

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT – SUMMER FACT SHEET NO. 3a
June 25, 2009

Fisheries under consideration:	Treaty Indian commercial salmon
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Management guidelines and run forecasts for the 2009 summer season were presented in Summer Fact Sheet #1 (June 10, 2009)

- Treaty Indian fisheries are allocated 18,263 summer Chinook and 12,866 sockeye based on the pre-season forecasts and the harvest rate schedules in the 2008-2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement.
- No additional Compact action is required on the mainstem platform and hook and line fishery, the Yakama Nation Zone 6 tributary fisheries, or the Yakama Nation platform and hook and line bank fishery on the Washington shore immediately below Bonneville Dam (see factsheets dated May 13 and May 25).
- The first tribal commercial gillnet fishery occurred from June 16 to 19 (2.5 Days), and the second began June 22 and will close today at 6 PM. Effort and catch statistics are listed in the Table below. Platform/H&L catches are included with gillnet landings.

<i>Treaty Indian Gillnet/Platform/H&L Landings</i>				
	Chinook	Sockeye	Steelhead	Net Count
June 16 to 19	3,536	1,651	106	396
June 22 to 25 (proj)	4,265	4,354	99	418
Total	7,802	6,006	205	
June 30 to July 2 (proj)	4,000	4,000	150	400 (proj)
Grand Total	11,802	10,006	355	

<i>Recommendation - Treaty Indian Gillnet Fishery</i>		
Dates:	6:00 AM Tuesday, June 30 to 6:00 PM Thursday, July 2, 2009	2.5 Days
Area:	All of Zone 6	
Gear:	No minimum mesh size restriction	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types remain in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, sockeye, walleye, carp, yellow perch, catfish, bass and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville pool may be retained for subsistence.	
Additional	24-hour Quick reporting rule in effect for Washington buyers	

- Estimated Chinook catch is 4,000 Chinook for the third opening based observed effort and catch rates in the first two openings, although catch rates should start to decline as run progresses and dam counts decline. The tribes expect sockeye harvest also to decrease as the run progresses; catch expectation for the proposed season is an additional 4,000 sockeye. Steelhead abundance is relatively low in Zone 6 in June; catch expectation for the proposed fisheries is an additional 150 steelhead. The Grand Total would then be: 11,802 Chinook; 10,006 Sockeye; and 355 Steelhead.
- The platform and hook and line fishery landings have been included in the gillnet catch estimates, and are not expected to harvest more than approximately 500 Chinook and 1,000 sockeye prior to the end of July.
- Gear or other restrictions can be implemented if catch exceeds expectations and or run sizes are less than the pre-season forecasts.
- The proposed fisheries are expected to result in catches that are less than the allowed limits under the U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement and will likely allow further commercial and subsistence opportunity later in the summer management period.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing on or about Wednesday July 1 to consider additional treaty Indian commercial periods.