
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 24, 2013

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 period as follows:

Season: 8 PM Thursday September 26 to 6 AM Friday September 27 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Sunday September 29 to 6 AM Monday September 30 (10 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-5.

Sanctuaries: Elokomin-B, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Washougal and Sandy 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.

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

A maximum of **two** 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**.

Washington WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers
Reporting purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to
Rule: 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

Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fisheries

Buoy 10 upstream to Warrior Rock

Area: Buoy 10 upstream to the Warrior Rock line (a line from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red buoy #4 to the orange marker atop the dolphin on the Washington shore).

Date: Effective September 26, 2013 through Tuesday December 31, 2013.

Catch Limits: Two adult salmon or steelhead. Only coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped.

All other permanent rules apply, including no retention of Chinook jacks (<24-inches) downstream of the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line until October 1.

FUTURE MEETING

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for Thursday September 26, 2013 at 4:00 PM via teleconference to review stock status and consider non-Indian and treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 24, 2013 Fall Fact Sheets #10 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp