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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 27, 2013

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## 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 period as follows:

Season: 9 PM Wednesday August 28 to 2 AM Thursday August 29 (5 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 gillnets only. 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

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.

Multiple Net Rule **not** applicable. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery **are prohibited** to be onboard the vessel.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length).

A maximum of **four** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) in the remaining openers. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

Miscellaneous Regulations: During August 1-31, sturgeon possession is prohibited while fishing gear is deployed in the portion of commercial Zone 5 that is upstream of Skamania Island (Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore, westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington shore upstream of Fir Point). Only vessels in transit through the area may have sturgeon onboard.

Washington WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers  
Reporting purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their  
Rule: 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](mailto: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 fisheries and took the following action:

### ***Buoy 10 Salmon Fishery***

- No action taken.

Previously adopted regulations remain in effect including:

- Effective Friday August 23 through Sunday September 1, 2013 retained Chinook must have a clipped adipose fin and a healed scar at the location of the fin or a completely removed left ventral fin and a healed scar at the location of the fin.
- The combined daily bag limit for adult Chinook salmon (longer than 24-inches), adult adipose fin-clipped coho (longer than 16-inches), and adipose fin-clipped steelhead is two fish of which only one may be a Chinook. Jacks may not be retained between August 1 and September 30, 2013 under permanent rules.
- Area defined by a north-south line through Red Buoy #10 near the mouth of the Columbia River, upstream to a line projected from Rocky Point on the Washington bank through Red Buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon bank.

All other permanent rules apply.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for Thursday September 5, 2013 at 1:00 PM via teleconference to consider commercial treaty Indian fisheries and provide an update on non-Indian fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the August 27, 2013 Fall Fact Sheet #6 at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)