

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT - WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 4
Columbia River Compact
March 1, 2012

Fisheries under consideration: -Treaty Indian winter gillnet fishery

- Under permanent regulations, a winter gillnet fishery is open in Zone 6 from noon February 1 to 6:00 p.m. March 21. Allowable sales include sturgeon, salmon, steelhead as well as miscellaneous non-native fish caught with gillnets and with platform/hook & line gear within the Zone 6 area as well as the area downstream of Bonneville Dam during times these fisheries are open under the terms of agreements with the states.
- The sale of Chinook has been closed in the Winter Gillnet Season as of 6 PM February 29.
- The John Day Pool has been scheduled for closure in the Winter Gillnet Fishery, at 6 PM March 1.
- Harvest in 2012 Tribal Winter season fisheries (preliminary through 3/1/12) include two Chinook, 52 steelhead, 13 walleye and 2,624 sturgeon. Sturgeon harvest by pool is shown in the table below.

2012 Treaty Sturgeon Guidelines & Harvest through March 1 (Preliminary)						
	Comm. Guideline	January SetNet	Winter GillNet	Comm. Total	Remaining	Comment
Bonneville	2,000	122	1,374	1,496	504	
The Dalles	1,000	3	142	145	855	
John Day	1,000	111	872	983	17	Closed 6p Mar 1
Total	4,000	236	2,388	2,624	1,376	

- The tribes are proposing to close the winter gillnet fishery in the Bonneville Pool based on staff projections that the commercial harvest guideline will be met. The platform and hook and line fishery in the Bonneville Pool would remain open for subsistence use under its normal rules.

Recommendation: Treaty Indian Winter Gillnet Fishery in Bonneville Pool
 Effective 6:00 p.m. Monday March 5, 2012:
 The commercial Winter Gillnet Fishery in Bonneville Pool will close.

- The platform and hook and line fishery in the Bonneville Pool will remain open for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes only.