
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 26, 2009

Compact Action

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

Columbia River Mainstem Shad Fishery

Area 2S Shad Fishery

- Adopted the following commercial shad fishing periods:

Season: Open 3 PM to 10 PM daily during the following weeks:

Monday June 1	to	Friday June 5	(5 days)
Monday June 8	to	Friday June 12	(5 days)
Monday June 15	to	Friday June 19	(5 days)

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

Gear: Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net, 5-3/8" minimum and 6-1/4" maximum mesh size restrictions, 10-lb breaking strength, net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

Allowable Sales: Only shad may be kept and sold. All salmonids, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- Modified the previously adopted platform and hook and line fisheries allowable sales and clarifying the area as follows. Modification and clarification in **bold**.
- Effective 6 AM Saturday May 16, 2009 and until further notice the sale of fish caught in platform and hook-and-line fisheries will be allowed as follows:

Area: All of Zone 6 and the Yakama Nation Fishery below Bonneville Dam **on the Washington shoreline from 600 feet below the fish ladder at the Bonneville Dam North shore powerhouse, downstream to Beacon Rock (bank fishing only).**

Allowable Sales: Chinook, **coho**, steelhead, **sockeye**, walleye, carp, shad, **bass**, **catfish**, and **yellow perch** may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.

Oregon State Action

Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

- Modified the previously adopted allowable sales and clarifying the area as follows. Modification and clarification in **bold**.
- Effective 6 AM Monday May 16, 2009, allow sales in Oregon of Chinook, **coho**, steelhead, **sockeye**, walleye, carp, shad, **bass**, **catfish**, and **yellow perch** caught in Yakama Nation fisheries in the Wind, Klickitat, Little White Salmon (Drano Lake), and Big White Salmon rivers **and the Yakama Nation Fishery below Bonneville Dam on the Washington shoreline** when sales of these fish caught in mainstem Zone 6 treaty fisheries are allowed. This applies only during those days and hours when these tributaries are open under Yakama Nation rules and regulations and for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact/Joint State hearings have been scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor progress of the spring Chinook run and provide updates and schedule hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 26, 2009 Spring Fact Sheet #4 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>