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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

## Compact Action

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 17, 2006

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The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today via phone to consider non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fishing options for the mainstem Columbia River. The Compact took the following action:

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### ***Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted the following non-Indian commercial fishing periods:

Season: 8 PM Monday August 21 to 7 AM Tuesday August 22 (11 hrs)

8 PM Thursday August 24 to 7 AM Friday August 25 (11 hrs)

Area: August 21-22: Zones 3-5

August 24-25: Zones 4-5

Sanctuaries: Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy rivers sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and sturgeon.

A maximum of **seven** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

**The retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.**

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from these mainstem commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10 AM on the day after the purchase date via either:

- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- b) E-mail to [crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

### Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday August 21 to 6 PM Thursday August 24 3½ days

6 AM Monday August 28 to 6 PM Friday September 1 4½ days

6 AM Tuesday September 5 to 6 PM Saturday September 9 4½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the standard (large) Spring Creek Sanctuary.

Gear: No mesh size restriction during August 21-September 1 and 8" minimum

thereafter.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sockeye may not be sold, but may be kept for subsistence use.

Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 45-60 inches in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Fish caught during open fishing periods in the Klickitat and Big White Salmon rivers tributary fisheries may be sold.

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### **Future Compact Hearings**

- Columbia River Compact hearings have been tentatively scheduled for Thursday September 7 to consider additional Treaty Indian commercial fishing options and Thursday September 14 to consider non-Indian commercial fishing options.
- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 391, 392, and 396 respectively.
- **For information concerning these decisions see August 17, 2006 Fall Fact Sheet #3 and Tribal Fall Fact Sheet #1:** [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.html](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.html)

**Note: Joint Staff Reports, Fact Sheets, and Columbia River Action Notices are also available through the Internet at:** <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/main.html>