
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 4, 2011

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: 9 PM Wednesday October 5 to 7 AM Thursday October 6, 2011 (10 hrs)
Area: Zones 1-5
Gear: Drift gill nets. 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of **four** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The **four** white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**. Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Multiple net rule will not be in affect. Only nets specifically authorized for use in this fishery may 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.

Sanctuaries: As applicable: Grays River, Elokom-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.

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
c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No hearings are planned at this time. Staff will continue to monitor fisheries and returns and will recommend future hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 4, 2011 Fall Fact Sheet #14 http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp