
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Compact Action

Joint State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 21, 2008

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review fall Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing period as follows:

Season: 11 PM Sunday August 24 to 5 AM Monday August 25 (6 hrs)
 11 PM Tuesday August 26 to 5 AM Wednesday August 27 (6 hrs)

Area: (Zones 4-5).

Sanctuaries: **Lewis-B**, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

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

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 **12** 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

Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action; the states discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fisheries

Buoy 10 Recreational Fishery

- Effective **12:01 AM Monday August 25, 2008**, retention of Chinook salmon (adults and jacks) is prohibited in the area from Buoy 10 upstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line.
- Retention of adipose fin-clipped coho and adipose fin-clipped steelhead is allowed under permanent regulations.
- Other area, gear, and bag limit restrictions remain as per permanent regulations.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will track landings as the fishery progresses and request a Compact (via telephone) to discuss the ongoing commercial fishery if necessary. Staff anticipates that if further action is needed, an announcement will be distributed Tuesday morning, (August 26) with the potential for a hearing early Tuesday afternoon.
- For information concerning this hearing see the August 21, 2008 Fall Fact Sheets #6 and 7 at: 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.