
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 13, 2009

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Wednesday July 15 to 6 PM Friday July 17, 2009 (2½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: No minimum mesh size restriction.

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

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 Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish 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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FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor run performance and provide updates and schedule hearings as needed.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing next week to consider additional treaty commercial fishing periods.
- A Joint State hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday July 21, 2009 to review catch rates in the estuary recreational white sturgeon fishery and consider additional fishing opportunity.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for July 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Seafood Consumer Center, located at 2021 Marine Drive, Suite 200, Astoria, Oregon.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 13, 2009 Summer Fact Sheet #8 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp