

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION  
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 10  
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing  
 June 10, 2015**

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

**STOCK STATUS**

- Bonneville Dam passage through June 9 totals 245,312 adult Chinook. The *U.S. v. Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on June 8 and provided an in-season run update of 282,000 adult fish to the Columbia River which presumes a Bonneville Dam count of about 258,000 fish.
- Recent counts have averaged just over 2,800 per day for the last seven days.

**TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES**

- Under current forecast run size the allowed harvest rate under the *U.S. v. Oregon* management agreement is 10.8% which equates to an allowed catch of 30,456.
- 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	2,057
Zone 5 H&L	922
5/12-5/15 Commercial Gillnet	365 nets 4,006
5/19-5/22 Commercial Gillnet	317 nets 3,447
5/27-5/30 Commercial Gillnet	323 nets 3,147
6/2-6/5 Commercial Gillnet Fishery	294 nets 3,620
Subtotal Through 6/7	25,246
Allowed Catch (10.8% of 282,000)	30,456
Available for planned fisheries	5,210
Planned catch for this week - 2.5 days	303 nets 4,500
Additional day this week	600
Subtotal for this week	5,100
Expected total catch	29,746
Expected Remaining After Planned Fisheries	710

Note: Platform and H&L catches are included in gillnet total for weeks beginning 5/19.

- Effort in the ongoing gillnet fishery was 303 nets (counted this morning).
- Based on updated predictions for this week's fishery using the highest harvest rate scalars from previous weeks and the actual effort, the tribes predict this week's scheduled 2.5 day

fishery will harvest up to 4,500 adult Chinook. This is a conservative way to estimate catch because normally average scalars are used. Adding an additional day of fishing may harvest up to 600 additional fish. Catch rates normally decline each successive day of fishing. With the available catch remaining under the current run size estimate, the tribal fishery is expected to have over 700 fish remaining on the allowed catch limit after the additional planned day of fishing.

- Based on this, the tribes will extend the current gillnet opening by 24 hours as shown below.

<b>2015 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery</b>	
<b>Season:</b>	Extend the current opening through 6:00 PM Friday June 12. (24 hour extension)
<b>Area:</b>	All of Zone 6
<b>Gear:</b>	Gillnets with no mesh restriction.
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open period. 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.
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	River mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnets in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
<b>Miscellaneous:</b>	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.

- Commercial sales of Zone 6 platform and hook and line caught fish are ongoing and do not require Compact Action.
- With a conservative method of estimating catch and with additional fish remaining on the harvest limit, there is little risk to the planned fishery extension.
- Sockeye and steelhead harvest this week is expected to remain low.