

**COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION
JOINT STAFF REPORT
FALL FACT SHEET NO. 19
November 1, 2011**

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial sturgeon setline
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Sturgeon Set Line Fishery

- The tribes opened a sturgeon setline fishery on October 10 in all three pools of Zone 6. The fishery was planned to go through October 31. The Tribes took action to close the Bonneville Pool on October 26. The harvest through October 30 is shown in the table below.

Pool	Winter Setline	Winter Gillnet	Summer Gillnet	August Setline	October Setline	Total	Commercial Harvest Guideline	Remaining
Bonneville	68	1,590	136	153	151	2,098	2,000	-98
The Dalles	2	328	32	60	26	448	1,000	552
John Day	0	881	31	0	49	961	1,000	39
Total	70	2,799	199	213	226	3,507	4,000	493

- Because there are remaining sturgeon on The Dalles Pool harvest guideline, the tribes will re-open The Dalles Pool sturgeon setline fishery on November 2.

Recommendation

<i>2011 Treaty Indian Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season	6 AM Wednesday November 2 to 6 PM Saturday December 3, 2011 (31.5 days)
Area	The Dalles Pool Only
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries.
Gear:	Standard setline gear with hook size of 9/0 or greater. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J hooks. Fishers are reminded that it is <u>unlawful</u> to use setline gear: with more than 100 hooks per set line, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification. Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.

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Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in John Day Pool and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes but may not be sold. Sales of fish caught during open fishing periods are allowed after the end of the open period, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers. 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, 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 will take action to close the fishery earlier if the harvest guideline for this pool is met.
- Tribal staff will monitor the fishery.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Tribes are not proposing any additional Compact Hearings at this time.