

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
 TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 2
 Columbia River Compact
 August 7, 2019**

Fisheries Under Consideration: Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Set Line

2019 TREATY FISHERIES

Sturgeon Setline

- The 2019 Zone 6 sturgeon harvest guidelines for Treaty fisheries are 500 fish for the Bonneville Pool, 415 for The Dalles Pool and 175 fish for the John Day Pool.
- Harvest guidelines in Bonneville and The Dalles pools were met during winter gillnet fisheries, but a balance (106 fish) remained available on the John Day Pool guideline.
- Given the guideline balance, the tribes authorized a sturgeon setline fishery in the John Day Pool from 6 AM Friday June 26, through 6:00 PM Saturday August 17.
- Catches have been higher than expected in the fishery and 67 fish were landed between July 26 and August 4. Catches are detailed in the box below.

	January Setline	Winter Gillnet	Summer Setline	Total	Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	43	587	--	630	500	-130
The Dalles	14	407	--	421	415	-6
John Day	12	57	67	136	175	39
Total	69	1,051	67	1,187		

- The four Columbia River treaty tribes met earlier this week and took action to close the setline fishery as shown below:

2019 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

The commercial sturgeon setline fishery in the John Day Pool will close at 6:00 PM Thursday August 8. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length caught in the John Day Pool prior to the closure may be sold after the closure.

Future Meetings

- There will be a Compact Hearing on Monday, August 12 at 10:00 AM at the WDFW Regional Office in Ridgefield, WA to consider Treaty and Non-Treaty mainstem commercial gillnet fisheries.