

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 JOINT STAFF REPORT - SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 1
 Columbia River Compact
 June 10, 2026**

<i>Fisheries under consideration:</i>	Summer Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery Summer Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line fishery Summer Treaty commercial platform and hook and line downstream of Bonneville Dam Yakama Nation Zone 6 Tributary Fisheries
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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 online. The most recent report relevant to this fishery is the 2026 Joint Staff Report: Stock Status and Fisheries for Spring Chinook, Summer Chinook, Sockeye, Steelhead, and Other Species Report (February 2, 2026) available at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/columbia-river/reports> and <https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/jsmreports.asp>

RIVER CONDITIONS

- As of June 9, the five-day average outflow at Bonneville Dam is 221 kcfs compared to the five-year average of 272 kcfs for the same time period.
- The current five-day average water temperature at the Bonneville Dam forebay is 61.3°F which is 0.8 degrees higher than the five-year average for this time period.
- Water visibility at Bonneville Dam has averaged 6.6 feet over the past 5 days.

STOCK STATUS

- Pre-season salmon and steelhead forecasts applicable to the summer management period are shown in the tables below. Chinook and sockeye forecasts are to the Columbia River mouth and steelhead forecasts are to Bonneville Dam.

		2025 Forecast	2025 Return	2026 Forecast
Summer Chinook	Upper Columbia	38,000	43,642	40,700
Sockeye	Total Sockeye	350,200	167,549	274,900
	Wenatchee	94,000	63,716	85,200
	Okanagan	248,000	101,551	184,000
	Yakima River	5,000	839	2,300
	Deschutes River	100	175	100
	Snake River	3,100	1,268	3,300

* Components may not sum due to rounding.

Table 2. Steelhead Forecasts at Bonneville Dam

Group	2025 BON Preseason Forecast	2025 BON Actual Return	2025 Actual / 2025 Forecast	2026 BON Point Estimate	2026 Rounded BON Forecast
Skamania	6,500	4,419	69%	5,664	5,700
Total Hatchery	3,900	2,157	55%	3,285	3,300
Clip Hatchery	3,650	1,780	49%	2,919	2,900
Unclip Hatchery	250	377	151%	366	400
Natural Origin	2,600	2,262	87%	2,379	2,400
A Index	55,600	128,389	231%	87,867	87,900
Total Hatchery	36,600	81,846	224%	54,812	54,800
Clip Hatchery	34,100	74,587	219%	51,229	51,200
Unclip Hatchery	2,500	7,260	290%	3,583	3,600
Natural Origin	19,000	46,542	245%	33,055	33,100
B Index	11,800	22,205	188%	40,068	40,100
Total Hatchery	10,700	20,887	195%	35,519	35,500
Clip Hatchery	9,100	16,291	179%	28,152	28,200
Unclip Hatchery	1,700	4,596	270%	7,368	7,400
Natural Origin	1,100	1,318	120%	4,549	4,500
Total A/B Index	67,400	150,594	223%	127,935	127,900
Total Hatchery	47,300	102,734	217%	90,331	90,300
Clip Hatchery	43,200	90,878	210%	79,381	79,400
Unclip Hatchery	4,200	11,856	282%	10,950	11,000
Natural Origin	20,100	47,860	238%	37,604	37,600
All summer steelhead	73,800	155,013	210%	133,599	133,600
Total Hatchery	51,200	104,891	205%	93,616	93,600
Clip Hatchery	46,100	92,658	201%	82,300	82,300
Unclip Hatchery	5,200	12,233	235%	11,316	11,300
Natural Origin	22,600	50,122	222%	39,983	40,000

Chinook Salmon

- Chinook passing Bonneville Dam between June 16 and July 31 are counted as upper Columbia Summer chinook and are not ESA listed.
- Based on 10-year average run timing, adult Chinook passage at Bonneville dam would be expected to reach 50% completion on June 29.

Sockeye

- Through June 8, a total of 624 sockeye have been counted at Bonneville Dam.
- Based on 10-year average run timing the sockeye run would be expected to reach 50% complete on July 28.

Steelhead

- Steelhead passing Bonneville Dam between April 1 and June 30 (including harvest in Bonneville Pool during this timeframe) are managed as upriver Skamania stock steelhead. Through June 8, a total of 1,721 upriver Skamania steelhead (including 624 unclipped) have been counted at Bonneville Dam, which is 102% of the 10-year average cumulative count to this date. On average, upriver Skamania passage is about 32% complete on June 8. While TAC has not updated the Skamania steelhead run, tribal staff note that based on average run timing, the run appears to be tracking about 6% less than forecast.
- Beginning on July 1, steelhead passing Bonneville Dam are counted as A-Index and B-Index steelhead.

MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Salmon and Steelhead

- There are no specific annual catch limits for steelhead in spring season fisheries although ESA impact rates are limited to recent year averages. Impact limits on summer Chinook and sockeye are based on the harvest rate framework of the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement.
- Any sockeye harvested in mainstem fisheries downstream from the mouth of the Snake River count against the Sockeye harvest rate limit. Based on the pre-season forecasts the harvest rate limit will be 7% for treaty fisheries and 1% for non-treaty fisheries. Based on the pre-season forecast this equates to harvest limits of 19,243 and 2,749 respectively. Actual harvest limits are determined based on in-season run sizes. TAC expects to begin to update in season run sizes in late June or early July.
- Treaty and non-treaty summer Chinook impacts are shared equally. Both PFMC non-treaty ocean fisheries and in-river fisheries count as part of the non-treaty share. Based on current pre-season forecasts, both treaty and non-treaty fisheries expect to be allowed harvest of 8,826 fish each. Actual harvest limits are based on in-season abundance estimates.
- There is no specific harvest rate limit for steelhead in summer season treaty fisheries, but harvest of steelhead is low in the summer and is expected to remain within recent average rates.

2026 TREATY INDIAN SUMMER FISHERIES FOR SALMON AND STEELHEAD

- The treaty tribes plan to allow summer season commercial sales of platform and hook and line fish on June 16 which is a continuation from sales in the late spring. The tribes expect sales to run continuously through the end of the spring management period, through the summer management period and into the fall.
- The treaty tribes will begin commercial gillnet fisheries on June 16. Three gillnet openings are being planned at the beginning of the season. Depending on actual run sizes and actual catches, additional gillnet openings could be scheduled later.
- Fisheries have been modeled and projected catches are shown in Table 3 below. The model assumes the average recent set net effort but with highest recent weekly harvest rates. The model will be adjusted to account for actual fishery performance as the season

progresses. The projected catches for weeks with commercial gillnet fisheries include the expected catch in the platform and hook and line fishery for those weeks. Historically, the summer model tends to over predict harvest early in the season which the tribes view as a precautionary approach. The model is using maximum recent harvest rates (calculated as catch per net per day divided by the abundance). The tribes are planning fisheries using conservative estimates to minimize risk catches being significantly higher than expected.

- Chinook Catch projections for weeks 25-27 gillnet fisheries plus platform fisheries through the summer season are shown in the table below.

Table 3. 2026 Modeled Treaty Indian Summer Season Fisheries									
Fishery					Adult Chinook	Harvest Rate	Sockeye	Harvest Rate	Steelhead
Projected Spring season through 6/15					na		50	0.0%	na
Week	Gillnet Fisheries	Start	End	Effort (Set Nets)					
25	Projected	16-Jun	19-Jun	190	2,100	5.2%	4,100	1.5%	450
26	Projected	22-Jun	24-Jun	210	2,000	4.9%	5,600	2.0%	350
27	Projected	29-Jun	1-Jul	210	2,600	6.4%	5,400	2.0%	450
28	Projected platforms				200	0.5%	900	0.3%	380
29	Projected platforms				200	0.5%	300	0.1%	300
30	Projected platforms				200	0.5%	100	0.0%	380
31	Projected platforms				100	0.2%	100	0.0%	370
Platforms after Planned Gillnet Fishing									
Total					7,400	18.2%	16,550	6.0%	2,680
Allowed at Pre Season Forecast					8,626	21.2%	19,243	7.0%	
Remaining After Planned Fisheries					1,226	3.0%	2,693	1.0%	

The four Columbia River treaty tribes have or will issue regulations consistent with the following:

2026 Summer Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery		
Season	6:00 AM Tuesday June 16 to 6:00 PM Friday, June 19	(3.5 days)
	6:00 AM Monday June 22 to 6:00 PM Wednesday, June 24	(2.5 days)
	6:00 AM Monday June 29 to 6:00 PM Wednesday, July 1	(2.5 days)
Area	Zone 6	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect during the summer management period.	

Gear:	Set and Drift Gill nets with a 7” minimum mesh size restriction
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), 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 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and may be kept for subsistence purposes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

- The tribes have adopted or will adopt regulations for the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery consistent with the following plan. The tribes will authorize sales for fish caught in Zone 6 after 12:01 AM on June 16 through July 31. This is effectively a continuation of sales from the spring management period. Some tribal regulations may specify that the platform fishery allows commercial sales “until further notice”. The tribes expect to seek consistent state regulations authorizing platform sales at the first fall season Compact hearing to extend sales into the fall management period.

<i>2026 Zone 6 Summer Season Treaty Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery</i>	
Season:	Fish harvested after 12:01 AM Tuesday June 16 through 11:59 PM Friday July 31 may be sold.
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop Nets/Bag Nets, Dip Nets, and rod and reel with hook and Line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead caught after 6:00 AM June 16 may be sold or kept for subsistence. Shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may also 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 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and may be kept for subsistence purposes.
Sanctuaries:	Standard closed areas for these gear types.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

- The Yakama Nation will allow commercial sales of its Zone 6 tributary fisheries for fish caught during open tributary fishing periods that overlap with open sales periods for the mainstem. These are as follows:

<i>2026 Yakama Nation Zone 6 Tributary Fishery</i>	
Season:	Beginning 6:00 AM Tuesday June 16 through 11:59 PM Friday July 31, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are 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, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sales of fish are allowed after the open period concludes, as long as the fish were landed during the open period. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

- Some tribes typically open fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam consistent with MOUs and MOAs with the states. If any fishery is opened, the tribes would authorize commercial sales of salmon and steelhead consistent with the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery. The standard Compact action for fisheries downstream of Bonneville is as follows:

<i>2026 Summer Season Treaty Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam</i>	
Season	6:00 AM Tuesday June 16 through 11:59 PM Friday July 31 and only during days and times opened under tribal rules.
Area	Area defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
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 caught after 6:00 AM on June 16 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 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.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

- These projected Chinook catches are expected to produce a total summer chinook and sockeye harvests that are within the allowed harvest rate limit at the pre-season forecast run size. The modeled catches would be within the allowed harvest limit for a Chinook run size as low as 36,400 and a sockeye run size of 236,400.

- Catch and effort will be monitored to ensure the fishery remains within management limits. Total catch is determined through a tribal creel program. Fish ticket data are used as a supplement to the creel program.
- Treaty commercial fishing provides important economic benefits to tribal members and their families as well as to communities along the river and on reservations.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The tribes may request an additional Summer Season Compact Hearing during the week of June 29.