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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### *Mainstem Winter Commercial Fishery*

**Modified** the ongoing treaty Indian winter commercial season as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

**Season:** 6 AM Monday February 2 to 6 PM **Friday March 6, 2009**.

**Effective 6 PM Friday March 6 the winter commercial gillnet fishery in The Dalles and John Day pools will close.** The platform/hook and line fishery in the Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools will continue as previously scheduled.

**Area:** All of Zone 6.

**Sanctuaries:** Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries are in effect.

**Gear:** No mesh size restrictions.

**Allowable Sales:** White sturgeon, steelhead, walleye, shad, carp, catfish, bass and yellow perch.

Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

**After 6 PM Friday March 6, white sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use only.** White sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use only.

Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

Chinook salmon may not be sold but may be retained for ceremonial and subsistence use.

**Miscellaneous Rules:** **The sale of fish caught after 6 PM March 21, during the ongoing platform and hook-and-line fisheries in Zone 6, Yakama Nation tributary fisheries, and the Yakama Nation fishery on the Washington shore downstream of Bonneville Dam will not be allowed.**

## Select Area Commercial Fisheries

### ***Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)***

- Open waters in Deep River up to the Highway 4 Bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- **Modified** the previously adopted winter commercial salmon seasons as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

#### **Winter Season**

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday February 16 – Tuesday February 17	(1 night)
Monday February 23 – Tuesday February 24	(1 night)
Monday March 2 – Tuesday March 3	(1 night)
Monday March 9 – Tuesday March 10	(1 night)
<b>Monday March 16 – Tuesday March 17</b>	<b>(1 night)</b>
<b>Monday March 23 – Tuesday March 24</b>	<b>(1 night)</b>
<b>Monday March 30 – Tuesday March 31</b>	<b>(1 night)</b>

Area, gear, allowable sales, and miscellaneous regulations presented in the February 11, 2009 Compact Action Notice remain unchanged.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No additional Compact/Joint State hearings are currently scheduled.
- For information concerning these decisions see the March 4, 2009 Winter Fact Sheet #5. [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.