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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

## Compact Action

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 27, 2008

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

#### Non-Indian Fisheries

##### ***Summer Season Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: Noon to 6 PM Monday June 30, 2008 (6 hours)

Area: Area 2S – True north/south line through Light # 50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

Gear: Drift nets only. 4-½" maximum mesh size restriction in effect. Single wall, unslackened, floater gill net.

Allowable Sales: Sockeye, chinook, shad, and white sturgeon. All steelhead 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. Sturgeon retention in Select Areas remains prohibited.

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.

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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

## Treaty Indian Fisheries

### **Summer Season Commercial Fishery**

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday July 1 to 6 PM Thursday July 3, 2008 (2½ days)  
6 AM Tuesday July 8 to 6 PM Thursday July 10, 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: No 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.

Sales of sockeye caught in subsistence fisheries on the Washington shore below Bonneville Dam will also be allowed.

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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 non-Indian sport fisheries and took the following actions:**

### 2008 Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Sport Fishery

#### Below Wauna Powerlines

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay; and all adjacent Washington tributaries:

- Allow retention of white sturgeon three days per week Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays July 10 through July 12, 2008 and July 17 through July 19, 2008 with a 45-inch minimum and 60-inch maximum size limit in effect.
- Allow retention of white sturgeon Saturday July 26, 2008 and Sunday July 27, 2008 with a 45-inch minimum and 60-inch maximum size limit in effect.
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Catch limits and other restrictions listed in the current 2008 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

### ***Columbia River Mainstem Recreational Chinook Fishery Above Bonneville Dam***

- Effective 12:01 AM Tuesday July 1, 2008 the retention of adult Chinook will be prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River in the area from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge, near Pasco, Washington.
- The retention of sockeye is extended through July 6, 2008 in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge, near Pasco, Washington.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM Thursday July 3, 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 27, 2008 Summer Fact Sheet #4.  
[http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](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>