

FALL FACT SHEET NO. 7
Tribal Fishery Proposal
Columbia River Compact
October 12, 2004

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i>	Treaty Indian mainstem commercial
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Harvest to Date

Fishery	Nets	Total Adult Chinook Catch	URB Catch	URB Impact	Total Steelhead Catch	Wild B-Index Steelhead Catch	Wild B-Index Steelhead Impact
August Platform (8/1-24)		260	239	0.1%	2,870	130	1.2%
August Subsistence Permits (preliminary)		126	126	0.04%	10	1	0.01%
1 st Gillnet Opening 8/25-27 (preliminary)	113	2,413	896	0.3%	320	13	0.1%
2 nd Gillnet Opening 8/31-9/3 (preliminary)	233	18,829	7,477	2.1%	1,319	91	0.8%
3 rd Gillnet Opening 9/7-9/10 (preliminary)	297	26,419	7,545	2.1%	1,820	123	1.1%
4 th Gillnet Opening 9/13-9/17 (preliminary)	241	36,866	10,995	3.1%	2,063	254	2.3%
5 th Gillnet Opening 9/20-9/24 (preliminary)	232	22,921	11,665	3.3%	2,179	208	1.9%
6 th Gillnet Opening 9/27-9/30 (preliminary)	271	9,635	3,438	1.0%	1,324	166	1.5%
7 th Gillnet Opening 10/4-10/8 (projected)	199	5,967	3,466	1.0%	1,221	131	1.2%
Late Fall Platforms (projected)		300	300	0.1%		150	1.4%
Drano Lake through end of Oct (projected)						70	0.6%
Snake Basin						150	1.4%
Total Projected Catch to Date		123,737	46,147	12.9%	13,126	1,487	13.5%

Current Forecasts:

Forecast	Mouth	Bonneville
Run Sizes		
URB	358,000	333,000
MCB	102,000	73,000
BPH	184,000	172,000
Total Chin.	612,000	547,000
Hat A		186,503
Wild A		59,317
Hat B		28,652
Wild B		10,881
Total Steelhead.		285,353

The Total Allowed Harvest Rate for tribal fisheries is 23.04% for URB and 15% for Wild B index steelhead. This equates to 82,483 URB's and 1,632 Wild B Index steelhead.

Projected Harvest:

The tribes have not had a commercial gillnet fishery in Week 42 in recent years and the Zone 6 model does not predict harvest this late. However, based on recent week's actual data and current dam counts, the tribes would expect significantly less effort than previous weeks and a corresponding reduction in total catch. If Wild B impacts were an additional 130-140 (close to Week 41 impacts), the fishery would be within allowed impacts. The assumed late fall projections for the platform and tributary fisheries are conservative estimates and may well exceed actual impacts.

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Recommendation	
Season:	6 AM Wednesday October 13 to 6 PM Saturday October 16 (3½days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Gear:	There will be no minimum mesh size restriction for this opening.
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries will be in effect. There will be a small Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary within a radius of 150 feet of the Spring Creek Hatchery fishway.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad.
Miscellaneous Rules:	Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon between four and five feet total length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and between 45"-60" in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. The Quick Reporting rule will also be in effect for Washington Buyers.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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