

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT
SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 2-A
June 24, 2010**

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| Fisheries under consideration: | Treaty Indian commercial salmon |
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MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management Agreements

- The 2008-2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for treaty and non-treaty summer season Chinook and sockeye fisheries which were outlined in Fact Sheet #1.
- Salmon returns to date were shown in Fact Sheet #2

2010 SUMMER SEASON TREATY FISHERIES

- The tribes re-opened the Zone 6 fisheries for both subsistence and commercial use at the beginning of the summer management period on June 16.
- The Zone 6 platform/hook and line fishery opened under its standard rules for both subsistence and commercial use and does not require Compact action at this time.
- The fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam as well as Yakama tributary fisheries also do not require Compact action.
- The harvest in the first gillnet opening was 4,521 Chinook, 1,470 sockeye, and 187 steelhead. The net flight counted a total of 258 nets on June 17.
- The projected harvest in the second gillnet opening is 7,000 Chinook, and 4,500 sockeye. The net flight counted a total of 417 nets on June 23.
- Preliminary total catches to date are shown in the table below.

| Fishery | Chinook | Sockeye | Steelhead | Net Flight |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|------------|
| Platform/Hook and Line (through 6/19) | 300 | 450 | 110 | Na |
| Gillnet 6/16-18 | 4,221 | 1,020 | 77 | 258 (6/17) |
| Gillnet 6/22-24 projected | 7,000 | 4,500 | 150 | 417 (6/23) |
| Projected total through 6/24 | 11,521 | 5,970 | 337 | |
| 6/29-7/1 projected | 7,000 | 4,500 | 150 | 400 |
| 7/6-8 projected | 5,000 | 3,000 | 200 | 400 |
| Projected Total July 8 | 23,521 | 13,470 | 687 | |

- The tribes will set an additional two commercial gillnet openings. These openings will not require a mesh size restriction to limit the harvest of sockeye. The tribes may utilize a mesh size restriction if needed in any subsequent openings.
- The catch expectation in the third and fourth gillnet openings is 10,000 to 12,000 Chinook and 6,000 to 7,500 sockeye. These predicted catches are based on catch rates in the first Gillnet opening and assume a total effort of approximately 400 nets.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fisheries

COMMERCIAL GILLNET SEASON

AREA: All of Zone 6

DATES: 6:00 AM Tuesday June 29, 2010 through 6:00 PM Thursday July 1 (2.5 days).

And 6:00 AM Tuesday July 6, 2010 through 6:00 PM Thursday July 8 (2.5 days)

GEAR: There will be no mesh size restriction.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Sales of fish caught during the open period for gillnet fishing are allowed after the end of the open period as long as the fish were landed during the open period.

SANCTUARIES: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries shall remain in effect, with the exception of the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary, which is not necessary this time of year.

The 24 hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington commercial fish buyers.

- The expected harvest in the planned gillnet openings along with preliminary harvest to date are within the harvest limits based on the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement, even if the Chinook and Sockeye runs are less than forecast. The fisheries to date along with the proposed gillnet openings are expected to harvest most of the tribal sockeye limit at the inseason run size update and most of the Chinook harvest limit based on the pre-season run size.
- Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line fisheries typically harvest less than 1000 Chinook, but can harvest large numbers of sockeye. The tribes will monitor sockeye catch in the platform fishery carefully.
- Based on experience last year and effort checks this year, the fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam is expected to have very low effort and very low catches in the summer and fall seasons in 2010.
- The tribes will monitor and report harvests.
- A net flight will occur during each commercial gillnet opening to estimate the fishing effort.
- The tribes may propose additional commercial gillnet fishing dependant on the catches in the first two openings and the number of fish available for harvest as the run sizes are updated.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The tribes may request a Compact Hearing on Thursday July 8, 2010.