



FACT SHEET

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Columbia River Compact

Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife / Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

Purpose: To consider commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

TREATY INDIAN FISHERIES

Treaty Indian Winter Gillnet Fishery

- At the January 27 Compact hearing the following two month gillnet fishery was adopted:
 - Season: Noon February 1, 2000 through 4 PM March 21, 2000
 - Area: Zones 61, 62, and 63
 - Gear: No mesh size restrictions
 - Misc: 48" minimum and 60" maximum sturgeon size limits
- Sturgeon landings to date are similar to those observed in 1999 but less than 1998.

Weekly Landings During 2000 Treaty Indian Winter Gillnet Fishery				
Time Period	Chinook	Steelhead	Walleye	Sturgeon
Winter Setline	0	0	0	60
February 1-6	0	0	0	71
February 7-13	0	0	20	200
February 14-20	0	0	26	263
February 21-27	0	0	46	358
Feb 28-Mar 5	0	0	39	412
March 6-12	0	0	0	437
Totals to Date	0	0	131	1,741

- At the January 18 meeting the SMTF adopted pool specific catch guidelines for 2000 fisheries.
- Landings to date in the John Day and

2000 Pool Specific Landings and Catch Guidelines		
Pool	Catch to Date	Catch Guideline
Bonneville	424	1,300

Bonneville pools are well below catch guidelines while landings in The Dalles Pool are approaching the catch guideline.

The Dalles	1,023	1,000-1,200
John Day	354	1,160

- Landings in The Dalles Pool have ranged between 186 and 251 and averaged 213 sturgeon during the last four weeks.
- An estimated 1,200 white sturgeon will have been landed from The Dalles Pool by March 18.

Treaty Indian Recommendation
Close fishery effective 6 PM Saturday, March 18, 2000.

Treaty Indian Winter Setline Fishery

- After completion of the winter gillnet fishery an estimated 700-800 sturgeon will remain on the Bonneville pool guideline and an estimated 650-750 will remain on the John Day pool guideline.
- Tribes may propose a setline fishery in Bonneville and John Day Pool.

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