
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 24, 2012

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 26 to 6 AM Monday August 27 (9 hrs)
9 PM Tuesday August 28 to 6 AM Wednesday August 29 (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 **five** 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
c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday August 27, 2012 via teleconference to review the Buoy 10 fishery.
- A Compact hearing is also scheduled for 2 PM Thursday September 6, 2012 via teleconference to review Treaty fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the August 24, 2012 Fall Fact Sheets #3 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp