
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Compact Action

Oregon State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 14, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review salmon and sturgeon stock status and consider non-Indian commercial fishing options for the mainstem Columbia River and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Mainstem Salmon Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial salmon seasons as follows:

Season: 8 PM Tuesday September 19 to 8 AM Wednesday September 20 (12 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-5.

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

Gear: 8 inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

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

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- The following modification to the allowable sales was made to the previously adopted ongoing non-Indian Select Area commercial fisheries. Modifications are in **bold**.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and 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** sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Monday September 18 to 6 PM Friday September 22	4½ days
	6 AM Monday September 25 to 6 PM Friday September 29	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	

Future Compact Hearings

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Friday September 22 at a location to be determined or via teleconference for the purposes of updating salmon and steelhead stock status and consider additional non-Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.
- For information concerning these decisions see September 14, 2006 Fall Fact Sheet #9: 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>