
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Compact Action

Joint State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 11, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Mainstem Salmon Fisheries

- Adopted non-Indian commercial salmon seasons as follows:

Season: 7 PM Thursday October 12 to 7 AM Friday October 13 (12 hrs)

Area: Zones 4-5.

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

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

Season: 7 PM Monday October 16 to 7 AM Tuesday October 17 (12 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-5.

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

Gear: 9 inch minimum and 9¾ inch maximum mesh size restrictions in effect.

- The following Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all non-Indian commercial salmon seasons adopted above:

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

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the commercial mainstem salmon fishery to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10:00 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

The states of Oregon and Washington conferred today regarding mainstem Columbia River sport fisheries and took the following action:

Mainstem Sport Salmon Fisheries

Effective **12:01 AM Friday October 13, 2006** retention of Chinook salmon (adults and jacks) is allowed in the area from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Adipose fin-clipped coho, and adipose fin-clipped steelhead remain open for retention. The daily salmon bag limit is two fish of which only **one** can be a Chinook.

Other area, gear, and bag limit restrictions remain as per permanent regulations.

Future Compact Hearings

- A Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10:00 AM Wednesday October 18, 2006 at the WDFW office located at 2108 Grand Boulevard, Vancouver, Washington to review salmon stock status and non-Indian commercial fisheries. A teleconference line will also be available.
- For information concerning these decisions see October 11, 2006 Fall Fact Sheet #14: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.html
- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (971) 673-6000 and following recorded instructions.

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>