
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 21, 2011

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday July 25 to 6 PM Saturday July 30, 2011 (5.5 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 with a minimum stretched mesh size restriction of 7-1/4".

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, 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. Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon may not be sold. Legal size white 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 retained for subsistence use.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish 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

Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action after the Compact adjourned; the states discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

Zone 6 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

The Dalles Reservoir (The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam)

- Effective 12:01 AM Saturday July 30, 2011 the retention of sturgeon in the Columbia River and tributaries between The Dalles and John Day dams will be prohibited.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the "2011 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet" remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 28, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, 204 West Marine Drive in Astoria, Oregon to consider August mainstem treaty and non-Indian and fall Select Area commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 21, 2011 Summer Fact Sheets #12 and 13 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp