
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 9, 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 14 to 7 AM Tuesday July 15, 2014 (12 hours)

7 PM Monday July 21 to 7 AM Tuesday July 22, 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.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday July 14 to 6 PM Friday July 18, 2014 (4½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: Gill nets. No 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. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork

length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and white 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: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240. Landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

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: Friday July 11 through Thursday July 31, 2014
Area: Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline.
Catch Limits: Retention of adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook allowed.
- 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Thursday July 17, 2014 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial fisheries.
- 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 9, 2014 Summer Fact Sheets #4 and 4a at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp