
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 5, 2014

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Mainstem Smelt Fishery

- Adopted a reduced Level One commercial smelt fishery in the mainstem Columbia River as follows:

Season: Mondays and Thursdays 7 AM – 2 PM (7 hrs) from February 10, 2014 through March 6, 2014 (8 periods).

Area: Zones 1 – 3.

Gear: Gill net only. 2-inch maximum mesh size.
Use of monofilament nets allowed.

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

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

Oregon Tributary Recreational Smelt Fisheries

- Adopted a reduced Level One recreational smelt fishery consisting of one 6-hour fishing period per week as follows:

Season: Saturdays 6 AM – Noon from March 1-22, 2014 (4 days).

Area: Sandy River.

Gear: Dip net (bank only).

Daily and Possession Limit: 10 pounds per person

The state of Washington announced their intentions concerning smelt fisheries in Washington waters.

Washington Tributary Recreational Smelt Fisheries

- Adopted a reduced Level One recreational smelt fishery consisting of one 6-hour fishing period per week as follows:

Season: Saturdays 6 AM – Noon (6 hrs) from February 8 - March 1, 2014 (4 days).

Area: Cowlitz River.

Gear: Dip net (bank only).

Daily and Possession Limit: 10 pounds per person

- All other Washington tributaries remain closed to commercial and recreational smelt fishing.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- There are no Compact/Joint State hearings scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor stock status and fishery harvest and recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 5, 2014 Winter Fact Sheet #3.
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp