

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 7
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
July 27, 2015

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty commercial salmon
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Stock status and management guidelines for 2015 summer Chinook fisheries were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 10, 2015).

Stock Status and Management Guidelines

- Through July 26, 109,430 adult summer Chinook and 506,979 sockeye have passed Bonneville Dam. Steelhead counts since July 1 total 35,339. Through July 25, 63,019 adult summer Chinook and 290,143 sockeye have passed Priest Rapids Dam.
- TAC met today and provided an in-season forecast of 127,000 adult summer Chinook and 511,000 sockeye returning to the Columbia River. The summer Chinook run is the largest since 1960 and the sockeye run is the third largest on record.
- Temperatures have dropped slightly at Bonneville Dam. Yesterday’s temperature reported by the Fish Passage Center was 70.6° F.

2015 Summer Season Fisheries

- Treaty commercial fisheries are on-going and have consisted of six weekly periods to date.

2015 Treaty Indian Summer Season Fisheries				
Fishery	Effort (Nets)	Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead
Spring season through 6/15	na	na	555	na
Jun 16-19 (3.5 days)	362	7,916	3,879	120
Jun 22-25 (3.5 days)	400	6,969	8,624	165
June 29-July 2 (3.5 days)	388	6,660	7,931	175
July 6-9 (3.5 days)	308	5,568	4,458	312
July 13-16 (3.5 days)	240	6,019	2,249	453
July 21-24 (3.5 days)	169	3,239	1,441	611
Platform and H&L downstream of Bonneville (preliminary)		200	200	50
Subtotal #1		36,571	29,337	1,886
Allowed at Updated Forecast		42,637	35,770	
July 28-31 (3.5 days projected)	170	2,800	700	640
Remaining		3,266	5,733	

- Platform and hook and line harvest is included in each week’s reported gillnet catch. The table includes a preliminary estimate of catch of 30 chinook, 100 steelhead and 170 sockeye downstream of Bonneville Dam from recent weeks.
- The tribes have adopted a fishery for this week for 6:00 AM Tuesday July 28, through 6:00 PM Friday July 31.

Fishery Recommendations

Treaty Commercial Salmon

- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have adopted the following regulations:

<i>2015 Treaty Indian Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Tuesday July 28 to 6 PM Friday July 31, 2015 (3.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Gear:	Gill nets. No minimum mesh restriction.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. 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.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- Total catch projections for July 28-31 are 2,800 Chinook, 700 sockeye and 640 steelhead.

Future Meetings

- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday July 29, 2015 at the Clark Regional Wastewater District (8000 52nd Court, Vancouver, Washington).