

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 2b
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
January 28, 2015**

<i>Fisheries under consideration:</i>
Treaty Indian winter fishery

STOCK STATUS

- Stock status and historic winter season harvest data are reported in the 2015 Sturgeon/Smelt Joint Staff Report referenced in Fact Sheet 2a.
- The Sturgeon Management Task Force met on January 21 to consider the latest stock assessment for The Dalles Pool as well as other Zone 6 sturgeon management issues.
- Based on the updated stock assessment for The Dalles Pool, the Task Force recommended that the total harvest guideline be 425 with 325 allocated to the tribal commercial fishery and 100 allocated to the sport fishery.
- The tribal commercial harvest guidelines are 1,000 for the John Day Pool and 1,100 for the Bonneville Pool.
- There is no specific harvest guideline for sturgeon retained for subsistence purposes. The five year average Zone 6 subsistence catch is 470.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under permanent regulations, the sturgeon setline fishery in Zone 6 is open from January 1-31 Low effort and low catch in this fishery is typical. Preliminary harvest estimates through January 26 total 58 fish all from the John Day pool.
- The Compact adopted permanent regulations for a winter gillnet fishery in Zone 6 from noon February 1 to 6:00 p.m. March 21. The tribes have elected to make modifications to this framework season. The have decided gillnet openings will begin at 6:00 AM. The tribes will also postpone the gillnet opening the Bonneville Pool until February 23.
- Depending on the number of fish remaining on The Dalles and John Day commercial guidelines, the tribes expect to set additional weekly fishing periods beginning February 24. The tribes will ask for a Compact Hearing on Monday February 23 at 1:00 PM to consider enacting regulations effective at 6:00 AM on Tuesday February 24.
- The tribes will take action to close the sturgeon fisheries in any of the Zone 6 reservoirs if the commercial harvest guidelines are expected to be met.
- The tribal bank fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam which occurs under the terms of MOU's and MOA's with the states of Oregon and Washington remains closed at this time. The tribes will notify the states if and when this area opens, which will likely not occur until later in the spring.

Treaty Indian Winter Gillnet Fishery The Dalles and John Day Pools	
Season:	6:00 a.m. February 2 until 6:00 p.m. February 20
Area:	The Dalles and John Day Pools Only
Gear:	Gill nets (no mesh restriction on gillnets), hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be sold or kept for subsistence. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required.
Sanctuaries:	River mouth and Dam sanctuaries remain in effect.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.
Treaty Indian Platform Hook and Line Bonneville Pool	
Season	6:00 a.m. February 2 until 6:00 p.m. March 21
Area:	Bonneville Pool
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may not be sold may be kept for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.
Treaty Indian Winter Gillnet Fishery Bonneville Pool	
Season	6:00 a.m. February 23 until 6:00 p.m. March 21
Area:	Bonneville Pool
Gear:	Gill nets (no mesh restriction on gillnets), hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

ADDITIONAL HEARINGS

The tribes request a Compact Hearing on Monday February 23 to consider additional winter gillnet openings in The Dalles and John Day pools.