

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION**  
**STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 7b**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**September 25, 2012**

Fisheries Under Consideration:	Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet
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- Treaty platform and hook and line fisheries have been ongoing since the beginning of the fall management period on August 1.
- Yakama Nation tributary fisheries are ongoing. Sales of fish caught from Yakama Nation tributary fisheries are allowed only for Yakama Nation enrolled members, and only when those areas are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation rules.
- The tribes have completed five weeks of commercial gillnet fisheries and .
- Table 1 outlines the harvest through the end of the fifth opening.

<b>Table 1 Preliminary Catch Estimate Through September 21</b>										
Fishery	Dates	Nets	Total Adult Chinook Catch	Adult URB	Adult MCB	Adult Tule	Jack Catch	Strays	Total Steelhead catch	Group B Steelhead
Platform	8/1- 8/20		237	165	69	3	141	0	4,490	371
Gillnet #1	8/21- 8/23	343	3,084	693	287	2,104	267	0	1,132	254
Gillnet #2	8/27- 8/30	532	7,920	3,857	1,076	2,976	1,082	11	924	127
Gillnet #3	9/4- 9/8	749	27,608	14,871	3,267	9,142	1,494	328	2,249	561
Gillnet #4	9/11- 9/14	748	26,867	16,207	3,485	7,123	1,042	52	1,834	397
Gillnet #5	9/18- 9/21	762	15,903	9,593	2,063	4,216	617	31	2,280	898
Subtotal			81,619	45,386	10,247	25,564	4,643	422	12,909	2,608

- Table 2 shows available impacts for this week’s proposed fishery based on the current Group B steelhead run size projection. The tribes currently are reserving 40 B steelhead for late fall platform fisheries. At the current TAC forecast, there are sufficient available fish for an opening this week.

<b>Table 2. Inseason Group B Steelhead Run Size and Preliminary Catch Estimates</b>	
Run Size	21,000
Harvest Rate	15%
Allowed Catch	3,150
Estimated Catch (Through 9/21)	2,608
Late Fall Platforms	40
Total Catch	2,648
Harvest rate	12.6%
Remaining available	502

- Table 3 shows the catch expectation this week’s proposed fishery with two different assumptions of effort. In the past five years, week 40 effort has ranged from 403 nets to 657 nets.

<b>Table 3. Catch Projection for Proposed Fishery, with various effect scenarios.</b>								
Fishery	Dates	Nets	Total Adult Chinook Catch	Adult URB	Adult MCB	Adult Tule	Total Steelhead	Group B Steelhead
Gillnet #6A Scenario	9/26-9/28	625	17,800	9,200	6,900	1,700	1,150	460
Gillnet #6B Scenario	9/26-9/28	675	19,200	9,900	7,500	1,800	1,200	500

- The tribes propose the following fishery.

<b><i>Recommendation: 2012 Fall Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	6:00 AM Wednesday September 26 through 6:00 PM Friday September 28 (2.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Gill net only. 8 inch minimum mesh size.
Sanctuaries	Standard River mouth and dam sanctuaries for gillnet gear will be in place. The Spring Creek hatchery sanctuary will be reduced to a 150 radius around the hatchery ladder.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from the Bonneville Pool (38 to 54 inches fork length) and from The Dalles and John Day Pools (43 to 54 inches fork length) may be retained for subsistence purposes. Sockeye retention prohibited. Sales of fish caught during the open period may be sold after the period closes.
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- Tribal staff will monitor fisheries and report catches on a weekly basis. Net counts will be done each week to determine fishing effort.
- The tribes request a tentative Compact hearing Monday afternoon, in case any further fishery decisions are needed.