gillnet #2 (with platforms) (3.5 days)	244	3,481
6/3-6/6 Gillnet #3 (with platforms) (3.5 days)	194	3,341
Total To-date with expected platform catch		21,526
Expected Catch 6/10-6/12 (2.5 days) plus platforms through June 15	215	2,600
Allowed Catch (10% of 243,000)		24,300
Remaining		174

- Based on the number of fish remaining available for the tribal mainstem fisheries, the tribes have decided to allow another commercial gillnet fishery to access the remaining fish.

Tribal Fishery Plan

<i>2014 Treaty Spring Gillnet Commercial Fishery</i>	
Area:	Zone 6 (Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam)
Season:	6:00 a.m. Tuesday June 10 until 6:00 p.m. Thursday June 12, 2014 (2.5 days)
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or kept for subsistence. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length harvested in The Dalles or John Day Pools and sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool may not be sold but may be kept for subsistence.
Gear:	Gill nets. No mesh restriction
Sanctuaries:	Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries in effect for this gear type except for the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary which is not necessary this time of year.
Miscellaneous:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240, except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- The tribes predict that the catch in a 2.5 day gillnet fishery this week will be approximately 2,600 chinook based on similar effort to last week.
- At the current run size estimate, this will leave approximately 175 fish remaining available to harvest.
- The tribes will continue monitor and report harvest. Aerial surveys will be conducted to count nets to determine fishing effort for every commercial gillnet fishing period.

- The tribes expect that consumer demand for these spring chinook will continue be high and that the fishery will continue provide important economic benefits to tribal fishers, tribal communities and the communities along the Columbia River in the Zone 6 area.