
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Compact Action

Joint State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 19, 2008

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- **Modified** the previously adopted fishery. Modification in **bold**.

Season: 7 PM Tuesday June 24 to 5 AM Wednesday June 25, 2008 (10 hours)
7 PM Tuesday July 1 to 5 AM Wednesday July 2, 2008 (10 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5.

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

Gear: 8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Multiple Net Rule: It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net provided the nets are of mesh size legal for the fishery, or the net has a minimum mesh size of 9 inches, and the length of any one net does not exceed 1,500 feet in length.

Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, **sockeye**, coho, white sturgeon, and shad.

All steelhead and green sturgeon must be released immediately.

A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open.

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 within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery 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
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Columbia River Mainstem Shad Fishery

- Adopted the following commercial shad fishing periods:

Season: 3 PM to 10 PM Monday June 23, 2008

3 PM to 10 PM Wednesday June 25, 2008

Area: True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

Gear: Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net, 5-3/8" minimum and 6-1/4" maximum mesh size restrictions, 10-lb breaking strength, net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

Allowable Sales: **Only shad may be kept and sold.** All salmonids, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- **Modified** the previously adopted fishery. Modification in **bold**.

- Effective 6 AM Saturday June 21, 2008 the sale of **sockeye** caught in platform and hook-and-line fisheries in Zone 6 will be allowed as follows:

Area: All of Zone 6, including tributary fisheries in the Wind, Klickitat, and White Salmon rivers.

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- **Modified** the previously adopted fishery. Modification in **bold**.

- Effective 6 AM Saturday June 21, 2008 the sale of **sockeye** caught in the previously adopted Zone 6 commercial fishery will be allowed as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday June 23 to 6 PM Wednesday June 25, 2008 (2½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: 7" minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, **sockeye**, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 42-60 inches in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use. Sturgeon may not be retained below Bonneville Dam.

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Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action after the Compact adjourned; the states discussed the following mainstem Columbia sport fishery and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Sport Fisheries

Columbia River Mainstem Recreational Fishery

Adopted the following rules for the retention of sockeye:

- Effective 12:01 AM Saturday June 21, 2008 through Saturday June 28, 2008 the retention of sockeye will be allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam.
- Effective 12:01 AM Saturday June 21, 2008 through July 31, 2008 the retention of sockeye will be allowed from Bonneville Dam upstream to Priest Rapids Dam.

Daily bag limit regulations for both areas are modified as follows:

- All sockeye are considered adults (regardless of size) and included in the adult bag limit of salmon and steelhead.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM Friday June 27, 2008 to consider additional treaty Indian commercial periods and discuss the recreational sturgeon fishery below Wauna powerlines.
- A Compact hearing is also scheduled for 10:00 AM Tuesday July 22, 2008 via teleconference to consider early fall season commercial fisheries.
- For information regarding these decisions see June 19, 2008 Summer Fact Sheet #3. http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- 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/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>