

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT: FALL FACT SHEET NO. 9b
Columbia River Compact
September 24, 2014

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty-Indian commercial salmon
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Stock status, forecasts, and management guidelines for 2014 fall fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1 (July 29, 2014).

Stock Status and Management Guidelines

- The stock status and management guidelines were presented in Fact Sheet 9a.

2014 Treaty-Indian Fisheries

- Fall season platform and hook and line fishing has been open for both subsistence and commercial use since Aug. 1. Fishing continues to be open downstream of Bonneville in areas covered by MOU's and MOA's with the states, but there has been no observed tribal effort yet in the fall season.
- The sixth week of commercial gillnet fishing began on September 22 and is ongoing.
- The table below shows preliminary catch estimates through September 19 along with projections for this week's opening and projections for an opening next week. Included with these totals is a harvest of 37,037 tules through September 19. Additionally, the total coho harvest is 22,801 through September 19. The tribes have not projected coho catches for this week or next week.

2014 Treaty Indian Fall Season Fisheries (preliminary catches)					
Fishery	Expected Effort (Nets)	Total Chinook	URB Chinook	Total Steelhead	B Steelhead
Platforms through 8/17	na	1,086	828	2530	60
Aug. 18-22 (4.5 days)	280	4,613	3,518	1,941	109
Aug 25-30 (5.5 days)	512	14,514	10,187	2,273	195
Sept. 2-6 (4.5 days)	412	38,194	21,751	3,496	521
Sept. 8-13 (5.5 days)	571	80,047	45,626	3,227	849
Sept. 15-19 (4.5 days)	571	57,886	32,966	3,892	1,024
Subtotal through 9/19		196,340	114,876	17,359	2,758
Sept. 22-26 (4.5 days) Projected	516	42,700	20,900	5,000	1,600
Sept. 29-Oct 3 (4.5 days) Projected	400	25,600	16,000	3,200	1,300
Total		264,640	151,776	25,559	5,658
Allowed at Updated Forecast			203,280		7,500
Harvest Rate on Sept 19			17.0%		7.4%
Remaining after Sept 19			88,404		7,500
Expected Harvest Rate on Oct 3			22.4%		15.1%
Remaining Harvest Rate after Oct 3			7.6%		4.9%

Projected catches are rounded.

Treaty Fishery Plan

- The tribes met and agreed to extend this week’s commercial gillnet fishing period and to set the following commercial gillnet fishing period for next week.

2014 Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Extend the current Treaty Indian commercial gillnet fishery opening by 24 hours; the fishery will now close at 6:00 PM on Friday September 26. All other regulations for this fishery will remain unchanged	

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2014 Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Season	6:00 AM Monday Sept. 29 to 6:00 PM Friday, Oct. 3 (4.5 days)
Area	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will be reduced to a 150 foot radius around the hatchery ladder.
Gear:	Gill nets with an 8 inch minimum mesh restriction
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (including chinook, sockeye, and coho) steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp 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. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	<p><u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.</p> <p>Submission of a report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location.</p> <p>Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov; or via phone at 1- 866-791-1281.</p> <p>Faxing or reporting electronically in portable document format (PDF) a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the quick reporting requirement.</p>

- Catch expectations in the proposed fishery openings are well within the total allowed catches based on the updated run size projections for URB chinook and B steelhead. The expected catches would be within the allowed harvest rates down to a B steelhead run of 35,000.
- The tribes will continue to monitor and report harvest on a weekly basis and will do net counts during each week of commercial gillnet fishing.
- The Yakama Nation intends to begin a commercial fishery in Drano Lake in October to harvest bright chinook returning to Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery. The Yakama Nation will request a Compact Hearing prior to the implementation of this fishery when the plans are finalized.