

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT
 DRAFT SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 2
 June 20, 2012**

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian Commercial Shad
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- Through June 18, about 1,682,617 shad have passed Bonneville Dam, with the highest daily count of just over 182,000 shad passing on June 8. Shad passage is typically 50% complete around June 12. During the most recent five years, shad passage at Bonneville has averaged 1.6 million fish, ranging from 0.9 to 2.6 million.
- The tribes are proposing the use of experimental gear to commercially harvest shad in Zone 6 of the Columbia River, outside Boat Restricted Zones as was adopted in 2011.
- Sockeye and steelhead handle in this fishery is estimated to be very low and the tribes will monitor for excessive salmonid handle.
- Effort in the shad fishery is typically market-driven. Several commercial shad fishers and shad buyers have requested continued experimentation of alternate gears. Since shad in the Columbia are non-native and under-utilized, the agencies have encouraged the commercial industry to find viable markets for shad. Availability of shad on the market plays a role in securing buyers for future years.

<i>Recommendation - Treaty Indian Commercial Shad Fishery</i>	
Season:	June 21-July 31, 2012. (40 days) Experimental Shad Gears not to be fished during Treaty Gillnet Seasons
Areas:	Zone 6, outside Boat Restricted Zones at Dams
Gear:	Drift Gill nets; Fish Wheels; Purse Seines; and Beach Seines
Allowable Sales:	Only shad may be kept and sold. All other fish must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

- Shad catch would be dependent on effort. Staff estimates less than six gears will participate. Steelhead and sockeye handle is expected to be minimal. Impacts to ESA-listed salmonids are expected to remain within the estimated ranges provided in the ESA consultation.

FUTURE HEARINGS

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