
Columbia River Fisheries Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 18, 2008

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 22 to 6 PM Friday September 26, 2008 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.

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

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

Miscellaneous Regulations: Fish caught during open fishing periods in the Wind, Klickitat, and White Salmon River tributary fisheries and in subsistence fisheries on the Washington shore below Bonneville Dam will also be allowed.

Washington Reporting: 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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Joint State Action

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

Non-Indian Sport Fisheries

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fishery

- Effective **12:01 AM Saturday September 20, 2008**, until December 31, 2008 (or further notice) the retention of Chinook salmon is allowed in the area from the Warrior Rock-Bachelor Island line, (located above the mouth of the Lewis River) upstream to Bonneville Dam.

- The area from the Warrior Rock-Bachelor Island line downstream to the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line will remain closed to retention of Chinook adults and jacks but will remain open for adipose fin-clipped coho and adipose fin-clipped steelhead.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the “2008 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet” remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 2:00 PM Tuesday September 23, 2008 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 18, 2008 Fall Fact Sheet #17 at: 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>