

**JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 15**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**October 13, 2006**

<i>Fisheries Under Consideration:</i>	<b>Treaty Indian Commercial</b>
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**STOCK STATUS**

*Fall Chinook*

- On October 10, the TAC updated the Chinook river mouth run size to 421,400 adults. The Upriver Bright forecast increased slightly to 225,900 adults.

<i>Fall Chinook Adult Returns to the Columbia River Mouth</i>							
Stock	2005	2006	2006 TAC Update				
	Return	Preseason Forecast	15-Sep	20-Sep	26-Sep	02-Oct	10-Oct
<b>LRH</b>	78,200	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500	57,500
<b>LRW</b>	16,800	16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600	16,600
<b>BPH</b>	93,100	51,800	<b>36,800</b>	<b>38,600</b>	<b>34,700</b>	<b>34,600</b>	<b>35,600</b>
<b>URB</b>	268,700	249,050	<b>198,700</b>	<b>206,600</b>	<b>208,300</b>	<b>221,800</b>	<b>225,900</b>
<b>MCB</b>	98,000	86,600	<b>73,400</b>	<b>75,600</b>	<b>61,600</b>	<b>69,500</b>	<b>73,400</b>
<b>SAB</b>	6,600	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400	12,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>561,400</b>	<b>473,950</b>	<b>395,400</b>	<b>407,300</b>	<b>391,100</b>	<b>412,400</b>	<b>421,400</b>

**FISHERY UPDATES**

*Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery*

- The Treaty Indian fall season fisheries are being managed for a 23.04% harvest rate on URB's and a 15% harvest rate on wild B-Index steelhead. At current projected run sizes this equates to an allowed harvest of 52,047 URB's and 1,620 wild B Index steelhead.
- Seven weekly fishing periods have taken place during August 21 through October 6.

<i>2006 Total Treaty-Indian Landings</i>					
Dates	Chinook	URB	Steelhead	Wild B	Coho
August Platform	360	319	1,389	10	10
<b>Commercial</b>					
Aug 21-24	1,688	1494	1,322	25	102
Aug 28-Sep 1	7,097	4,206	1,457	37	268
Sep 5-9	17,295	8,419	2,803	133	912
Sep 11-15	17,655	8,320	3,075	234	1,526
Sep 18-22	15,590	6,700	3,377	275	1,770
Sep 25-29	12,481	7,630	4,591	372	1,459
Oct 3-6	5,885	3,598	2,909	250	1,518
Late Fall Subsistence (proj.)	800	800	250	200	50
Commercial Total	77,691	40,366	19,534	1,324	7,555
<b>Total</b>	<b>78,851</b>	<b>41,485</b>	<b>21,173</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>7,615</b>

- Sales of platform and hook & line caught fish are ongoing, as well as sales of subsistence fish caught in the tributary fisheries (including Drano Lake) that are regulated by Yakama Nation.

### **Impacts Summary**

<b>2006 Fall Fishery Impacts Summary</b>			
Fishery	Chinook Catch	URB Impacts	
		No.	%
<b>Treaty Indian Fisheries</b>			
August platform	360	319	0.14%
Commercial gillnet through October 6	77,691	40,366	17.87%
Late Fall Subsistence (Proj. Total)	800	800	0.35%
<b>Treaty Indian Total</b>	<b>78,851</b>	<b>46,094</b>	<b>18.36%</b>
<b>Remaining Impacts</b>		10,562	4.68%
<b>Treaty Indian Total Impact Limit</b>		<b>52,047</b>	<b>23.04%</b>
<b>URB run Size</b>		<b>225,900</b>	

- Treaty Indian commercial impacts to Wild B steelhead are estimated at 12.3%. Total impacts including August Platform and late fall subsistence impacts are expected to be 14.2% compared to the 15% limit.

### **FISHERY PROPOSALS**

The tribes propose to discontinue sales of platform and hook and line caught fish in the Zone 6 platform fishery effective 6:00 PM Sunday, October 15. The platform and hook and line fishery will remain open for subsistence use under all other existing rules.

This action is being proposed so the tribes can issue a small number of subsistence gillnet permits targeting Chinook. At this time the tribes expect the total number of Chinook to be caught in late fall subsistence fisheries to be approximately 800 fish and a small number of steelhead. The tribes will continue to require an 8” minimum mesh size restriction to minimize the handle of steelhead. The harvest in this part of the fishery is expected to bring the tribal impacts close to the 15% wild B steelhead impact, but the fishery in total is not expected to exceed either the URB or Wild B impact limit.

Additionally, the Yakama Nation will continue to allow commercial sales and/or subsistence use in its Zone 6 tributary fisheries in the Klickitat, Big White Salmon, and Drano Lake fisheries under their regular schedule. Yakama fishers transporting fish for sale outside the immediate fishing area will be required to possess a Yakama issued fish transport permit.

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission  
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