
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Compact Action

Joint State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 7, 2006

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

Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Monday September 11 to 6 PM Friday September 15	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:	8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.	
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.	
Washington Reporting:	WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian mainstem commercial 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	

The states of Oregon and Washington conferred today regarding ongoing mainstem Columbia River sport fisheries:

Buoy 10 and Lower Columbia Sport Salmon Fisheries

- No action taken.

Future Compact Hearings

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Monday, September 11, 2006 via teleconference to reevaluate Big Creek Hatchery fall Chinook returns.
- A Joint State hearing has also been scheduled for 2:30 PM Monday, September 11, 2006 via teleconference to update salmon stock status and review recreational fisheries in the lower Columbia River.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing is also scheduled for 9:30 AM Thursday September 14, 2006 at Kalama City Hall in the Council Chambers located at 320 North 1st Street, Kalama, Washington to consider additional treaty Indian and late fall non-Indian commercial fisheries.

City hall is in the middle of town, across from the Chevron Station. Council chambers entrance is to the right as you enter City Hall.

NB I-5 exit 30 - Turn right onto Elm, Turn left onto N 1st Street

SB I-5 exit 30 - Turn left onto Oak Street, Turn right onto Frontage Road, turn left onto Ivy Street, turn right onto N 1st Street.

- For information concerning these decisions see September 7, 2006 Fall Fact Sheet #6:
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>