
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 10, 2014

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 8 PM Sunday September 14 to 5 AM Monday September 15 (9 hrs)
 8 PM Tuesday September 16 to 6 AM Wednesday September 17 (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.

Multiple net rule in effect, which means 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 Sales: Chinook, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad.

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

Mainstem Commercial Research Seine Fishery

- Adopted additional periods for the on-going fishery as follows:

Participants: Those individuals possessing a 2014 seine permit issued by Washington or Oregon (Emerging Fishery license and Experimental Fishery Permit in WA; Experimental Gear Permit in OR). Permit holder/designated fisher must be present during fishing operations and have applicable permits/licenses in possession.

Season: 6:00 AM to 7:30 PM Friday September 12, 2014 (13.5 hours)
 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM Friday September 19, 2014 (12.5 hours)
 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM Friday September 26, 2014 (12.5 hours)

Area:	Zones 1-5.
Sanctuaries:	Elochoman-A, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy, and Washougal rivers. Fishing in Select Area commercial fishing sites is prohibited.
Gear:	<p>Beach or purse seine. Only one net is allowed per vessel.</p> <p>Mesh size restricted to a 3.5-inch maximum (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure).</p> <p>Net material to consist of 3-strand nylon; twine size \geq#12.</p> <p>Seines may include a bunt of 1.0-2.0 inch knotless mesh.</p> <p>Net length not to exceed 200 fathoms (including associated lead nets) and depth not to exceed 200 meshes.</p> <p>Seine and lead lines may not be connected. Lead nets must be retrieved daily.</p> <p>No restrictions on corkline, leadline or use of stringers and slackers.</p> <p>A chafing strip panel consisting of non-monofilament webbing (such as nylon seine web or polyethylene trawl web) is allowed on bottom of net; maximum panel depth is five feet. Chafing mesh not to exceed 3.5-inch stretched measure for beach seine and 5-inch stretched measure for purse seine. There are no restrictions associated with hangings used to connect the net to the chafing panel or the net or chafing panel to the leadline or corkline.</p> <p>Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.</p>
Allowable Sales:	Adipose or left ventral fin-clipped Chinook, adipose-clipped coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad. Subject to Individual Fishing Quotas (as defined in the 2014 seine permits) and fishing regulations, all legally-caught salmon must be landed.
Handling/ Sorting:	Hand sorting or use of a knotless dip net is required for sorting. All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water. Dry sorting is not permitted.
Sort time:	<p>Not to exceed 75 minutes.</p> <p>Beach seine - defined as the elapsed time from when the outer towed end of the net first contacts the shore or block until the net is emptied of fish.</p> <p>Purse Seine - defined as the elapsed time from when all rings are pursed and out of the water until the net is emptied of fish.</p>
Observer Program:	As a condition of fishing, agency observers are a required to be present at all times during fishing operations.
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FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff anticipates a Compact hearing will be needed the week of September 15 to review salmonid stock status and consider treaty and non-Indian fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 10, 2014 Fall Fact Sheet #7 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp