
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 25, 2012

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Late Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 7 PM Thursday September 27 to 5 AM Friday September 28, 2012 (10 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-5.

Sanctuaries: Elokomin-B, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.

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**. Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.

Season: 7 PM Sunday September 30 to 7 AM Monday October 1, 2012 (12 hrs)

7 PM Tuesday October 2 to 7 AM Wednesday October 3, 2012 (12 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-5.

Sanctuaries: Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.

Allowable Sales: Salmon only.

- The following Gear and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all non-Indian commercial salmon seasons adopted above:

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 8-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.

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 Wednesday September 26 to 6 PM Friday September 28, 2012 2½ 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.
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/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 11 AM Tuesday October 2, 2012 via teleconference to review non-Indian and Treaty commercial fisheries and consider modifying the recreational sturgeon fishery upstream of the Wauna powerlines, which is scheduled to re-open for retention October 20, 2012.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 25, 2012 Fall Fact Sheets #7a and 7b at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp