
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 17, 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: 8 PM Wednesday September 19 to 6 AM Thursday September 20, 2012 (10 hrs)
8 PM Sunday September 23 to 6 AM Monday September 24, 2012 (10 hrs)
8 PM Tuesday September 25 to 6 AM Wednesday September 26, 2012 (10 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 gill nets only. 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Multiple Net Rule: 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.

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. A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The **five** 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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday September 18 to 6 PM Friday September 21, 2012 3½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the small Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary (150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder).

Gear: Gill nets only. 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.

Possession and commercial sales of gillnet caught fish from this season may only occur after 10 AM on September 18, 2012.

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 this open commercial period may be sold at any time.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Tuesday September 25, 2012 via teleconference to review Treaty and non-Indian fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 17, 2012 Fall Fact Sheets #6a and 6b at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp