
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 2, 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 October 4 to 7 AM Friday October 5, 2012	(12 hrs)
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of two white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during the October 4 – 5 fishing period only . The two white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only . Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.	

Season :	7 PM Sunday October 7 to 7 AM Monday October 8, 2012	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Tuesday October 9 to 7 AM Wednesday October 10, 2012	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Thursday October 11 to 7 AM Friday October 12, 2012	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Sunday October 14 to 7 AM Monday October 15, 2012	(12 hrs)
Allowable Sales:	Salmon only.	

- The following area, sanctuaries and gear regulations apply to all non-Indian commercial salmon seasons adopted above:

Area: Zones 1-5.

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

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum and 9¾-inch 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.

Season:	6 AM to 6 PM Wednesday October 10, 2012	(12 hrs)
Area:	Zones 1-5.	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.	
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 6" maximum mesh size restriction, unslackened floater gill net.	
	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.	
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Allowable Sales:	Salmon only.	

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

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following action:

White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery - Above Wauna Powerlines

- Rescinded the previously adopted white sturgeon retention season scheduled for October 20-December 31, 2012 in the area from Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam including adjacent Washington tributaries.
- The retention of white sturgeon will be **prohibited** for the remainder of the year.
- Catch and release of sturgeon may continue during retention closures.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Monday October 15, 2012 via teleconference to consider additional non-Indian commercial fisheries
- For information concerning this hearing see the October 2, 2012 Fall Fact Sheets #9 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp