

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT
SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 3
July 8, 2010

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial salmon
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STOCK STATUS

- Chinook counts at Bonneville Dam from June 16 through July 7 total 49,972 adults. Summer Chinook passage is typically 67% complete by July 7.
- Sockeye counts at Bonneville Dam through July 7 total 357,954 fish. Daily counts at Bonneville have exceeded record highs. Sockeye passage is typically over 90% complete by July 7.
- TAC met July 7 and downgraded the Summer Chinook run to 75,000 fish at the mouth of the Columbia River. That return to the Columbia, added to an ocean harvest of 1,200, gives an ocean abundance of 76,200. TAC also kept the sockeye return at 375,000 fish, which should also allow the Wenatchee escapement goal of 23,000 to be met.
- The summer steelhead counting period at Bonneville Dam began April 1 and continued to June 30 for the Skamania stock. A total of 29,261 steelhead (11,276 unclipped) were counted during this time period and the run exceeded the preseason forecast (16,400 total, 3,300 wild)for Skamania steelhead. On July 1 the upriver A/B steelhead counting period began. From July 1 to July 7, a total of 21,079 steelhead have been counted (recent five year average is 7,767 fish).
- TAC is scheduled to meet again on July 13 to update the summer Chinook and Sockeye run sizes and to review Treaty and Non-Treaty Harvests.

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. The treaty and non-treaty catch guidelines is 20,325 (26.7%) summer Chinook and the treaty catch guideline is 7% or 26,250 Sockeye.

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 tribes have authorized four (4) Commercial Gillnet Openings.
- Preliminary total catches to date are shown in the table below.

Fishery	Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead	Net Flight
Platform/Hook and Line (through 7/3)	753	3,983	572	Na
Gillnet 6/16-18	4,221	1,020	77	258 (6/17)
Gillnet 6/22-24	3,961	5,958	143	417 (6/23)
Gillnet 6/29-7/1	2,470	4,398	237	386 (6/30)
Gillnet 7/6-7/8 *projected	3,000	6,000	500	392 (7/7)
Gillnet 7/13-15 *projected	2,500	4,000	500	
Projected total through 7/15	16,905	25,359	2,029	
Remaining	3,420	891	Na	

* Includes Platform/H&L Projection.

- The tribes will propose setting an additional commercial gillnet opening. This opening 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 fourth and fifth gillnet openings is 4,000 to 5,500 Chinook and 8,000 to 10,000 sockeye. These predicted catches are based on catch rates in the first three Gillnet openings and assume a total effort of approximately 400 nets.

FISHERY RECOMMENDATIONS

<i>Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fisheries</i>
<p>COMMERCIAL GILLNET SEASON</p> <p>AREA: All of Zone 6</p> <p>DATES: 6:00 AM Tuesday July 13, 2010 through 6:00 PM Thursday July 15 (2.5 days).</p> <p>GEAR: There will be no mesh size restriction.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The 24 hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington commercial fish buyers.</p>

- The expected harvest in the planned gillnet opening along with preliminary harvest to date are within the harvest limits based on the *U.S. v. Oregon* Management Agreement. 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 continue to 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 low catches in the summer and fall seasons in 2010.
- The tribes will monitor and report harvests.
- A net flight will occur during the proposed commercial gillnet opening to estimate the fishing effort.
- The tribes may propose additional commercial gillnet fishing dependant on the catches in the third and fourth 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 15, 2010.