

**YAKAMA NATION FISHERIES RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 6b
 Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
 May 24, 2016**

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

STOCK STATUS

- The stock status was presented in Fact Sheet #6a and in the January 27, 2016 Joint Staff Report.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

- Under current forecast run size the allowed harvest rate under the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement is 9.1% which equates to an allowed catch of 16,380.
- The four tribes have finished permit gillnet fisheries and commercial sale for the treaty platform/h&l fishery was opened on May 16 and is ongoing through the end of the spring management period.
- The preliminary treaty harvest to date along with expectations for the platform and hook and line fisheries through June 15 and projections for a 2.5 day commercial gillnet fishery are shown in the table below.

Fishery	Chinook	Steelhead
Winter Gillnet	0	0
Spring C&S Permit Gillnet (preliminary final)	7,846	25
Zone 6 Platform H&L Through 5/21	2,180	25
Zone 5 H&L (currently closed)	1,390	35
 Subtotal to date	 11,416	 85
Projected Treaty Platform H&L 5/22 through 6/15	930	150
Expected Total All Gear to Date plus Platform H&L through 6/15	12,346	235
Projected 2.5 day Gillnet Catch (375 nets)	3,600	
Projected Total Catch	15,946	
Allowed Catch (9.1% of 180,000)	16,380	na
Remaining	434	

- The Yakama Nation has decided that the number of fish available is appropriate to allow a 2.5 day commercial gillnet fishery in Zone 6 this week.
- The four tribes met by teleconference but were unable to reach consensus on the proposed commercial gillnet opening.

2016 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Season:	6:00 AM Wednesday May 25 through 6:00 PM Friday May 27, 2016 (2.5 days).
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Gillnets with no mesh restriction.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), 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 open period concludes, as long as the fish 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, modeled at 375 nets, is 3,600 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 treaty fisheries and will conduct net counts by air during each week of commercial gillnet fishing.
- At this time additional spring commercial gillnet openings seem unlikely.

ADDITIONAL HEARINGS

The Yakama Nation does not request another Compact Hearing at this time.