
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 15, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review summer Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 7 PM Monday June 26 to 5 AM Tuesday June 27 (10 hours)
 7 PM Wednesday July 5 to 5 AM Thursday July 6 (10 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5.

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomina, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries will be in effect.

Gear: 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, shad, and sturgeon.

All sockeye and steelhead must be released immediately.

A maximum of three green or white sturgeon in the aggregate may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open. The three sturgeon possession/sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

Washington Reporting Rule WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from 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
- c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday June 20 to 6 PM Thursday June 22 (60 hours)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

Gear: 7" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

- Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad.
 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 the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.
- Miscellaneous Regulations: Until further notice sale of fish caught in the platform/hook and line fishery will be allowed. Fish caught during open tributary fishing periods in the Klickitat and Big White Salmon rivers may be sold when the sale of platform and hook-and-line fish is allowed.
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Future Meetings

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Friday June 23, 2006 via teleconference to discuss additional treaty Indian fisheries and update ongoing non-Indian fisheries.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Thursday July 27, 2006 at 25 River Street in Cathlamet, Washington to review stock status of fall Chinook and consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see June 15, 2006 Joint Staff and Tribal Summer Fact Sheets.
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/FS/06/06_june_15sfact.pdf
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- Recorded Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 392.
- Recorded Columbia River "Mainstem" Commercial Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 391.
- Recorded lower Columbia River "Select Area" Commercial Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 396.

Note: Joint Staff Reports, Fact Sheets, and Columbia River Action Notices are also available through the Internet at:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/ODFWhtml/InfoCntrFish/InterFish/Index.html>