
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 26, 2013

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Pilot Coho Tangle Net Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday October 2, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Thursday October 3, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday October 7, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday October 8, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday October 9, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Thursday October 10, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday October 14, 2013	(12 hrs)
	6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Tuesday October 15, 2013	(12 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-3. Upper deadline 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: Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift nets only. **3¾-inch** maximum mesh size restriction. Unslackened, single-wall, multi-filament floater nets only. Monofilament nets are not allowed. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.

A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net. Red corks at 25-fathom intervals must be in color contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net. The hang ratio is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline.

The use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically is prohibited.

Rip lines are allowed providing they do not vertically slacken the net.

Allowable Sales: Adipose fin-clipped coho salmon, pink salmon, and Chinook salmon.

White sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.

Additional Regulations: Soak times are defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gill net web is deployed into the water until the gill net web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed 30 minutes.

Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers that meet the flow and size requirements standard for winter/spring tangle net fisheries. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. All non-legal fish must be released immediately to the river with care and with the least possible injury to the fish, or placed into an operating recovery box. All non-legal salmon and all steelhead that are bleeding, in lethargic condition, or appearing lifeless must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.

Mesh size is determined by placing three consecutive meshes under hand tension and the measurement is taken from the inside of one knot to the outside of the opposite knot of the center mesh. Hand tension means sufficient linear tension to draw opposing knots of meshes into contact.

As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

Only licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.

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.

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

Late Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 8 PM Tuesday October 1 to 6 AM Wednesday October 2 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Thursday October 3 to 6 AM Friday October 4 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Sunday October 6 to 6 AM Monday October 7 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Tuesday October 8 to 6 AM Wednesday October 9 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Thursday October 10 to 6 AM Friday October 11 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Sunday October 13 to 6 AM Monday October 14 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Tuesday October 15 to 6 AM Wednesday October 16 (10 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. 8-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

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 Chinook, coho, and pink salmon.

Sales: White sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.

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Select Area Commercial Fisheries

The following fisheries were modified by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters:

- Effective 4:00 p.m. September 30, 2013 the possession and sale of chum salmon will be prohibited in all Select Area fishing sites.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 30 to 6 PM Thursday October 3, 2013 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries. The Standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will be reduced to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder.

Gear: Gill nets. 8-inch 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.

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:

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FUTURE MEETING

- No additional Compact hearings are currently scheduled.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 26, 2013 Fall Fact Sheets #11a and 11b at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp