

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 8
July 13, 2009

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial salmon
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Management guidelines and run forecasts for the 2009 summer season were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 10, 2009)

- Through July 12, there have been 39,769 adult summer Chinook and 174,365 sockeye counted at Bonneville Dam. Additionally, there have been 28,628 adult summer Chinook counted through July 11 at Rock Island Dam. There have also been 791 sockeye counted at Ice Harbor Dam through July 12.
- TAC met on Monday July 13, 2009 and updated the Chinook and Sockeye run sizes. The updated summer Chinook run size is 55,000 at the river mouth. This is based on average counts from now through July 31 at Bonneville and an estimated below Bonneville harvest of 5,000 Chinook. TAC updated the sockeye run size to 185,000 at the river mouth. This forecast is based on an average run timing curve.
- Treaty Indian fisheries are allocated 12,375 summer Chinook and 12,950 sockeye based on the updated forecasts and the harvest rate schedules in the 2008-2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement.
- The first four tribal commercial gillnet fisheries occurred from June 16 to July 11 (13.0 Days). The scaffold fishery has been ongoing. Effort and catch statistics are listed in the Table below. Platform/H&L catches are included with gillnet landings.

<i>Preliminary Treaty Indian Gillnet/Platform/H&L Landings</i>				
	Adult Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead	Net Count
June 16 to 19 (3.5 days)	4,493	2,001	179	396
June 22 to 25 (3.5 days)	3,320	4,208	155	418
June 30 to July 2 (2.5 days)	1,792	2,966	326	385
July 8 to July 11 (3.5 days)	1,492	823	763	283
Total	11,097	9,999	1,423	
Remaining (based on updated run size)	1,278	2,951		
July 15 to July 17 (2.5 days) (projected)	1,000	800	800	285 (proj)
Total on July 17	12,097	10,799	2,223	
Remaining after July 11 (based on updated run size)	278	2,151		

<i>Recommendation - Treaty Indian Gillnet Fishery</i>		
Dates:	6:00 AM Wednesday, July 15 to 6:00 PM Friday, July 17, 2009	2.5 Days
Area:	All of Zone 6	
Gear:	No minimum mesh size restriction	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types remain in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, sockeye, walleye, carp, yellow perch, catfish, bass and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville pool may be retained for subsistence.	
Additional	24-hour Quick reporting rule in effect for Washington buyers	

- Chinook and sockeye catches are expected to decline as the Bonneville counts decrease through the end of July. Estimated Chinook catch is 1,000 Chinook and 800 sockeye for the Fifth opening based observed effort and catch rates in the first four openings. Steelhead abundance is increasing in Zone 6 as expected. The catch expectation for the proposed fishery is an additional 800 steelhead. The Grand Total would then be: 12,097 Chinook; 10,799 Sockeye; and 2,223 Steelhead.
- The platform and hook and line fishery landings have been included in the gillnet catch estimates, and are not expected to harvest more than approximately 100 Chinook and 500 sockeye prior to the end of July.
- The proposed fisheries are expected to result in catches that are less than the allowed limits under the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement and may allow further commercial opportunity while continuing subsistence opportunity later in the summer management period.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing next week to consider additional treaty Indian commercial periods.

*Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission
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