

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 8
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
 June 4, 2015**

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

STOCK STATUS

- Bonneville Dam passage through June 3 totals 228,482 adult Chinook. The U.S. v. Oregon Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met on June 1 and provided an in-season run update of 271,000 adult fish to the Columbia River which presumes a Bonneville Dam count of about 250,000 fish.
- Bonneville Dam passage since June 1 indicates a count at Bonneville may be higher than 250,000 only requires counts from today through June 15 of less than 1,800 per day. Counts have averaged 2,700 per day for the last four 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 29,268.
- 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	1,538
Zone 5 H&L	922
5/12-5/15 Commercial Gillnet	365 nets 4,005
5/19-5/22 Commercial Gillnet	317 nets 3,398
5/27-5/30 Commercial Gillnet	323 nets 3,237
Predicted catch 6/2-5 Gillnet Fishery	294 nets 3,500
Subtotal to date	24,647
Allowed Catch (10.8% of 271,000)	29,268
Expected Available for planned fisheries	4,621
planned catch for next week (2 nights)	4,150
Expected total catch	28,797
Expected Remaining After Planned Fisheries	471

- The Zone 6 platform catch through May 17 is about 1,500 fish. Platform catches after May 17 are included in the weekly gillnet estimates. Tribal staff mistakenly double counted the catch below Bonneville and in previous fact sheets had it included in the total shown for the Zone 6 platform fishery. This has been corrected in this fact sheet.
- Effort in this week’s gillnet fishery was 294 nets.
- Additionally, the total steelhead catch to date is approximately 140. 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. Fishery modeling suggests catch rates should increase next week based on historic patterns.
- 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 Tuesday June 9 through 6:00 PM Thursday June 11. (2.5 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. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open period. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence.
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 4,150 Chinook along with fewer than 40 steelhead and a small number of sockeye assuming 300 nets.
- With the number fish remaining available to catch, the planned fishery is within the allowed catch. There may be additional fish available if the run is larger than 271,000.
- 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.

ADDITIONAL HEARINGS

The tribes will propose summer season fisheries at the June 10 Compact.