

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 1b
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
 January 27, 2016**

<i>Fisheries under consideration:</i>
Treaty Commercial Winter Gillnet Fishery

STOCK STATUS

- The stock status is described in Fact Sheet 1a and in the December 17, 2015 Sturgeon/Smelt Joint Staff Report and January 20, 2016 Winter/Spring/Summer Joint Staff Report.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- The Sturgeon Management Task Force met and recommended new harvest guidelines for the Bonneville Pool Fishery. These include a commercial harvest guideline of 325 sturgeon
- The Zone 6 treaty commercial sturgeon guidelines are shown in the table below.

Pool	Slot Limit (inches, fork length)	Commercial Harvest Guideline
Bonneville	38-54	325
The Dalles	43-54	325
John Day	43-54	1,000
Total		1,650

- There has been a setline fishery open in all three pools in January. Effort has been low. Catches are presumed to be low as is typically the case. A catch update is not available yet.
- There is no specific guideline for treaty subsistence harvest of sturgeon, but these fish are accounted for.
- All four tribes agreed to the commercial fisheries in the boxes on page 2.
- The tribes may consider additional time for the John Day and The Dalles pool fisheries after this opening depending on the number of remaining available fish. The tribes also expect to set an opening for the Bonneville Pool fishery in late February.

2016 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Dates/Time:	6:00 AM Monday February 1 through 6:00 PM Saturday February 13.
Area:	The Dalles and John Day Pools only
Gear:	Gillnets with no mesh restriction.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length, Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained 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.
2016 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fishery	
Dates/Time:	6:00 AM Monday February 1 through 6:00 PM Monday March 21.
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip nets, hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open period. Sturgeon of legal size for that pool may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool. Sturgeon from 43-54" fork length in the John Day and The Dalles pools and from 38-54" in the Bonneville Pool may be retained for subsistence.
Sanctuaries:	Dam closed areas applicable to platform gear are 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.

- Tribal fishery monitors will monitor fisheries and will assist in collection of biological data.
- State and tribal staff will work cooperatively to report harvest on a regular basis.
- Sturgeon fisheries will be closed earlier if harvest guidelines for that pool are met before the scheduled end dates.
- The tribes request another Compact Hearing on Thursday February 11 to consider additional commercial gillnet fishing periods.