
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 11, 2013

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:

Season: 9 PM Sunday June 16 to 5 AM Monday June 17, 2013 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

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

Gear: Drift gill nets. 8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

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.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, sockeye, white sturgeon, and shad.

A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open. The weekly white sturgeon sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

The Youngs Bay Select Area fishery remains open under a **two** white sturgeon weekly retention limit.

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

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday June 17 to 6 PM Friday June 21, 2013 (4½ days)

6 AM Monday June 24 to 6 PM Thursday June 27, 2013 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

- Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.
- Gear: Gill nets. 7" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.
- Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
- Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Adopted a platform hook and line fishing season as follows:
 - Season: 6 AM Sunday June 16 to 11:59 PM Wednesday July 31, 2013
 - Area: Below Bonneville Dam, as prescribed in tribal MOUs/MOAs and all other tribal regulations.
 - Gear: Hoopnets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
 - Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
 - Sturgeon retention is prohibited. Sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence use.
 - Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.
 - Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
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The following additional Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule applies to both treaty Indian seasons adopted above.

- Allowable Sales: Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold at any time.
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FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Wednesday June 26, 2013 via teleconference to consider additional Treaty Indian commercial seasons.
- A fall Compact hearing is also scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 25, 2013 in Cathlamet, Washington. Location to be determined.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 11, 2013 Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp