

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
July 27, 2016

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Non-Indian mainstem commercial salmon Non-Indian Select Area commercial salmon Non-Indian Recreational salmon Treaty commercial
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Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available on-line.

The most recent report is the 2016 Fall Report (July 12, 2016). Links to the on-line reports are:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/> and <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/reports.asp>

STOCK STATUS

Fall Chinook

- Columbia River fall Chinook are comprised of six major management components: Select Area Brights (SAB), Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Lower River Wild (LRW), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH), Upriver Bright (URB), and Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB). The MCB component is comprised of Bonneville Upriver Bright (BUB), Pool Upriver Bright (PUB), and Lower River Brights (LRB).
- The LRH and BPH stocks are referred to as tules and the LRW, SAB, URB, and MCB stocks are referred to as brights.
- The URB, BPH, and PUB Chinook are destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam, and in aggregate comprise the upriver run. Lower river components include SAB, LRH, LRW, LRB, and BUB Chinook stocks.
- The forecast for the 2016 fall Chinook adult return to the Columbia River totals 960,200 fish which would be another strong run. The forecast is 74% of the 2015 actual return (1,305,500) and 136% of the 2006-2015 average return (705,600).
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total nearly 628,000 upriver fall Chinook adults. Passage is typically 50% complete by September 8.

Upriver Summer Steelhead

- Upriver summer steelhead pass Bonneville Dam from April through October of each year. Fish passing during July through October are categorized as Group A or Group B based on fork length (Group A <78 cm, Group B ≥78 cm). Passage during July is mainly Group A fish; Group B passage primarily begins around the end of August. Group B steelhead primarily return to Snake River tributaries in Idaho, while Group A steelhead return to tributaries throughout the Columbia and Snake basins.
- The forecast for the combined Group A/B steelhead return to Bonneville Dam totals 256,200 fish, including 96,500 wild fish (38%). The Group A forecast is 82% and the Group B forecast is 53% of their respective 10-year averages.

- Counts of steelhead at Bonneville Dam during July 1-24 total nearly 31,200 fish, which is less than expected (41,000). Passage at Bonneville Dam (July-October) is typically 50% complete by August 11.

Lower Columbia River Coho

- The 2016 Coho forecast to the Columbia River is for a return of 322,600 adults, which includes 132,900 early stock and 189,700 late stock. The forecast is 73% of the 2006-2015 average of 441,400 fish.
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total 84,300 adult Coho, which represents 76% of the total ocean abundance of Columbia River Coho destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam.

<i>Columbia River Salmonid Returns Actual and Forecasts</i>					
			<i>2015</i>		<i>2016</i>
			Forecast	Return	Forecast
Fall Chinook	LRH - Lower River	Hatch.	96,800	128,700	142,500
	LRW - Lower River	Wild	19,300	32,400	22,400
	BPH - Bonneville Pool	Hatch.	163,900	166,400	100,700
	URB - Upriver Bright		518,300	795,900	579,600
	<i>Snake River Wild</i>	<i>Wild</i>	<i>20,900</i>	<i>24,100</i>	<i>19,700</i>
	BUB - Bonn. Upr. Br.	Hatch.	25,200	35,900	21,300
	LRB - L. River Brights	Wild	1,400	3,400	1,300
	PUB - Pool Upr. Br.	Hatch.	88,100	131,400	76,400
	SAB - Select Area Br.	Hatch.	12,200	11,400	15,800
	Total Fall Chinook		925,200	1,305,500	960,200
Coho	Early stock		377,300	117,600	132,900
	Late stock		162,300	53,800	189,700
		Total Coho	539,600	171,400	322,600
Steelhead Upriver Summer (to Bonneville Dam)	Group A-run Index	Total	257,700	234,400	230,400
		<i>Wild</i>	<i>95,400</i>	<i>84,900</i>	<i>89,100</i>
	Group B-run Index	Total	41,100	18,800	25,800
		<i>Wild</i>	<i>11,700</i>	<i>5,800</i>	<i>7,400</i>
		Total Upriver Steelhead	Total	298,800	253,200
		<i>Wild</i>	<i>107,100</i>	<i>90,700</i>	<i>96,500</i>

Numbers may not sum due to rounding

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Salmon/Steelhead

- The "2008-2017 U.S. v Oregon Management Agreement" (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for fall Chinook, steelhead, and Coho.
 - The allowable impact rate for combined treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries is 45% of the URB run based on preseason forecasts (URB stock is the surrogate for SRW Chinook). This impact limit is allocated 30% for treaty Indian fisheries and 15% for non-Indian fisheries.
 - The escapement goal at Spring Creek Hatchery is 7,000 adult fall Chinook (BPH stock).
 - The management goal for adult fall Chinook at McNary Dam is 60,000 fish.
 - The allowable impact to wild summer steelhead (Group A and Group B index) during the fall season is 2% for non-Indian fisheries and treaty Indian impacts are limited to 30% of the total Group B index.
 - The goal for upriver Coho passage at Bonneville Dam is 50% of the ocean abundance.
- The allowable exploitation rate (ER) for lower Columbia River (LCR) tule Chinook is 41% for ocean and Columbia River fisheries combined. The ER for in-river fisheries is expected to be 11.2%. A portion of the LRH component is used as a surrogate for LCR tules.
- The allowable ER for lower Columbia natural (LCN) Coho is 18% for ocean and Columbia River fisheries combined. The ER is expected to be 5.7% in Columbia River fisheries. Unmarked Coho are used as a surrogate for LCN Coho.
- The escapement goal for LRWs in the North Fork Lewis River is 5,700 adult fish.
- The broodstock goal for Big Creek Hatchery is 2,900 adult Chinook.
- Impacts to Columbia River Chum are limited to 5% of the run.
- Commission guidance allocates ESA impacts for URB and LCR tule Chinook. Commercial fisheries are to be assigned no less than 30% and recreational fisheries are assigned no more than 70% of the impacts available to non-Indian fisheries for both these stocks. .
- Fall season non-Indian fisheries will be managed in accordance with the "2016 Non-Indian Columbia River Summer/Fall Fishery Allocation Agreement". This agreement was completed through the North of Falcon (NOF) public process, which includes input from recreational and commercial fishing constituents.
- Included in the 2016 allocation agreement are season structures and catch expectations for sport and commercial fisheries based on preseason modeling. Based on this agreement, LRH impacts are modeled at 70% sport and 30% commercial and URB impacts are modeled at 50% sport and 50% commercial.

2016 NON-INDIAN FALL FISHERIES

Recreational Fall Salmon Fisheries

- 2016 fall season recreational fisheries developed through the NOF process include the following season structure.
- The Buoy 10 fishery will begin on August 1 with a two fish/one Chinook daily bag limit; retention of Chinook is expected to be open through September 5 (Labor Day). Chinook retention on Sundays and Mondays during this time frame will be limited to hatchery fish only (currently defined by an adipose fin-clip). During September 6–30 Chinook retention is scheduled to be closed. Beginning October 1, Chinook retention will reopen with a two fish/two Chinook daily bag limit.
- The mainstem recreational fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam will be open August 1 through December 31. Chinook retention seasons and bag limits will vary by river section with the intent of maximizing opportunity while minimizing impacts to LCR Chinook.
 - From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Warrior Rock, Chinook retention is allowed August 1 through September 9. During September 10-14, Chinook retention will be limited to hatchery fish only (currently defined by an adipose fin-clip). The daily limit through September 14 is two fish/one Chinook. Beginning October 1, Chinook retention will reopen with a two fish/two Chinook daily bag limit.
 - From the Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam, Chinook retention is allowed August 1 through December 31 with a two fish/two Chinook daily bag limit.
- The mainstem fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to Highway 395 Bridge (in Pasco, Washington) will be open from August 1 through December 31 with a two fish daily bag limit.
- To maximize opportunity, recreational fisheries are expected to remain open for hatchery Coho and steelhead through December 31 in all areas, including times and areas closed for Chinook retention.
- The daily bag limit for fisheries from Buoy 10 upstream to McNary Dam is modified for 2016 so that no more than one steelhead may be retained. This restriction will be in effect. The following areas and dates:
 - August 1 through December 31 from Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam
 - September 1 through December 31 from Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam and
 - November 1 through December 31 from McNary Dam to the Highway 395 Bridge.

These regulations are included in Washington's current sport fishing rule book. Oregon intends to enact these regulations in concurrent waters prior to the start of the fall season.

- During all fall fisheries from Buoy 10 upstream to the OR/WA border (upstream of McNary Dam) each legal angler aboard a vessel may continue to deploy angling gear until the daily adult salmonid bag limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved.
- Current Chinook retention regulations for the mark-selective portions of the Buoy 10 and LCR recreational fisheries restrict retention to fish with an adipose fin-clip. Staff recommends that current regulations defining a hatchery Chinook should be liberalized for

these fisheries to include fish with a left-ventral fin clip, providing additional harvest opportunity on SAB fall Chinook.

Recommendation: 2016 Columbia River Fall Chinook Recreational Fisheries

Effective August 1 through December 31 in the mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, and when Chinook mark-selective regulations are in place: a hatchery Chinook is defined as having a clipped adipose fin or a clipped left ventral fin. Either clip must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

Mainstem Commercial Fall Salmon Fisheries

- The Early Fall (August) fishery is modeled to begin the week of August 7 in Zones 4-5 and consist of two to three fishing periods per week through the end of August. Additional period(s) in early September with reduced time or area may be considered if harvestable Chinook remain on the August allocation.
- Fishing hours during August are expected to be 9 PM – 6 AM, and mesh size will be 9-inch minimum.
- The Late Fall fishery is expected to begin the week of September 18 in Zones 4-5 with 8-inch or 9-inch minimum mesh. A Zone 1-5 fishing period is modeled to occur on September 25.
- Coho-directed fishing periods are expected to occur in Zones 1-3 during October using 3.75-inch mesh tangle nets. Periods using nets with conventional unslackened 6-inch maximum-mesh will be considered if Chinook and/or steelhead impacts allow.
- Beach and purse seine fisheries will occur this fall. Recommendations for the season structure will be discussed at a Compact hearing in August. These fisheries were assigned up to 10% of the most limiting commercial ESA-impact allocation (currently Group B steelhead). The season structure is expected to be similar to the 2015 fishery.
- Considering the modeled season structure for the 2016 fall commercial season and input from the CRCAG, staff is making the following recommendation:

Recommendation: 2016 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery

Season:	Nine 9-hour fishing periods during August 7–26
Week 33 <i>3 open periods</i>	9 PM Sunday August 7 to 6 AM Monday August 8 9 PM Tuesday August 9 to 6 AM Wednesday August 10 9 PM Thursday August 11 to 6 AM Friday August 12
Week 34 <i>3 open periods</i>	9 PM Sunday August 14 to 6 AM Monday August 15 9 PM Tuesday August 16 to 6 AM Wednesday August 17 9 PM Thursday August 18 to 6 AM Friday August 19
Week 35 <i>3 open periods</i>	9 PM Sunday August 21 to 6 AM Monday August 22 9 PM Tuesday August 23 to 6 AM Wednesday August 24 9 PM Thursday August 25 to 6 AM Friday August 26
Area:	Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.
Sanctuaries:	Washougal and Sandy Rivers
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule NOT in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- The proposed fishery is consistent with the 2016 Fall Allocation Agreement.
- Restricting the fishery to a 9-inch minimum mesh size will reduce handle of steelhead and sub-legal sturgeon.
- Restricting the fishing area to Zones 4-5 will reduce the catch of LCR tule Chinook.
- Catch expectations total 29,400 Chinook, compared to the 51,600 allocated to the Early Fall commercial fisheries. Chinook catch is expected to build as the fishery progresses. Weekly catch expectations include:
 - Week 33 = 2,200 Chinook; Week 34 = 7,500 Chinook; Week 35 = 19,700 Chinook
- The proposed fishery is expected to accrue ESA Chinook impacts of 2.5% SRW and 1.3% LCR wild compared to the 3.9% and 2.5% allocated for Early Fall commercial fisheries, respectively.
- The fisheries will be managed to remain within the ESA-impacts allocated; actual harvest may be more or less than modeled. Catch expectations are a reflection of the number of fish that may be harvested given the ESA constraints.

- ESA impacts to wild upriver summer steelhead are expected to be 0.16% for Group A and 0.07% for Group B for the proposed fishery compared to the 2.00% total allowed for each Group during the fall season.
- Ex-vessel prices (per pound) during the 2015 Early Fall season averaged \$2.64 for bright Chinook, \$0.48 for tule Chinook, and \$1.21 for Coho.
- If adopted, modifications to the fishery may be needed as the season progresses to ensure that harvest generally falls within the catch guideline and ESA allotment for the Early Fall.

Select Area Fall Fisheries

- Expected harvest in Select Area fishing sites include 29,200 Coho and 7,100 SAB fall Chinook.
- Coho returns to Select Area sites are expected to be less than the recent average return.
- The expected return of tule fall Chinook to Big Creek will just cover hatchery broodstock needs, therefore the fishery proposal in the Blind/Knappa Slough site is reduced from recent years.
- Returns of tule fall Chinook released from Deep River net pens since 2009 will allow for opportunity to conduct Chinook-directed fisheries in Deep River during August.
- Regulations and season structure proposed for 2016 are generally similar to those adopted since 2001 although the number of fishing periods is reduced compared to recent years due to broodstock concerns.
- Recreational fisheries in Select Area sites are currently open under permanent regulations in Washington and temporary regulations in Oregon which limit retention to hatchery fish only, including Chinook.

Deep River Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Compact action. Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

Recommendation: 2016 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery	
Season:	Monday and Thursday nights August 1 - 12 (4 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights August 15 – September 2 (12 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights September 5 – 24 (15 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights September 26 – October 19 (14 nights) Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM through September 10, and 6 PM – 9 AM thereafter
Area:	Deep River Select Area: all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.
Gear:	Gillnets. Maximum mesh size restriction is 9 ¾ -inch through September 10, and 6-inch thereafter. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. “River, stream, or channel width” is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it. All other provisions of the permanent regulation remain in effect (WAC 220-20-015(1)). Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery <u>may</u> be onboard the vessel if properly stored. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have <u>lighted buoys</u> on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- Fishing periods were added in early August to maximize harvest of SABs in Deep River and reduce their migration into Grays River.
- Use of large mesh gear focuses harvest on Chinook during peak abundance.
- The change in mesh size is intended to reduce Chum handle and maximize Coho harvest.
- The season concludes in late October, when Chum abundance is building and few Chinook or Coho of commercial quality are typically landed.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough and require Compact action.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<i>Recommendation: 2016 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights August 24 - September 1 (4 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights September 5 - October 28 (32 nights) Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM through September 9 and 6 PM – 10 AM thereafter.
Areas:	The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge, downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough. The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. The area within a 100-foot radius of the mouth of Big Creek is closed.
Gear:	Gillnets with a 9 ¾ -inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- Due to broodstock collection concerns at Big Creek hatchery, the number of fishing periods is reduced relative to recent years.

Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters and require Compact action.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

<i>Recommendation: 2016 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights August 24 - September 1 (4 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights September 5 - October 28 (32 nights) Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM through September 9, and 4 PM – 10 AM thereafter.
Areas:	Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season. The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore. The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.
Gear:	Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms. In the Tongue Point fishing area: weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have un-stored gillnets legal for the South Channel fishing area onboard the vessel. In the South Channel fishing area: no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- The Tongue Point/South Channel season structure is similar to Blind Slough/Knappa Slough due to broodstock collection concerns at Big Creek hatchery.
- The similar season structure helps to maintain concurrency between the two sites.

Youngs Bay Fishery

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters and require Oregon State action, but all waters are open to Washington licensed fishers.

Recommendation: 2016 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery	
Season:	7 PM Tuesday to 7 AM Thursday weekly during August 2–25 Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights August 29 - September 1 Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM 7 PM Monday September 5 - noon Monday October 31
	Four 36-hr periods (3 nights) (56 days)
Area:	The Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough, including the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge and the lower Lewis and Clark upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.
Gear:	Gillnets with a 9¾ -inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 25 and a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough, in the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 bridge, and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon and shad
Additional Rules:	Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- Modified late-August fishing periods balance commercial harvest opportunity on SAB fall Chinook while allowing for adequate hatchery escapement.
- The standard fall season upper fishing boundary at Battle Creek Slough is intended to limit harvest of SAB fall Chinook that congregate in the upper tidewater area in order to facilitate escapement of broodstock.
- Continuous fishing opportunity throughout the majority of September and October is intended to maximize harvest of Coho.
- The 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction allows the fishery to target Chinook during most of August and the 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction beginning in the last week of August will focus the fishery on Coho as their abundance begins to peak.

2016 TREATY INDIAN FALL FISHERIES

- The commercial sale of fish caught with hoopnet, dipnet, or hook-and-line will be allowed by the Columbia River treaty tribes during the fall season which begins August 1.
- Oregon and Washington regulations that are currently in place to allow sales for Zone 6 treaty mainstem and tributary fisheries are scheduled to expire on August 1.
- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have adopted regulations consistent with the following:

<i>2016 Treaty Fishery –Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM August 1 through 6 PM December 31.
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, EXCEPT: In Bonneville pool sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length may be sold only if caught during the open period and open area of the set line fishery Sturgeon may be kept for subsistence in all pools if from 38 to 54 inches fork length in Bonneville Pool and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries in place for this gear type, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary.
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.

- Yakama Nation tributary fisheries are expected throughout the fall season.

<i>2016 Yakama Nation Commercial Fisheries - Zone 6 Tributaries</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM August 1 through 6 PM December 31 and only during days and times open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
Area:	Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River.
Gear:	Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, EXCEPT: Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length may be sold only if caught during the open period and open area of the set line fishery. Sturgeon may be kept for subsistence if from 38 to 54 inches fork length. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
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.

- During the fall season some tribes may open fisheries in the area below Bonneville Dam consistent with tribal regulations and MOUs/MOAs between the states and tribes. The harvest downstream of Bonneville is expected to be relatively low. The catch downstream of Bonneville is counted as part of the total tribal mainstem catch.

<i>2016 Treaty Fishery - Downstream of Bonneville Dam: Commercial Platform and Hook and Line</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM August 1 through 11:59 PM October 31, and only during days and times allowed under tribal rules.
Area:	Area as defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
Participants:	Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
Gear:	Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam. Sales of fish are not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes
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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Staff is recommending a Compact hearing be scheduled via teleconference for 11 AM August 9 to consider treaty Indian fisheries. A Compact hearing will likely be scheduled the week of August 15 to consider non-Indian commercial seine fisheries.