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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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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

#### **Late Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery**

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:
  - Season 1: 9 PM Sunday September 18 to 6 AM Monday September 19, 2011 (9 hrs)
  - Area: Zones 1-5
  - Season 2: 8 PM Monday September 19 to 6 AM Tuesday September 20, 2011 (10 hrs)
  - 8 PM Tuesday September 20 to 6 AM Wednesday September 21, 2011 (10 hrs)
  - 8 PM Thursday September 22 to 6 AM Friday, September 23, 2011 (10 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. Only Washougal and Sandy sanctuaries apply.
  - Gear: Drift gill nets. 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

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- 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 **seven** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The **seven** 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: Elokomina-A, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect. Only Washougal and Sandy sanctuaries apply during the Zone 4-5 fisheries.
  - 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

## Joint State Action

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

### Non-Indian Sport Fisheries

#### ***Buoy 10 Recreational Fishery***

- Effective **12:01 AM Friday September 16, 2011** until December 31, 2011 the retention of Chinook salmon is allowed in the Buoy 10 fishing area (Buoy 10 line upstream to a line projected from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through red buoy #44 to a navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon bank).
- The daily bag limit is two adult salmon/steelhead in combination. Coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped.

#### **Tongue/Rocky Point to Warrior Rock**

- Effective **12:01 AM Friday September 16, 2011 through 11:59 PM Sunday September 18, 2011 (3 days)** the retention of Chinook salmon is allowed from the Tongue/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line (a line from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red buoy #4 to a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island).
- The daily bag limit is two adult salmon/steelhead in combination. Coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped.
- Chinook retention will close effective Monday September 19, 2011 through Friday September 30, 2011 but is scheduled to re-open effective Saturday October 1 through December 31, 2011 as previously scheduled. Retention of adipose fin-clipped coho and steelhead will remain open during the Chinook closure.

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

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Additional Compact hearings are scheduled for:
  - 1:00 PM Thursday September 15, 2011 (via teleconference) to consider additional treaty Indian fisheries.
  - 10:00 AM Thursday September 22, 2011 (via teleconference) to review treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 12, 2011 Fall Fact Sheet #9 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)