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WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT
WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 5
March 4, 2009**

<i>Fisheries under Consideration:</i>	Select Area Commercial Fisheries (Deep River) Treaty Winter Commercial Gillnet Fishery Treaty Platform Hook and Line Fisheries
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Zone 6 Winter Gillnet Fisheries

- The treaty winter gillnet fishery opened in all of Zone 6 on February 2. Sturgeon harvest guidelines for Zone 6 included 400 in the Bonneville Pool, 1000 in The Dalles Pool, and 335 in the John Day Pool.
- Sturgeon harvest has been increasing and is shown in the following table.

Treaty Winter Gillnet Fishery (through March 2, 2009)				
Pool	Chinook	Steelhead	Walleye	Sturgeon
Bonneville	0	0	0	455
The Dalles	0	0	0	711
John Day	0	0	0	248
Total	0	0	0	1,414

- Staff projects that the commercial harvest guideline will be met in the John Day and The Dalles Pools no later than this weekend (March 7-8). The tribal fishery codes require 48-hour notice in closing fisheries to ensure notification of fishermen.
- The Yakama Nation currently allows the sale of steelhead caught in their below Bonneville Dam platform and hook and line fishery.
- The tribes propose to 1) End the winter gillnet fishery in The Dalles and John Day Pools as of Friday March 6 at 6:00 PM and 2) Discontinue sales of fish in all ongoing treaty fisheries as of 6 PM March 21 in preparation for Ceremonial permit fishing.

<i>Treaty Indian Winter Season</i>	
Season:	6 PM March 6 through 6 PM March 21 2009
Area:	The Dalles and John Day Pools
Gear	Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad, catfish bass and yellow perch. Sturgeon between may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time
Quick Reporting	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

- The winter gillnet fishery in the Bonneville Pool closed on February 13 as the guideline had been reached. Sales of fish caught from the platform/hook and line fishery continued to be allowed.

Treaty Indian Platform Hook and Line Fisheries

Effective 6:00 PM March 21, 2009 discontinue sales of fish caught during the ongoing platform hook and line fisheries in Zone 6 and in the Yakama Nation fishery below Bonneville Dam

- Sales of fish will be discontinued for fish caught after March 21 because Ceremonial Permit fishing is expected to begin sometime after March 21.

Select Area Commercial Fishery - Deep River

- Currently, the winter season in Deep River is open on Monday nights through March 10, and the spring season is scheduled to begin on April 15.
- Catch and effort in Deep River has been minimal. Landings to date include two Chinook and four white sturgeon.
- Staff is proposing to extend the current winter season through March 31 (three additional nights). If adopted, the fishing schedule in Deep River would be as follows:

<i>Deep River Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Monday nights from February 16 through March 31 (7 nights) Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours)
Spring Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from April 16 through May 1. Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Deep River fishing area from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge (all concurrent water)
Gear:	7-inch minimum mesh size restriction during the winter season and an 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction during the spring season. Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets cannot be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 5 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff. During the winter season arrangements must be made with Jeremy Wilson at 360-795-0319 for the place and time of sampling. In the spring season a sampling station will be established downstream of the Highway 4 Bridge at the upper pen site at Stephen's dock. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

- Extending the winter season will allow for additional opportunity and is not expected to increase handle of non-local stocks. Weekly fishing periods allow staff to closely monitor the fishery and make adjustments as needed.
- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway 4 Bridge and require Compact action. Either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.