

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION**  
**JOINT STAFF REPORT: FALL FACT SHEET #9**  
**Columbia River Compact**  
**December 7, 2017**

Fisheries under consideration:	John Day Reservoir Sturgeon Setline Fishery John Day Pool Platform and Hook and Line Fishery
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*Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for sturgeon were presented in the 2017 Joint Staff Report Concerning Stock Status and Fisheries for Sturgeon and Smelt (January 30, 2017). Reports are available at: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp> and <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/>.*

**2017 TREATY STURGEON FISHERIES**

- Treaty commercial sturgeon harvest guidelines and recreational guidelines are established for the Zone 6 pools by the joint state/tribal Sturgeon Management Task Force.
- 2017 commercial sturgeon harvest and treaty commercial guidelines are shown in the table below.

Pool	January Setline	Winter Gillnet	August Setline	Total	Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	0	368		368	325	-43
The Dalles	0	326	0	326	325	-1
John Day	0	163	49	212	295	83
<b>Total</b>	0	857	49	906	945	

- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have adopted regulations consistent with the following:

<b>2017 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</b>	
<b>Season</b>	6 AM Monday December 11 to 6 PM Saturday December 30
<b>Area</b>	John Day Pool Only
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to setline gear
<b>Gear:</b>	Setline Gear. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area of the set line fishery. 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. It is unlawful to sell, barter, or attempt to sell or barter sturgeon eggs that have been removed from the body cavity of a sturgeon prior to sale of the sturgeon to a wholesale dealer licensed, or to sell or barter sturgeon eggs at retail. It is unlawful to deliver to a wholesale dealer any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

- The tribes expect low effort and moderate catch in the proposed setline fishery and anticipate that, the catch will be likely less than the 83 fish available in the John Day pool guideline.
- Salmonid harvest does not occur with setline gear.
- Catch and effort will be monitored to ensure the tribal fisheries remains within management limits. Fisheries will be closed earlier if harvest limits are projected to be met early.
- The commercial sale of salmonids and non-native caught with hoopnet, dipnet, or hook-and-line gear is currently allowed in mainstem fisheries by the Columbia River treaty tribes.
- Normally in pools open to commercial setline fisheries, the tribes also allow any legal size sturgeon caught in platform and hook and line gear in that open pool in the same time period to be sold. The catch of sturgeon in platform and hook and line fisheries is low and the tribes do not expect significant platform and hook and line effort in the John Day pool during this time period.
- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have adopted regulations consistent with the following:

<b><i>2017 Treaty Fishery –Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line</i></b>	
Season:	6 AM Monday, Dec 11 through 6:00 PM Saturday December 30.
Area:	John Day Pool only
Gear:	Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable	
Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes or sold only if caught during hours and days open to commercial setline fishing. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries in place for this gear type.
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.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- None scheduled. Treaty setline fisheries in January 2018 occur by permanent regulation