
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 6, 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 Wednesday October 7 to 7 AM Thursday October 8, 2009 (12 hrs)
 - Area: (Zones 4-5).
 - Gear: 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

 - Season: 7 AM through 7 PM Thursday October 8, 2009 (12 hrs)
 - Area: (Zones 1-5).
 - Gear: 9" minimum mesh size restriction.

- 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. A maximum of **eight** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The **eight** 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: Elokomin-B, Abernathy, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, 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:
 - 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

- The Joint staff will continue to monitor all ongoing fisheries and schedule additional hearings as necessary.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 6, 2009 Fall Fact Sheet #15 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp