

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 6a**  
**September 23, 2026**

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| <b><i>Fisheries under consideration:</i></b> | Non-treaty mainstem commercial salmon<br>Mainstem recreational salmon |
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### **RIVER CONDITIONS**

- Through September 21, the five-day average outflow at Bonneville Dam was 75 kcfs compared to a five-year average of 88 kcfs. The five-day average water temperature at Bonneville Dam was 67°F which is the same as the five-year average. The five-day average visibility at Bonneville Dam was 7 feet which is the same as the five-year average.

### **STOCK STATUS**

- Run size forecasts for 2026 and stock descriptions for salmon and steelhead encountered in fall-season fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1a.

#### ***Fall Chinook***

- Through September 21, a total of 390,242 adult-sized fall Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam. The recent 10-year average 50% passage date is September 7.
- Based on visual stock sampling, a total of 241,739 adult bright stock fish (URB and PUB stocks) have passed Bonneville Dam. A total of 98,184 adult tules and 50,319 adult-sized tule jacks have also passed Bonneville Dam. Bright stock passage is 82% complete and tule passage is 97% complete on September 21, based on recent 10-year average run timing.

#### ***Upriver Summer Steelhead***

- Passage of summer steelhead at Bonneville Dam during July 1 – September 21 totals 53,945 A-/B-Index fish; this is the lowest passage total to date since the dam was completed in 1938.
- From July 1 through September 18, CRITFC staff sampled 410 total steelhead at Bonneville Dam including 372 A-Index fish (168 unclipped) and 38 B-Index fish (13 unclipped).

#### ***Coho***

- Through September 21, 57,788 adult early-stock coho (defined as coho passing prior to October 1) have passed Bonneville Dam.
- Passage of upriver early-stock coho is 84% complete by September 21, based on a recent ten-year average run timing.

#### ***In-Season Run Size Updates***

- Preseason abundance forecasts for upriver-origin fall Chinook stocks (BPH, PUB, and URB) and upriver summer steelhead (A- and B-Index) are updated in-season by the U.S. v. OR Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Lower river Chinook stocks (SAB, LRH, LRW, and LRB) are not updated in-season.

- TAC met on September 21, 2026 to review and discuss information relative to the upriver A-/B-Index summer steelhead and upriver fall Chinook returns including Bonneville Dam passage information and outputs from passage projection models. In addition to reviewing run size information, TAC also discussed ongoing fall fisheries.
- Based on the passage to date and assumptions of passage timing, TAC updated the total expected steelhead return at Bonneville Dam to 59,200 fish. The total includes 52,400 A-Index steelhead including 17,500 unclipped fish, and 6,800 B-Index steelhead including 2,400 unclipped fish.
- Based on passage to date, assumptions of passage timing at Bonneville Dam, and harvest downstream of Bonneville Dam, TAC expects the total return of adult-aged fall Chinook to be 612,000 fish at the Columbia River mouth. The total includes 237,400 URB, 101,000 PUB, and 134,000 BPH fall Chinook.
- TAC will continue to monitor and assess the upriver A-/B-Index summer steelhead, upriver fall Chinook, and upriver coho returns during the fall management period and will provide updates as appropriate. TAC is scheduled to meet again on Monday, September 28.

### **MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

- Based on information available preseason and input from the public, a 2026 fishing plan was developed for Columbia River summer and fall non-treaty fisheries during the North of Falcon management process. This fishing plan has been available online at [ODFW](#) and [WDFW](#) websites since May.
- The respective Washington and Oregon Fish and Wildlife commission policies provide guidance for 2026 non-treaty fall fisheries management.
  - Current policy guidance regarding fall Chinook allocation is concurrent. Allocation of the most constraining fall Chinook stock is no more than 70% to recreational fisheries and no less than 30% to commercial fisheries.
  - Current policy guidance regarding use of gillnets in commercial salmon fisheries is not concurrent. Washington's policy allows for the use of gillnets in any zone downstream of Bonneville Dam, while Oregon's policy allows for the use of gillnets in Zones 4/5 only. Therefore, Chinook-directed gillnet fisheries will be restricted to Zones 4/5.
- Additional management guidelines for 2026 fall fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheets #1a and #2.

### **2026 NON-TREATY FALL FISHERIES**

#### ***Select Area Fall Commercial Fisheries***

- Fall Select Area commercial fisheries in Youngs Bay opened August 4. The Blind Slough/Knappa Slough, Tongue Point/South Channel, and Deep River fisheries opened August 25. Preliminary catch estimates for the combined Select Areas through September 19 include 33,287 Chinook and 31,156 coho.

#### ***Mainstem Emerging Commercial Fisheries***

- The mainstem Emerging Commercial Fishery (ECF) began on August 3 and may continue through October 16. Harvest in these fisheries is limited by the use of individual fishery quotas as presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1a.

### ***Mainstem Commercial Drift Net Fisheries***

- Preliminary catch estimates for the early-fall Zone 4/5 commercial fishery include 30,207 Chinook and 1,045 coho. Additionally, an estimated 305 steelhead were handled.
- Late-fall commercial fishing periods in Zones 1–3 targeting coho using 3.75-inch tangle nets and other live-capture techniques began on September 15 and are planned to continue through October 30. Preliminary catch estimates through September 17 include 4,521 coho and 1,769 Chinook.
- According to the preseason non-treaty fishery plan, late-fall Chinook-directed commercial periods in Zones 4/5 were expected to begin in early to mid-September. Periods would likely be 10-hours (8 PM–6 AM); gear regulations would include an 8-inch minimum mesh restriction. Three periods were adopted at the September 9 Joint State/Compact Hearing.
  - Preliminary catch estimates for the late-fall Zone 4/5 commercial fishery through September 21 include 6,841 Chinook and 458 coho. Additionally, an estimated 63 steelhead were handled.
- Considering current abundance expectations, actual use in the early-fall fisheries, and expected needs for Select Area, tangle net, and ECF fisheries, balances of URB HR and LCR ER are available for additional mainstem commercial fisheries.

| <b><i>Recommendation: 2026 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery</i></b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |          |
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| Season:                                                                             | 8 PM Thursday September 24 to 6 AM Friday September 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 10 hours |
|                                                                                     | 8 PM Sunday September 27 to 6 AM Monday September 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10 hours |
|                                                                                     | 8 PM Tuesday September 29 to 6 AM Wednesday September 30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 10 hours |
| 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 river-mouth sanctuaries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |          |
| Gear:                                                                               | Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction.<br><br>Multiple net rule is in effect. 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.<br><br>Lighted buoys required. |          |
| Allowable Sales:                                                                    | Salmon (except chum) and shad.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |          |
| Additional Rules:                                                                   | 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.<br><br>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.                                                                      |          |

- Chinook catch for the recommended periods could be up to 4,100 adults. At this harvest level, the additional SRW/URB HR is modeled to be 0.35% and LCR Chinook ER would be 0.54%.
- ESA impacts to wild upriver summer steelhead are expected to be up to 0.02% for A-Index and 0.07% for B-Index fish for the recommended periods.
- This recommendation provides sufficient time for staff to assess the results of the initial periods and incorporate TAC's run size updates next Monday before the remaining periods are prosecuted.

### ***Buoy 10 and Mainstem Fall Recreational Salmon Fisheries***

- Buoy 10 upstream to west Puget Island (WPI) recreational fishery was scheduled to be open August 1–9 and August 25 – September 2 for Chinook and hatchery coho, August 10–24 for hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho retention, and September 3 – December 31 for hatchery coho retention. Following in-season action, the Chinook adult daily bag limit for August 25 – September 2 was modified to hatchery Chinook. At the September 9 Joint State/Compact hearing, the adult bag limit was modified to include up to three hatchery coho.
  - Preliminary estimates through September 20 include 33,350 kept and 25,637 released Chinook, 58,622 kept and 34,267 released coho, and 62 released steelhead from approximately 122,400 angler trips.
- WPI upstream to Warrior Rock (WR) recreational fishery was open through September 2 for Chinook and hatchery coho retention, and will be open October 1–15 for coho retention, and October 16 – December 31 for hatchery coho retention. Salmonid angling is currently closed in this area from September 3–30, per the preseason plan.
  - Preliminary estimates through September 20 include 7,182 kept and 676 released Chinook, 225 kept and 101 released coho, and 210 released steelhead from approximately 34,800 angler trips.
- WR upstream to Bonneville Dam (BON) recreational fishery was open through September 15 for Chinook and coho retention (hatchery coho only prior to September 12), and will be open October 1–15 for coho retention and October 16 – December 31 for hatchery coho retention. Salmonid angling is closed in this area from September 16–30, per the preseason plan.
  - Preliminary estimates through September 20 include 15,458 kept and 1,619 released Chinook, 1,412 kept and 473 released coho, and 93 released steelhead from approximately 47,900 angler trips.
- BON upstream to Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco, WA (Hwy 395) recreational fishery was open through September 15 for Chinook and coho retention, and will be open October 1 – December 31 for coho retention. Salmonid angling is closed in this area from September 16–30 per the preseason plan. Wild coho caught downstream of the Hood River Bridge must be released August 1 – September 11 and October 16 – December 31.
  - Preliminary estimates through September 20 include 6,075 kept and 777 released Chinook, 195 kept and 18 released coho, and four kept and 99 released steelhead from approximately 21,600 angler trips.
- Weekly catch updates can also be found on the [myODFW Columbia River Recreation Report page](#).

- Considering current abundance expectations for URBs and completed, ongoing, and planned harvest, projected balances of URB HR and LCR ER are available for recreational fisheries. Therefore, staff recommend the following additional recreational Chinook and coho retention opportunities.

| <b><i>Recommendations: 2026 Mainstem Recreational Salmon Fisheries</i></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Effective Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, retention of Chinook is allowed in the daily bag limit for the on-going mainstem Columbia River fishery from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the west Puget Island line. The daily adult bag limit is three salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other previously-adopted and relevant permanent regulations remain in effect. |
| Effective Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27, retention of Chinook and coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the west Puget Island line upstream to Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or coho) but only one may be a Chinook.                                                                                                               |
| Effective Monday September 28 through Wednesday, September 30 retention of coho is allowed from the west Puget Island line upstream to Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA. The daily adult bag limit is two coho. All other relevant permanent regulations remain in effect.                                                                                                                                              |

- Chinook handle in the Buoy 10 fishery will decline over the remainder of the fall season. Chinook catch is projected to be about 140 additional adults for this recommendation. ESA impact expectations include up to 0.03% SRW/URB HR and less than one-hundredth of a percent LCR ER.
- WPI to WR Chinook catch is projected to be about 1,000 adults for this recommendation. ESA impact expectations include up to 0.16% SRW/URB HR and 0.02% LCR ER.
- WR to BON Chinook catch is projected to be about 2,000 adults for this recommendation. ESA impact expectations include up to 0.34% SRW/URB HR and 0.04% LCR ER.
- For the recommendation in the fishery from BON to Hwy 395, Chinook catch is projected to be about 1,800 adults. ESA impact expectations include up to 0.27% SRW/URB HR.
- Unclipped coho mortalities would not likely exceed an additional 550 fish, resulting in the total for the area between WPI and Bonneville Dam being approximately 75% of the preseason expectations prior to October 1.
- Staff will continue to monitor abundances, stock composition, and fishery performance. Additional retention opportunities may be considered this fall if possible.

#### ***Non-treaty ESA Impacts and U.S. v. OR Management Guidelines***

- Non-treaty fisheries will be managed to remain within the ESA impacts allocated for all listed species. A summary of impacts to ESA-listed fall Chinook in completed, on-going, planned, and proposed 2026 non-treaty fisheries is provided in the table below:

| Summary of expected LCR and SRW fall Chinook ESA impacts in non-treaty mainstem fisheries.<br>all data are preliminary and subject to change |                      |              |              |                      |              |               |
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| Area                                                                                                                                         | LCR                  |              |              | SRW                  |              |               |
|                                                                                                                                              | Current <sup>a</sup> | Proposed     | Total ER     | Current <sup>a</sup> | Proposed     | Total HR      |
| Buoy 10 +TP-WPI                                                                                                                              | 3.53%                | 0.01%        | 3.54%        | 1.98%                | 0.03%        | 2.01%         |
| WPI-WR                                                                                                                                       | 0.55%                | 0.02%        | 0.57%        | 1.45%                | 0.16%        | 1.61%         |
| WR-BO                                                                                                                                        | 1.60%                | 0.04%        | 1.64%        | 3.11%                | 0.34%        | 3.45%         |
| BO-Hwy 395                                                                                                                                   | n/a                  | n/a          | n/a          | 1.15%                | 0.27%        | 1.42%         |
| Tributaries                                                                                                                                  | 0.30%                | --           | 0.30%        | n/a                  | n/a          | n/a           |
| <i>Recreational Total</i>                                                                                                                    | <i>5.98%</i>         | <i>0.06%</i> | <i>6.04%</i> | <i>7.69%</i>         | <i>0.80%</i> | <i>8.49%</i>  |
| Zone 4-5 Early Fall                                                                                                                          | 1.51%                | --           | 1.51%        | 1.79%                | --           | 1.79%         |
| Zone 4-5 Late Fall week 37                                                                                                                   | 0.24%                | --           | 0.24%        | 0.16%                | --           | 0.16%         |
| Zone 4-5 Late Fall week 38                                                                                                                   | 0.39%                | --           | 0.39%        | 0.26%                | --           | 0.26%         |
| Zone 4-5 Late Fall week 39                                                                                                                   | 0.17%                | 0.17%        | 0.34%        | 0.29%                | 0.29%        | 0.58%         |
| Zone 4-5 Late Fall week 40                                                                                                                   | --                   | 0.18%        | 0.18%        | --                   | 0.26%        | 0.26%         |
| Zone 1-3 Tangle net                                                                                                                          | 0.36%                | --           | 0.36%        | 0.39%                | --           | 0.39%         |
| Emerging Comm. Fisheries                                                                                                                     | 0.21%                | --           | 0.21%        | 0.12%                | --           | 0.12%         |
| Select Areas                                                                                                                                 | 0.40%                | --           | 0.40%        | 0.29%                | --           | 0.29%         |
| <i>Commercial Total</i>                                                                                                                      | <i>3.27%</i>         | <i>0.35%</i> | <i>3.61%</i> | <i>3.29%</i>         | <i>0.54%</i> | <i>3.84%</i>  |
| <b>Non-Treaty Total</b>                                                                                                                      | <b>9.25%</b>         | <b>0.40%</b> | <b>9.65%</b> | <b>10.98%</b>        | <b>1.35%</b> | <b>12.33%</b> |

<sup>a</sup> includes completed, ongoing, and planned fisheries

- ESA impacts to LCR tule fall Chinook, including ocean fisheries, are expected to remain within the 41% ER limit and the expected in-river ER is 9.6% compared to the preseason in-river ER of 9.9%.
- The expected URB HR is projected to be 13.4% out of the 15% allowed. Harvest limitations on URBs influenced preseason fisheries planning this year.
  - Projected fisheries are covered for an URB run size down to about 212,100 adults.
- The SRW ESA-impact rate is projected remain within the 15% allowed for non-treaty fisheries.
- Impacts to LCN coho, including ocean fisheries, are expected to remain within the 23.0% ER limit and within the expected preseason in-river ER of 7.6%.
- Impacts to Columbia River chum from in-river fisheries are expected to be 0.7% HR compared to the 5% limit.
- Cumulative ESA impacts for A- and B-Index natural-origin steelhead in non-treaty fall-season fisheries are expected to be 0.71% and 1.24% out of the allowed 2% HR on each stock, respectively.

- Staff will continue to monitor Chinook abundance, stock composition, and fishery performance. Based on these factors and available LCR and URB fall Chinook, additional Chinook and coho harvest opportunity may be considered this fall.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. Joint staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSON**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 6b**  
**September 23, 2026**

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| <b><i>Fisheries under consideration:</i></b> Treaty commercial gillnet |
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**RIVER CONDITIONS**

- River conditions were covered in Fact Sheet 6a.

**STOCK STATUS**

- Run size forecasts for 2026 and stock descriptions for salmon and steelhead encountered in fall-season fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1a.
- Current Bonneville Dam counts and run size updates were also presented in Fact Sheet #6a.
- The McNary Dam count of adult fall chinook totals 67,381 through September 22. The jack count totals 12,019. Based on 10-year average run timing, the adult run would be expected to reach approximately 65% complete on September 22. The adult count to date is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest in the last 10 years. The jack count is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest to date in the last 10 years.
- The adult fall chinook count at Lower Granite dam through September 22 is 20,019. The jack count totals 2,781. Based on 10-year average run timing, the adult run would be expected to reach 69% complete on September 22. The adult count to date is the 5<sup>th</sup> largest in the last 10 years. The jack count is the 6<sup>th</sup> largest to date in the last 10 years.

**MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES**

- Based on the 2017-2027 *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement the treaty fishery has a 30% harvest rate on the URB run based on the updated forecast. Additionally, based on the updated forecast for B-Index steelhead, the allowed treaty harvest rate is 13%.
- There is also a 60,000 fall Chinook management goal at McNary Dam, which has been met
- The broodstock goal at Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery is 6,000 fish although in order to collect fish from throughout the run, more than 6,000 fish need to be collected at the hatchery. This goal has been met.

**2026 TREATY FALL FISHERIES**

***Treaty Mainstem Fall Management Period Commercial Fisheries***

- The treaty tribes allowed fall season commercial sales of platform and hook and line fish on August 1 which was a continuation from sales from the summer management period. The tribes expect sales to run continuously through the end of the fall management period. The treaty

platform and hook and line fisheries harvest only a small portion of the total allowed impacts in fall season fisheries. Most impacts occur in the fall season commercial gillnet fishery.

- 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. Harvest downstream of Bonneville Dam is expected to be relatively low. Catch downstream of Bonneville is counted as part of the total tribal mainstem catch. No catch downstream of Bonneville has been documented this fall season, but some may occur.
- The treaty tribes previously set six initial commercial gillnet openings for the fall management period and the sixth opening ends today at 6:00 PM.
- The tribes use a spreadsheet model to project catches in the fall fisheries. The model also tracks catches to date. The model uses set net counts as an index of expected fishing effort as well as recent average weekly harvest rates. The model assumes set net counts will gradually decline from this week's count as it the typical pattern for this time of year. The model uses adjusted harvest rates for future openings to account for actual fishery performance and actual run sizes. Using conservative inputs to modeling overpredicted catches last week, which resulted in more remaining impacts than previously expected. The projected catches for weeks with commercial gillnet openings include the expected catches in the platform and hook and line fishery during those weeks.
- Catches to date along with modeled catches are shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1. Projected 2026 Fall Season Treaty Harvest (Using updated forecasts for all stocks)**

| 2026 Treaty Indian Fall Season Fisheries (Preliminary and Modeled catches) |             |                                                            |                          |               |                     |             |                 |             |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-------|
| Week                                                                       |             | Gillnet Fishery                                            | Dates                    | Set Net Count | Total Adult Chinook | URB Chinook | Total Steelhead | B Steelhead | Coho  |
| 31-33                                                                      | Preliminary | Platform/<br>H&L<br>Gillnet                                | August 1-<br>16<br>Dates | na            | 966                 | 402         | 656             | 91          | 6     |
| 34                                                                         | Preliminary | 8/17                                                       | 8/20                     | 161           | 5,555               | 2,311       | 464             | 38          | 66    |
| 35                                                                         | Preliminary | 8/24                                                       | 8/29                     | 216           | 13,896              | 5,537       | 319             | 35          | 270   |
| 36                                                                         | Preliminary | 8/31                                                       | 9/5                      | 241           | 23,418              | 7,801       | 714             | 78          | 918   |
| 37                                                                         | Preliminary | 9/7                                                        | 9/11                     | 290           | 28,466              | 6,165       | 667             | 46          | 1,074 |
| 38                                                                         | Preliminary | 9/14                                                       | 9/18                     | 328           | 16,192              | 3,514       | 393             | 44          | 794   |
| 39                                                                         | Projected   | 9/21                                                       | 9/23                     | 214           | 5,800               | 1,200       | 400             | 40          | 500   |
|                                                                            |             |                                                            |                          | Subtotal      | 94,293              | 26,930      | 3,613           | 372         | 3,628 |
| 40                                                                         | Projected   | 9/28                                                       | 9/30                     | 210           | 3,600               | 700         | 510             | 80          | 810   |
|                                                                            |             |                                                            |                          | Subtotal      | 97,893              | 27,630      | 4,123           | 452         | 4,438 |
|                                                                            |             | Late Fall Platforms                                        |                          |               | 300                 | 200         | 200             | 100         | 100   |
|                                                                            |             |                                                            |                          | Total         | 98,193              | 27,830      | 4,323           | 552         | 4,538 |
|                                                                            |             | Allowed at Updated URB and B run sizes                     |                          |               |                     | 71,220      |                 | 884         |       |
|                                                                            |             | Harvest Rate as of Sept 26                                 |                          |               |                     | 11.3%       |                 | 5.5%        |       |
|                                                                            |             | Remaining after Sept 26                                    |                          |               |                     | 44,290      |                 | 512         |       |
|                                                                            |             | Expected Harvest Rate by Oct 3 (with late fall platforms)  |                          |               |                     | 11.7%       |                 | 8.1%        |       |
|                                                                            |             | Remaining Available After Oct 3 (with late fall platforms) |                          |               |                     | 43,390      |                 | 332         |       |

- Fishing plans include the reduced Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary because the broodstock needs will be met. These plans also include continuing to use an 8” minimum mesh size restriction to help control the harvest of B-Index steelhead.
- CWT stock composition estimates for chinook for last week’s opening are not available yet so the stock composition is based on the prior week. Any changes to chinook stock composition estimates are not expected to be significant enough to affect fishery decision making.
- With the modeled gillnet fisheries, the remaining Chinook and steelhead available after these planned gillnet openings is sufficient to provide a buffer to address uncertainties in catch projections and possible changes in run sizes.
- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have or will adopt gillnet regulations consistent with the following:

| <i>2026 Fall Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Season</b>                                             | 6:00 AM Monday September 28 to 6:00 PM Wednesday September 30 (2.5 days)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Area</b>                                               | Zone 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sanctuaries:</b>                                       | Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will be a 150 feet radius around the hatchery ladder.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Gear:</b>                                              | Set and Drift Gill nets with an 8” minimum mesh size restriction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Allowable Sales:</b>                                   | 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. |
| <b>Additional:</b>                                        | 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 impacts associated with the proposed fisheries fit within the harvest limits for URB run sizes down to 165,000 and for B-Index steelhead run sizes down to 4,400. These run sizes are 73% of the current URB forecast and 78% of the current B-Index steelhead forecast. TAC has accounted for more than 165,000 URB’s and 4,400 B-Index steelhead in the runs to date.
- 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 to supplement to the creel program. Set net effort will be monitored by aerial surveys each week. Drift net effort is estimated through the creel monitoring program. Catches for the platform fishery are typically summed with and reported with gillnet catches for any week with a commercial gillnet opening. Any harvest downstream of Bonneville Dam is part of the total allowed mainstem catch for any species. Tributary harvest is managed under separate limits.

- No Compact action is needed for Zone 6 platform fisheries, fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam or Yakama tributary fisheries.
- 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 another Compact Hearing during the week of September 28 to present plans for additional fall season commercial gillnet fisheries if sufficient impacts remain available.