

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 1a
June 10, 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)

- Treaty Indian fisheries are allocated 18,263 summer Chinook and 12,866 sockeye based on the pre-season forecasts and the harvest rate schedules in the 2008-2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement. The actual allowed harvest will be dependant on the actual river mouth run sizes. The tribes anticipate weekly commercial gillnet fishing periods until harvest limits are reached.
- Mainstem platform and hook and line fisheries in Zone 6 are expected to continue through out the summer season. Regulation allowing the sales of fish harvested during the platform hook and line fisheries are currently in place. In addition, regulations are in place to allow the sales of fish caught during Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributary fisheries and the Yakama nation platform and hook and line bank fishery on the Washington shore immediately below Bonneville Dam (see factsheets dated May 13 and May 25). No additional Comapct action is required.

<i>Recommendation - Treaty Indian Gillnet Fishery</i>		
Dates:	6:00 AM Tuesday, June 16 to 6:00 PM Friday, June 19, 2009 6:00 AM Monday, June 22 to 6:00 PM Thursday, June 25, 2009	3.5 Days 3.5 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	

- Estimated Chinook catch is 3,500-6,200 Chinook total in the first two openings, based expected effort and past catch rates. The tribes expect sockeye harvest to increase as the run progresses; catch expectation for the proposed season is 3,000 sockeye total in the first two openings. Steelhead abundance is relatively low in Zone 6 in June; catch expectation for the proposed two fisheries is 300 steelhead.
- The platform and hook and line fishery is not expected to harvest more than approximately 500 Chinook and 2000 sockeye prior to the end of June.

- Gear or other restrictions can be implemented if catch exceeds expectations and or run sizes are less than the pre-season forecasts.
- 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 will likely allow further commercial and subsistence opportunity later in the summer management period.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing on or about Thursday June 25 to consider additional treaty Indian commercial periods.