
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 19, 2009

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Late Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:	7 PM Tuesday October 20 to 7 AM Wednesday October 21, 2009	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Thursday October 22 to 7 AM Friday October 23, 2009	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Sunday October 25 to 7 AM Monday October 26, 2009	(12 hrs)

Area: Zones 4-5.

Gear: 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect.

Season:	7 AM to 7 PM Wednesday October 21, 2009	(12 hrs)
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Area: Zones 1-3

Gear: 6" maximum mesh size; un-slackened floater gillnet restriction in effect.

Season:	7 AM to 7 PM Thursday October 22, 2009	(12 hrs)
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Area: Zones 1-5

Gear: 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect.

- The following Allowable Sales, Miscellaneous Regulations, Sanctuaries, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all non-Indian commercial salmon seasons adopted above:

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon through Friday October 23. Salmon only during the October 25-26 Zone 4-5 fishery. A maximum of six white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods through Friday October 23. The six white 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.

Sanctuaries: As applicable: Elokomina-A, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.

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 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
- Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington approved the following rule changes for ongoing Columbia River sport fisheries:

2009 Lower Columbia River Recreational Salmon Fishery

Effective Thursday, October 22, 2009, the daily bag limit for adult coho will increase to three fish in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco, Washington. Non-adipose fin-clipped coho must be released downstream of the Hood River Bridge.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint staff will continue to monitor ongoing fisheries and schedule additional hearings as necessary.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 19, 2009 Fall Fact Sheet #17 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp