
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 10, 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 Monday July 15 to 5 AM Tuesday July 16, 2013 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: 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 and shad. A maximum of **two** 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
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Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday July 15 to 6 PM Thursday July 18, 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. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold at any time.
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Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fishery

- Modified the ongoing recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam to allow retention of sockeye. Modification in **bold**.
Season: **Saturday July 13 through Wednesday July 31, 2013**
Area: **Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam.**
Catch Limits: Retention of **sockeye** and adipose fin-clipped steelhead allowed.
Sockeye salmon count towards the adult limit regardless of size.
Retention of adult Chinook prohibited.
Daily adult bag limit includes up to two **sockeye**/steelhead in combination.
- Catch limits and other restrictions in the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including regulations for retention of adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 25, 2013 at the Wahkiakum County Courthouse (3rd Floor) in Cathlamet, Washington.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 10, 2013 Summer Fact Sheets #5 and 5b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp