

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 STAFF REPORT: FALLFACT SHEET NO. 1b
 Compact Hearing
 July 26, 2012**

Fisheries under consideration: Treaty mainstem fisheries
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Stock status and management guidelines for 2012 fall season fisheries were presented in Fall Fact Sheet #1a (July 26, 2012).

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

Commercial Sturgeon Set line

- Harvest guidelines for white sturgeon in Zone 6 for are set annually for treaty Indian and non-treaty Indian fisheries. The majority of the treaty Indian harvest occurs during the winter/spring commercial set-line fisheries.
- Based on the 2012 Zone 6 treaty Indian harvest guidelines and estimated harvest to date, a total of 192 white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool remain available for harvest.
- The tribes are proposing the following fishery to allow access to the harvestable balance of white sturgeon for treaty Indian fisheries.

<i>Recommendation: 2012 Treaty Indian Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday July 30 to 6 PM Saturday August 11, 2012	(12.5 days)
Area	The Dalles Pool	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries apply.	
Gear:	Standard setline gear with hook size of 9/0 or greater. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J hooks.	
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon (43 to 54 inches fork length) may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Sales of fish landed during this open fishing period are allowed after the period concludes.	
Additional:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.	

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- Treaty platform and hook and line fisheries closed to earlier this month due to concerns of additional sockeye handle.
- Sockeye abundance in the Columbia River downstream of McNary Dam continues to decrease. Handle of sockeye is expected to be near zero from any platform and hook and line fisheries that may occur through the remainder of the year.
- The tribes are proposing to re-open platform hook and line fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River to subsistence fishing and allow the sale of fish caught. Only sturgeon landed in The Dalles Pool during the same time frame as the set-line fishery could be sold.

<i>Recommendation: 2012 Treaty Indian Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Zone 6</i>	
Season	6 AM Friday July 27, 2012 until further notice
Area	Zones 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries in effect for this gear type
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be 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. Sturgeon retention is not allowed on the Oregon shore between Covington Point and the Dalles Dam. Legal size sturgeon landed in The Dalles Pool may be sold <u>ONLY if caught during the open setline fishing period.</u> Sales of fish landed during open fishing periods are allowed after the period concludes.
Additional:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

<i>Recommendation: 2012 Treaty Indian Platform Hook and Line below Bonneville Dam</i>	
Season	6 AM Friday July 27, 2012 until further notice.
Area:	Below Bonneville Dam, as prescribed in tribal MOUs/MOAs and all other tribal regulations.
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes. Sales may not occur on USACE property.
Additional:	Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card. <u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

- 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. Sockeye sales are prohibited in Yakama Nation fisheries.