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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 9, 2011

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## Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review summer Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### *Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery*

- Adopted non-Indian gillnet commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 9 PM Thursday June 16 to 5 AM Friday June 17, 2011 (8 hours)

9 PM Wednesday June 22 to 5 AM Thursday June 23, 2011 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect as applicable.

Gear: Drift gill nets. 8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

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.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, sockeye, white sturgeon, and shad.

A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open. The weekly white sturgeon sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

Select Area fisheries remain open under a two white sturgeon weekly retention limit.

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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
  - c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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## Treaty Indian Fisheries

### ***Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Thursday June 16 to 6 PM Saturday June 18, 2011 (2½ days)  
6 AM Monday June 20 to 6 PM Thursday June 23, 2011 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: Gill nets. No minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use. Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

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### ***Summer Chinook Fishery Below Bonneville Dam***

- Adopted the following fishing season during the time and days per week, area, and gear in accordance with the Memorandum of Agreements/Understandings specific to each tribe.

Season: 6 AM Thursday June 16, 2011 and until further notice.

Area: Downstream of Bonneville Dam.

Gear: Hook-and-line.

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

Sturgeon may not be retained.

Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.

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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all treaty Indian fisheries adopted above:**

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing may be scheduled during the week of June 20, 2011 to consider additional commercial fisheries.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM July 29, 2011 in Astoria (location to be determined).
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 9, 2010 Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)