

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: SPRING FACT SHEET NO. 11
Columbia River Joint State Hearing
June 7, 2011**

Fisheries under Consideration: Treaty Indian downstream of Bonneville Dam
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- As of June 6, 180,192 adult spring Chinook have passed Bonneville Dam. Counts have returned to over 2,000 per day for the past three days. Based on 10 year average dam counts through June 15, it is the final Bonneville dam count may be close to 197,000 fish. This would make the final river mouth run size greater than the current 204,000 which is the latest TAC projection.
- At the current projected run size, tribal fisheries are limited to a 9.1% harvest rate under the U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement (18,564 upriver spring Chinook at a 204,000 run size). If were to come in at 210,000, the allowed catch would increase to 19,110.
- The ceremonial permit fishery is complete. Platform and hook-and-line fishing is ongoing in Zone 6 and Yakama Nation tributary fisheries. The hook-and-line fishery downstream of Bonneville re-opened June 6 on a days-per-week basis along with gear restrictions (1 pole per fisher).
- Through June 4, a total of 18,388 adult Chinook have been harvested in tribal fisheries. Catch projections for ongoing fisheries total 700 additional fish. This leaves a balance of 22 fish at a run size of 210,000, and an overcatch 524 at the current run size.
- Currently, the tribal fishery below Bonneville Dam is open Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays during 6 AM to 8PM with a one-pole restriction per fisher through June 15. The four tribes are proposing to remove the current time and days-per-week restriction and revert back to seasons described in each tribe’s MOU. The tribes have agreed to maintain the limit of the one pole per fisher

Recommendation: Spring Season Tribal Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam
In accordance with the appropriate MOA or MOU specific to each tribe
<p>Season: 6 AM Thursday June 9 through Midnight Wednesday June 15, 2011.</p> <p>Area: Downstream of Bonneville Dam.</p> <p>Allowed Sales: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam.</p> <p>Gear: Hook-and-line only for these fishing periods. One pole per fisher only.</p> <p>Additional regulations: No commercial sales are allowed on COE property at Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere prior to sale. 24 hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington commercial fish buyers.</p>

- Catch and effort is expected to be modest downstream of Bonneville Dam due to high water and generally poor fishing conditions. The tribes will continue to monitor fisheries and make any needed management changes to keep the overall tribal fisheries within management limits.
- A Compact hearing to consider summer season treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fisheries has been scheduled for 10 AM Thursday June 9, 2011 in Rainier, Oregon in the council chambers room at City Hall (106 B Street).