

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT: FALL FACT SHEET NO. 12b
Columbia River Compact
October 23, 2014

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty-Indian commercial salmon platform Treaty Indian commercial sturgeon setline
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Detailed 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

- Updated Stock Status information was presented in Fact Sheet 12a.
- At the current projected run sizes, tribal fisheries are managed for a 30% total harvest rate on the river mouth run size of URB fall Chinook and a 20% harvest rate on the combined hatchery and wild B steelhead run size at Bonneville Dam.

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 in the fall season.
- The fall season commercial gillnet fisheries consisted of nine weekly openings. The table below shows preliminary catch estimates through October 18

2014 Fall Season Tribal Harvest									
Fishery	Dates	Nets	Total Adult Chinook Catch	Adult URB	Adult MCB	Adult Tule	Total Steelhead catch	B Steelhead	Coho
Platform	8/1- 8/18		1,086	828	122	117	2,530	60	33
Gillnet #1	8/19-8/21	403	4,616	3,520	518	497	1,941	109	40
Gillnet #2	8/26-8/30	655	14,514	10,187	1,972	2,254	2,273	195	182
Gillnet #3	9/3-9/7	726	38,194	21,751	8,948	7,432	3,496	521	1,600
Gillnet #4	9/10-9/14	682	86,144	42,526	24,616	18,996	3,227	849	7,299
Gillnet #5	9/16-9/20	610	59,606	23,595	25,860	10,147	3,892	1,137	14,055
Gillnet #6	9/24-9/27	496	32,478	19,909	8,227	4,342	3,227	1,228	6,926
Gillnet #7	9/30-10/3	414	14,783	9,062	3,745	1,976	2,440	937	4,328
Gillnet #8	10/6-10/10	325	4,845	2,985	1,227	633	709	291	2,201
Gillnet #9 preliminary	10/13-10/16	200	3,139	1,900	818	421	758	312	14,311
Subtotal			259,404	136,263	76,053	46,815	24,493	5,639	38,095
Late Fall Platforms			400	300	100	0	200	100	
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Total			259,804	136,563	76,153	46,815	24,693	5,939	38,095
Allowed				197,430				9,000	
Remaining				60,867				3,061	

- The projected URB harvest rate through October 18 is 20.8% including late fall impacts. The projected B steelhead harvest rate through October 18 is 13.2%. Even if the final post season B steelhead run size is as low as 38,000, the harvest rate through October 18 would only be 15.6%.
- Because the fishery will be open for subsistence regardless of sales, and commercial sales are not large this time of year, any additional catch associated with the allowance of sales should be small.

Treaty Fishery Plan

- The tribes met and agreed to extend the period when commercial sales are allowed for Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line caught fish beyond October 31.

<i>2014 Treaty Indian Fall Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Extension of Current Sales Period</i>	
Season	6:00 PM Friday Oct. 31 to 6:00 PM Wednesday, December 31, 2014 (consistent with tribal regulations)
Area	Zone 6 and the area immediately downstream of Bonneville Dam as described in tribal/state MOUs and MOAs.
Gear:	Hoop Nets, Dip Nets, and hook and line
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries applicable to these gear types.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species) 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. Legal sized sturgeon caught from platform or hook and line gear during any open commercial set line period in that pool may also be sold. Fish landed during any open commercial periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. In the area downstream of Bonneville Dam, sturgeon may not be kept or sold and sales of fish may not occur on USACE property.
Additional:	<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.

- The Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery is expected to harvest very small numbers of fish during this time period.
- If the tribes open a fishery below Bonneville during this time period under the terms of MOU's/MOA's with the states, sales of fish caught in this fishery would be allowed. No sales are allowed on COE property. At this time, the tribes do not expect to have fisheries in this area.

2014 Fall Sturgeon Set line Fishery

- Only 345 sturgeon were harvested in 2014 winter season tribal commercial fisheries in The Dalles Pool. The 2014 commercial harvest guideline is 1,000. There are 655 fish remaining on the harvest guideline.
- The tribes have decided to allow a commercial setline fishery in The Dalles Pool to target these remaining fish as stated in the following:

<i>Treaty-Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season	6:00 AM Monday October 27 to 6:00 PM Saturday November 29, 2014 The season will be closed earlier if the commercial harvest guideline is met.
Gear	Setline Gear only. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.
Area:	The Dalles Pool only.
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.
Allowable Sales:	White sturgeon only (43-54 inch fork length). Sturgeon within the size limits and caught in platform and hook and line fishery may be sold if caught during the open periods of the set line fishery.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240, except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. .