
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 6, 2012

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday September 11 to 6 PM Friday September 14 3½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder).

Gear: Gill nets with an 8" minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sockeye may not be retained for any purpose.

White sturgeon may not be sold. White Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

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

- Modified the mainstem platform and hook-and-line fisheries by removing the 5" minimum mesh size restriction.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 3 PM Thursday September 13, 2012 via teleconference to review Treaty and non-Indian fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 6, 2012 Fall Fact Sheets #5 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp