

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SUMMER FACT SHEET 2
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
June 27, 2019

Fisheries under consideration: Treaty commercial salmon

Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available on-line. The most recent report is the 2019 Joint Staff Report: Stock Status and Fisheries for Spring Chinook, Summer Chinook, Sockeye, Steelhead, and Other Species (February 8, 2019).

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/reports.asp> or

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/management/columbia-river/reports> or. An updated fall Joint Staff Report is expected to be available late July.

STOCK STATUS AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

- Pre-season salmon and steelhead forecasts applicable to the summer management period can be found in the Summer Fact Sheet 1 from June 12, 2019.
- Through June 26 a total of 13,067 summer chinook and 31,889 sockeye have passed Bonneville Dam. TAC met on June 26 and downgraded the sockeye run size to 58,000. TAC will meet again on Monday, July 1st.
- Based on the current forecasts treaty Indian fisheries are allocated 6,450 adult summer Chinook and 4,060 sockeye. Allowed catches are based on actual run sizes.
- Through June 26, there have been a total of 2,292 Skamania steelhead counted at Bonneville including 1,112 unclipped fish. While TAC has not updated the Skamania run size, the total run and unclipped run are tracking less than forecast based on average timing.

SUMMER SEASON COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Treaty Mainstem Summer Management Period Commercial Fisheries

- The treaty tribes issued ceremonial gillnet permits the week of June 17, and 3 of the 4 tribes participated.
- The treaty tribes opened commercial sales for the platform and hook and line fishery on June 24 and are expecting sales to run continuously through the summer management period and into the fall. The treaty tribes opened a two-night commercial gillnet fishery from June 24 to June 26. Catches to date and catch projections are shown in table on the top of page 2.
- The tribe's met earlier today and agreed to authorize a second 2-night commercial gillnet fishery from July 1 to July 3 according to the box in the middle of page 2.

2019 Treaty Indian Summer Season Fisheries				
Fishery	Effort (Set Nets)	Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead
Platforms through June 22	na	275	179	na
Ceremonial Permits (preliminary)		501	162	0
Jun 24-26 (2 nights) preliminary	267	2,000	456	16
July 1-3 (2 nights) projected	325	1,900	600	20
July Platform projected		500	1,765	na
Total		5, 176	3,162	36
Allowed at Updated Forecast		6,450	4,060	
Remaining		1,274	898	

2019 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Season	6 AM Monday July 1 to 6 PM Wednesday, July 3 (2.5 days)
Area	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect during the summer management period.
Gear:	Set and Drift Gill nets with a 7" minimum mesh size restriction
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and may be kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- Catch and effort will continue to be monitored. Total catch is determined through a tribal creel program supplemented by Fish ticket data. Aerial surveys will continue each week to estimate set gillnet effort and drift net effort will continue to be estimated through the creel monitoring program. Catches for the platform fishery are included in weekly gillnet catches. Any harvest downstream of Bonneville Dam is part of the total allowed catch for any species.

Future Meetings

- The tribes may request another Compact Hearing during the week of July 8.