

YAKAMA NATION
STAFF REPORT: SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 9
Columbia River Compact
June 6, 2012

<i>Fisheries under Consideration:</i> Treaty Indian Commercial Platform and Hook and Line
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Stock status and management guidelines for 2012 Chinook fisheries were presented in Winter Fact Sheet #1 (January 26, 2012).

- Bonneville Dam passage of Chinook through June 5 totals 168,313 adults. Based on the 5-year average, passage at Bonneville averages 87% complete by this date. TAC met Monday June 4 to review the upriver Spring Chinook run, and maintained the current in season estimate of 209,400 fish at the Columbia River mouth.
- Based on a run size of 209,400 fish, treaty fisheries are limited to an ESA impact rate of 9.1%, and an allowable harvest of 19,055 adult fish.
- The platform/hook-and-line fisheries (above and downstream of Bonneville) are ongoing. No commercial gillnet fisheries have occurred to date in 2012 for spring Chinook. Sales of fish are allowed in the mainstem and tributaries, consistent with tribal regulations.

Summary of 2012 Treaty Indian upriver Chinook catches-preliminary			
Fishery	In Hand (thru 6/2)	Planned (thru 6/15)	Total
Ceremonial Permits	9,700	0	9,700
Zone 6 Platform/H&L	4,980		
Below Bonneville Dam H&L	1,290		
Platform H&L Subtotal	6,270	~465	~6,735
Total Upriver Impacts	15,970	465	~16,435

- The tribes expect a balance of 2,620 fish to be remaining, based on actual and projected catch.
- Consensus from all for tribes to conduct a commercial gillnet fishery, or to close sales of platform hook and line was not reached.

<i>Recommendation - Treaty-Indian Commercial Fishery</i>	
SEASON:	12:00 p.m. (noon) June 7 through 12:00 p.m. (noon) June 8, 2 24-hours
AREA:	All of Zone 6
GEAR:	Set Gill Nets Only. Drift Gill Nets are Prohibited.
ALLOWABLE SALES:	Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches total length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.
SANCTUARIES:	No Spring Creek sanctuary.

PLATFORM H&L:	Close 6 p.m. June 8 through 12 a.m. (midnight) June 15	7 days
ADDITIONAL RULES:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.	

- Estimating catch is difficult since a fishery with such short duration has not been conducted in many years. A catch of 2,600 (range 2,400 to 2,800) Chinook is the best estimate for this fishery.
- The tribes will continue to monitor fisheries and adjust fisheries as needed.
- Sales of fish will continue to be allowed consistent with Yakama Nation regulations for tributaries fisheries, including the Wind River, Drano Lake (Little White Salmon), Klickitat, and Icicle Creek.