

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 6b
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
 May 26, 2015**

<i>Fisheries under consideration:</i>
Treaty Commercial spring Chinook Gillnet fishery

STOCK STATUS

- Run size information was presented in Fact Sheet #6a.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under current forecast run size the allowed harvest rate under the U.S. v. Oregon management agreement is 10% which equates to an allowed catch of 26,000.
- The preliminary treaty harvest to date along with expectations for the platform and hook and line fisheries through June 15 are shown in the table below.

Fishery	Chinook
Winter Gillnet	0
Spring C&S Permit Gillnet	8,047
Zone 6 Platform H&L Through 5/17	2,460
Zone 5 H&L	922
5/12-5/15 Commercial Gillnet (365 nets)	3,984
5/19-5/22 Commercial Gillnet (317 nets)	3,126
Subtotal to date	18,539
Expected Additional Zone 5 H&L	0
Expected Additional Z6 Platform H&L through 6/15	900
Expected total Permit, Platform H&L through 6/15 and Gillnet	19,439
Allowed Catch (10% of 260,000)	26,000
Expected Available for planned fisheries	6,561
Predicted catch 5/27-30 Gillnet Fishery	3,100
Expected total catch	22,539
Expected Remaining After Planned Fisheries	3,461

- Effort in last week’s gillnet fishery was 317 nets.
- Additionally, the total steelhead catch to date is 118. A very small number of sockeye have also been harvested.
- Catch rates continue to be somewhat less than expected. Low pool elevations and low flows may have influenced catch rates. Sea lions continue to be present in the Bonneville Pool.
- Commercial sales of Zone 6 platform and hook and line caught fish are ongoing and do not require Compact Action.

Treaty Indian Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Season:	6:00 AM Wednesday May 27 through 6:00 PM Saturday May 30. (3.5 days)
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Gillnets with no mesh restriction.
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 kept for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open period.
Sanctuaries:	River mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnets in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
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.

- The expected catch in the proposed fishery is 3,100 Chinook along with fewer than 40 steelhead and possibly a very small number of sockeye.
- The tribes will continue to monitor and report catches from these fisheries and will conduct net counts by air during each week of commercial gillnet fishery.
- At this time another commercial gillnet opening next week seems likely.

ADDITIONAL HEARINGS

The tribes request another Compact Hearing on Monday June 1.