
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 17, 2010

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 8 PM Thursday August 19 to 6 AM Friday August 20 (10 hrs)
 9 PM Sunday August 22 to 6 AM Monday August 23 (9 hrs)
 9 PM Tuesday August 24 to 6 AM Wednesday August 25 (9 hrs)

Area: Zones 4-5.

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokom-B, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect as applicable.

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

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.

Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have **lighted buoys** on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length).

A maximum of **four** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The four white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

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
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