
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 1, 2014

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:
 - Season: 7 PM Monday July 7 to 7 AM Tuesday July 8, 2014 (12 hours)
 - Area: Zones 1-5
 - Sanctuaries: Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect as applicable.
 - Gear: Drift gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.
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.
 - Allowable Sales: Chinook, sockeye, and shad.
 - Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.
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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:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fisheries

- Re-opened the summer Chinook recreational fishery as follows.
 - Season: Thursday July 3 through Sunday July 6, 2014
 - Area: Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline.
 - Catch Limits: Retention of adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook allowed.

- Adopted a sockeye recreational fishery as follows.

Season: Thursday July 3 through Thursday July 31, 2014

Area: Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline.

Catch Limits: Retention of sockeye allowed.

Sockeye salmon count towards the adult limit regardless of size.

- Daily bag limits and other restrictions in the 2014 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including regulations for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook.

White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries

The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam)

- Effective 12:01 AM Friday August 1, 2014 the retention of white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool and tributaries is prohibited.

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

- Adopted the following recreational sturgeon fishery in the Bonneville Pool:

Season: Friday July 11 through Saturday July 12, 2014 2 days

Friday July 18 through Saturday July 19, 2014 2 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

Sturgeon Spawning Sanctuary: Angling for sturgeon is prohibited from The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8 miles to a line from the east (upstream) dock at the Port of The Dalles boat ramp straight across to a marker on the Washington shore during May 1 through July 31, 2014.

Allowable Catch: White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.

- For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits and other restrictions in the 2014 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday July 29, 2014 at the Clark Regional Wastewater District, 8000 NE 52nd Court, Vancouver, Washington 98665.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 1, 2014 Summer Fact Sheet #3 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp