
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 14, 2012

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- Effective 6 AM Tuesday May 15, 2012 and until further notice the sale of fish caught in platform and hook-and-line fisheries will be allowed as follows:

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon may not be sold. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian 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

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries Below Bonneville Dam

- Effective 6 AM Tuesday May 15, 2012, and until further notice, the sale of salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch caught in the tribal fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam will be allowed consistent with state/tribal MOU's/MOA's during periods when the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery is open for commercial sales. Retention of sturgeon is prohibited. No sales are allowed on USACE property at Bonneville Dam. Quick Reporting (24 hour) required for Washington wholesale dealers.

Oregon State Action

Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

- Allow sales in Oregon of salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch caught in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries in the Wind, Klickitat, Little White Salmon (Drano Lake), and Icicle Creek when sales of fish caught in mainstem Zone 6 treaty fisheries are allowed. This applies only during those days and hours when these tributaries are open under Yakama Nation rules and regulations and for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for Thursday May 17, 2012 at 11:00 AM via teleconference to consider non-Indian fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday June 13, 2012 at The River Street Room, 12 River Street, Cathlamet, Washington regarding Treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial summer seasons.
- A Compact hearing is also scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 26, 2012 at The River Street Room, 12 River Street, Cathlamet, Washington regarding non-Indian commercial fall seasons.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 14, 2012 Spring Fact Sheet #6 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp