

TRIBAL STAFF REPORT - SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 7b
Columbia River Compact
May 17, 2010

Fisheries under consideration: Treaty Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Tribal Fisheries

- No Chinook were harvested in the tribal winter gillnet fishery.
- Tribal ceremonial permit fishing has been occurring since late March. Ceremonial permit fishing concluded in April. The preliminary total ceremonial permit catch for all tribes is 8,600.
- Platform and hook and line fishing for subsistence purposes has been occurring both in Zone 6 and below Bonneville Dam. The harvest to date includes 4,970 Chinook. Of this catch more than half have been harvested downstream of Bonneville Dam (Through May 15).
- Tribal fisheries will be managed based on the harvest rate schedule in the 2008-2017 U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement.
- Based on the updated 340,000 run size the allowed tribal catch would be 39,780 (11.7% harvest rate)
- The table below, shows the tribal spring Chinook harvest to date.

Fishery	Catch
Ceremonial Permits	8,600
Platform/hook and line (through 5/15)	4,970
Commercial Gillnet #1 4/27-4/30	15,927
Commercial Gillnet #2 5/11-5/14	8,830
Total	38,327
Allowed Catch at 340,000	39,780
Remaining available harvest	1,453
Note: gillnet fishery totals include some platform h/l catch during same time period.	

- Because of the small number of fish remaining available for tribal fishing, the tribes have elected to close the Yakama, Umatilla, and Warm Springs fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam at 6:00 PM on Wednesday May 19.
- At this time the tribes will leave the current regulations for Zone 6 fisheries unchanged. This includes the allowance of commercial sales of platform and hook and line fish from Zone 6 as previously scheduled.
- All four tribes concurred in this action.

Staff Recommendation – Tribal Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

The platform and hook and line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam conducted under agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington by the Yakama, Umatilla and Warm Springs Tribes will be closed from 6:00 PM on Wednesday May 19, 2010 until 6:00 AM on Wednesday June 16, 2010.

- The tribes will track the run size and catches carefully and may propose additional fishery restrictions if needed.