
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 22, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today via phone to review salmon stock status and consider non-Indian commercial salmon fishing options and took the following action:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Mainstem Winter Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial salmon season as follows:

Season: Noon Thursday February 23 to 6 AM Friday February 24 (18 hours)

Area: Mouth to Kelley Point (Zones 1 - 4).

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomin-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B sanctuaries will be in effect.

Gear: 8" minimum and 9-¾" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect.
Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms
Use of monofilament nets is allowed.

Allowable Sales: Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon sturgeon, and shad.

Participants: Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended a state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in this fishery.

Owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with Department observers or observers collecting data for the Department, when notified by the observer of their intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Soak times, defined as time elapsed from when the first mesh enters the water to when the last mesh leaves the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Red corks are required at 25 fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Use of recovery boxes will be required on all lethargic or bleeding salmon or steelhead.

Each vessel participating in this fishery is required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers in place. Operable recovery boxes require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to each chamber of the box(es). Each box must be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

Lighted buoys are required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise.

Washington
Reporting Rule

WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the winter commercial salmon fishery 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
- c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday, March 1, 2006 via telephone to review the ongoing winter commercial salmon fishery and consider additional fishing options.

- Recorded Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 392.
- Recorded Commercial Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 391.

For information regarding these decisions see February 22, 2006 Winter Fact Sheet #3.
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/FS/06/06_02_22_wfact.pdf

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>