

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT: FALL FACT SHEET #8
Columbia River Compact
October 26, 2017

Fisheries under consideration: Treaty Zone 6 platform/hook and line fisheries

Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for the 2017 fall season were presented in Fall Factsheet #2 (August 16, 2017) and in the 2017 Fall Joint Staff Report (September 7, 2017). Reports are available at: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp> and <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/>.

2017 FALL FISHERIES

- According to the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement, this year the allowed URB harvest rate limits are 15% for non-treaty fisheries and 30% for treaty fisheries.
- The MA also stipulates a 2% wild B-Index harvest rate limit for non-treaty fisheries and a 13% total B-Index harvest rate limit for treaty fisheries.
- There is also a 2% wild A-Index harvest rate limit for non-treaty fisheries; treaty fisheries do not have a specified harvest rate limit on A-Index steelhead in the MA.
- Current forecast run sizes are shown in the table below.

Chinook Stock	Current Updated River Mouth Forecast	Steelhead Stock	Current Updated Bonneville Dam Forecast
URB	285,800	Hatchery A-Index	79,400
MCB	45,200	Wild A-Index	28,400
BPH	41,500	Hat B-Index	4,800
Total Upriver	372,500	Wild B-Index	800
		Total A/B-Index Steelhead	113,400

- Treaty platform and hook-and-line fisheries opened on August 1 for both commercial and subsistence use and are currently ongoing. There were seven weekly treaty commercial gillnet fishing periods between August 21 and October 5 with a total of 30.5 days of commercial gillnet fishing time (similar to the recent 10-year average). Treaty fisheries were open for a similar number of days to what was anticipated pre-season.
- Preliminary harvest estimates for the treaty fishery are shown in the table below.

	Total Adult Chinook	URB Chinook	Total Steelhead	Total B Index	Coho
Through Week 40	106,711	71,064	7,834	472	7,216
Week 41-42	329	262	150	19	0
Total	107,040	71,326	7,984	491	7,216
Allowed		85,740		728	
Remaining		14,414		237	

- Stock composition estimates for chinook are not final yet.

- Currently commercial sales of fish caught in the platform and hook and line fishery in Zone 6 continue through October 31, 2017.
- The Treaty fishery is within the harvest rate limits for both B-Index steelhead and Upriver Bright Chinook and the tribes have decided to continue sales of platform and hook and line fish through the end of the year. The anticipated additional harvest is expected to be well within the allowed limits.
- Treaty fisheries downstream of Bonneville will end no later than October 31.
- Catches will continue to be monitored.

The four Columbia River treaty tribes will adopt regulations consistent with the following:

<i>2017 Treaty Indian Fall Season Platform and Hook and Line</i>	
Season:	6:00 PM Tuesday, October 31 to 6:00 PM Sunday December 31
Area:	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	All standard closed areas for platform and hook and line gear are in effect.
Gear:	Hoop nets, bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, or carp. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required as provided in WAC 220-352-180, for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will recommend additional hearings as needed.