
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 18, 2014

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

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: 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM Tuesday September 23, 2014 (12.5 hours)
6:30 AM to 7:00 PM Thursday September 25, 2014 (12.5 hours)
6:30 AM to 7:00 PM Tuesday September 30, 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: Beach or purse seine. Only one net is allowed per vessel.
Mesh size restricted to a 3.5-inch maximum (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure).
Net material to consist of 3-strand nylon; twine size \geq #12.
Seines may include a bunt of 1.0-2.0 inch knotless mesh.
Net length not to exceed 200 fathoms (including associated lead nets) and depth not to exceed 200 meshes.
Seine and lead lines may not be connected. Lead nets must be retrieved daily.
No restrictions on corkline, leadline or use of stringers and slackers.
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.
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.

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:	Not to exceed 75 minutes. 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. 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.
Observer Program:	As a condition of fishing, agency observers are a required to be present at all times during fishing operations.
Washington Reporting Rule:	24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- The following fisheries were modified by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)

- Modified the ongoing commercial salmon season as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

Season: Open 4 PM to 10 AM (18 hours) on **Sunday**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Sunday September 21 - Friday September 26	(5 nights)
Sunday September 28 - Friday October 3	(5 nights)
Sunday October 5 - Friday October 10	(5 nights)
Sunday October 12 - Friday October 17	(5 nights)
Sunday October 19 - Friday October 24	(5 nights)
Sunday October 26 - Friday October 31	(5 nights)

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery (Zone 74)

- Modified the ongoing commercial salmon season as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

Season: Open 6 PM to **10** AM (**16** hours) on **Sunday**, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Sunday September 21 - Friday September 26	(5 nights)
Sunday September 28 - Friday October 3	(5 nights)
Sunday October 5 - Friday October 10	(5 nights)
Sunday October 12 - Friday October 17	(5 nights)
Sunday October 19 - Friday October 24	(5 nights)
Sunday October 26 - Friday October 31	(5 nights)

Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)

- Modified the ongoing commercial salmon season as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

Season: Open hours are **6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours)** each night the fishery is open effective Friday September 19 through Friday October 24, 2014.

- All other regulations as previously adopted on July 29, 2014 remain in effect.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 22 to 6 PM Thursday September 25 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will be reduced to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder.

Gear: Gill nets with an 8-inch 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. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff anticipates a Compact hearing will be needed the week of September 22 to review salmonid stock status and consider and non-Indian fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 18, 2014 Fall Fact Sheets #8a and #8b at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp