
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 23, 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

Late Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 7 PM Wednesday September 24 to 7 AM Thursday September 25, 2008 (12 hrs)
7 PM Thursday September 25 to 7 AM Friday September 26, 2008 (12 hrs)
7 PM to 7 AM nightly from (12 hrs each night)
Sunday September 28, through Friday October 3, 2008

Area: (Zones 4-5).

Gear: 8" minimum mesh size restriction.

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

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of **10** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The 10 sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**. Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.

Miscellaneous Regulations: **Multiple Net Rule:** 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 **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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No further Compact hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 23, 2008 Fall Fact Sheets #19 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.