

COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION

TRIBAL STAFF REPORT WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 6 March 7, 2008

Purpose: Consider Tribal Winter Commercial Gillnet Fishery

ZONE 6 STURGEON FISHERIES

- The treaty winter gillnet fishery opened in all of Zone 6 on February 1
- The treaty commercial sturgeon harvest guidelines in Zone 6 are 400 in the Bonneville Pool, 550 in The Dalles Pool, and 335 in the John Day Pool.
- The preliminary catches in the tribal winter gillnet fishery are shown in the following table.

Winter Gillnet Fishery				
Pool	Chinook	Steelhead	Walleye	Sturgeon
Bonneville	0	11	1	761
The Dalles	0	1	1	450
John Day	0	139	0	300
Total	0	151	2	1,511

- Catches have been increasing in the John Day Pool. The tribes expect the guideline to be met soon.
- The tribal fishery codes require 48 hour notice in closing fisheries to ensure notification of fishermen.

Fishery Proposal

- The tribes propose to end the winter gillnet fishery as of 6:00 PM Monday, March 10 in all three pools of Zone 6. The intent of the regulation is that fish including legal size sturgeon caught during any commercial open may be sold at any time even after the commercial opening. The platform and hook and line fishery in all of Zone 6 will continue to be open for subsistence purposes.

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