
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 26, 2010

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- Effective 6 AM Tuesday April 27, 2010 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.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

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

Spring Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday April 27, 2010 to 6 PM Thursday April 29, 2010 (2½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

Gear: No minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time. Sturgeon may not be sold. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian 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

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries Below Bonneville Dam

- Effective 6 AM Tuesday April 27, 2010 and until further notice, the sale of fish caught in platform and hook-and-line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam will be allowed on days the fishery is open and sales are allowed in Zone 6 platform and hook and line fisheries by The Yakama Nation, Warm Springs Tribes, and Umatilla Tribes as follows:

Area: As described in individual tribal Memorandum of Agreements.

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

Sturgeon may not be retained in this fishery.

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

- Allow sales in Oregon of fish caught in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries in the Wind, Klickitat, Little White Salmon (Drano Lake), and Big White Salmon rivers 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.

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington approved the following rule change for Columbia River recreational fisheries:

Above Wauna Powerlines

- Effective Thursday, April 29 through Saturday, July 31, 2010 **angling is prohibited for all species** in the area from a line between the upstream end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline, downstream to a line between the lower end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline.

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 April 26, 2010 Spring Fact Sheet #2 and Tribal Staff Report Spring Fact Sheet No. 2a at:
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- 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>