
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 22, 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 periods as follows:

Season: 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Wednesday October 23, 2013 (12 hrs)
6:00 AM to 6:00 PM Friday October 25, 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: Grays Bay, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift nets only. 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Unslackened, floater nets only.

Season: 7 PM Sunday October 27 to 7 AM Monday October 28 (12 hrs)
7 PM Tuesday October 29 to 7 AM Wednesday October 30 (12 hrs)
7 PM Thursday October 31 to 7 AM Friday November 1 (12 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.

The following allowable sales, gear regulations, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all non-Indian commercial fishing periods adopted above:

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho and pink salmon, and shad.

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

Additional Regulations: 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

FUTURE MEETING

- No additional Compact hearings are scheduled.
- For information concerning this hearing see the October 22, 2013 Fall Fact Sheet #14 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp