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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 25, 2011

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## 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: 9 PM Sunday August 28 to 6 AM Monday August 29 (9 hrs)  
9 PM Tuesday August 30 to 6 AM Wednesday August 31 (9 hrs)

Area: Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.

Sanctuaries: Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect.

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

Multiple Net Rule **NOT** applicable, nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery **are prohibited** to be onboard the vessel.

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 **three** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.

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

### **Commercial Salmon Fishery**

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday August 29 to 6 PM Friday September 2 4½ days

6 AM Tuesday September 6 to 6 PM Saturday September 10 4½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder).

Gear: Gill nets with an 8" minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, catfish, 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.

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### **Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries (Zone 6 and Below Bonneville Dam)**

- Modified the allowable sales in the ongoing Platform Hook and Line fishery as follows. Modification in **bold**.

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

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.

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

Fish landed during an open period may be sold at any time.

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## Select Area Commercial Fisheries

### ***Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)***

- Modified the previously adopted commercial season as follows. Modification in **bold**:

Seasons:      Open 4 PM to **10 AM (18 hours)** nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 19 - Friday September 23      (4 nights)

Monday September 26 - Friday September 30      (4 nights)

Monday October 3 - Friday October 7      (4 nights)

Monday October 10 - Friday October 14      (4 nights)

Monday October 17 - Friday October 21      (4 nights)

Monday October 24 - Friday October 28      (4 nights)

- All other seasons, area, gear, allowable sales, and miscellaneous regulations presented in the July 28, 2011 Compact Action Notice remain unchanged.

## Oregon State Action

- The State of Oregon took the following actions.

### ***Youngs Bay Fishery (Zone 7)***

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

Season:      7 PM Monday September 5    to    Noon Monday October 31      (57 days)

Area:      Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough; except for those waters which are closed southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River). All waters are under State of Oregon jurisdiction but are open to Washington fishers who possess the appropriate licenses.

Gear:      6-inch maximum mesh size restriction in effect. Net not to exceed 250 fathoms in length and weight on the leadline not to exceed two pounds of weight on any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.

**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. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Thursday September 8, 2011 via teleconference to review stock status for Chinook and steelhead and consider additional non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the August 25, 2011 Fall Fact Sheets #5 and 5b [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)
- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (971) 673-6000 and following recorded instructions.