
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 13, 2012

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review summer Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:

Season: 9 PM Sunday June 17 to 5 AM Monday June 18, 2012 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect as applicable.

Gear: Drift gill nets. 8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

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.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, sockeye, white sturgeon, and shad.

A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open. The weekly white sturgeon sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

The Youngs Bay Select Area fishery remains open under a two white sturgeon weekly retention limit.

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
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Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday June 18 to 6 PM Thursday June 21, 2012 (3½ days)

6 AM Monday June 25 to 6 PM Thursday June 28, 2012 (3½ 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. No minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

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. Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Monday June 25, 2012 via teleconference to review catches and consider additional commercial 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 June 13, 2012 Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp