
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 18, 2010

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 19 to 7 AM Wednesday October 20, 2010 (12 hrs)
7 PM Thursday October 21 to 7 AM Friday October 22, 2010 (12 hrs)

Area: (Zones 4-5).

Gear: Drift gill nets. 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Season: 6 AM through 6 PM Wednesday October 20, 2010 (12 hrs)

Area: (Zones 1-3).

Gear: Drift gill nets. No 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 **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The **five** 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.

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.

Sanctuaries: As applicable: Grays (from the Rocky Point - Harrington Point line upstream to USCG marker #16 **only**), Elokom-B, 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:

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:
 - Season: 6 AM Tuesday October 19 to 6 PM Friday October 22 3½ days
 - Area: All of Zone 6.
 - Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect except for the Spring Creek Sanctuary.
 - Gear: Gillnet. 8" minimum mesh size restriction.

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

- Season: 6 AM Tuesday October 19 to 6 PM Friday October 22 3½ days
 - Area: All of Zone 6 and for applicable tribes, fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam.
 - Gear: Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
 - The following Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to both Treaty Indian fisheries adopted above:
 - Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
 - White sturgeon may not be sold. White Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.
 - Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.
 - Washington Reporting: 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:
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- The Yakama Nation continues to allow sales of fish harvested in their Zone 6 tributary fisheries during regularly scheduled openings. Allowable sales include: Salmon, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass and carp. Sturgeon may not be sold. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use. Steelhead caught in YN tributary fisheries cannot be sold, but may be kept for subsistence, except when the mainstem is open for commercial sales. The Yakama Nation provides participating fishers with transport permits, which are required in order to sell fish outside the fishing areas.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint staff is not recommending any additional Compact Hearings for fall fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the October 18, 2010 Fall Fact Sheet #10 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp