
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 4, 2011

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Columbia River Commercial Shad Fishery

Washougal Reef Fishery

- Adopted the following commercial shad fishing periods:
 - Season:** Open 8 PM to midnight daily, Monday through Friday (except on the observed Memorial Day holiday), from May 10 through June 20, 2011
 - Area:** Waters of Zones 4-5 inside a line commencing at the white six-second equal-interval light approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ miles east of the Washougal Woolen Mill pipeline and projected westerly to the Washougal blinker light, thence to the four-second blinker light on the east end of Lady Island, thence easterly and along the shoreline of Lady Island to the State Highway 14 Bridge, thence easterly across the State Highway 14 Bridge to the mainland.
 - Gear:** Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net; 5 $\frac{3}{8}$ "-6 $\frac{1}{4}$ " mesh size restrictions; and a 30-lb maximum breaking strength.
 - Allowable Sales:** Only shad may be kept and sold. All salmon, steelhead, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water.
- Amended the language for non-Indian commercial shad fisheries to include the following:

Shad may also be taken and sold for commercial purposes with experimental fishing gears. A permit issued by the State of Oregon as described in Oregon Administrative Rule 635-006-0020 is required to use experimental gear types for shad. Conditions under which shad may be taken for commercial purposes will be specified in the permit. Any salmon, steelhead or non-target species taken as incidental catch in operation of such gear shall immediately, with care and the least possible injury, be released and transferred to the water without violence.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing has been scheduled for May 4 (today) at 3 PM to review the recreational spring Chinook fishery from Bonneville Dam upstream to Oregon/Washington border.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 4, 2011 Spring Fact Sheet #3 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp