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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### **Late Fall Commercial Fishery**

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:	7 AM to 7 PM Thursday October 9, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Friday October 10, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Wednesday October 15, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Thursday October 16, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Friday October 17, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Wednesday October 22, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Thursday October 23, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Friday October 24, 2014	(12 hrs)

Area: Zones 1-3. Upper deadline 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: Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift nets only. 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction.  
Unslackened, floater nets only.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad. Sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:	7 PM Thursday October 16	to	7 AM Friday October 17	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Sunday October 19	to	7 AM Monday October 20	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Tuesday October 21	to	7 AM Wednesday October 22	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Thursday October 23	to	7 AM Friday October 24	(12 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.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad. Sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.

## **Coho Tangle Net Commercial Fishery**

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:	7 AM to 7 PM Monday October 13, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Tuesday October 14, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Monday October 20, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Tuesday October 21, 2014	(12 hrs)
Area:	Zones 1-3. Upper deadline 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:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A sanctuaries are in effect.	
Gear:	Drift nets only. <b>3¾-inch</b> maximum mesh size restriction. Unslackened, single-wall, multi-filament floater nets only. Monofilament nets are not allowed. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net. Red corks at 25-fathom intervals must be in color contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net. There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net. The hang ratio is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline. The use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically is <u>prohibited</u> . Rip lines are allowed providing they do not vertically slacken the net.	
Allowable Sales:	Adipose fin-clipped coho salmon; Chinook (fin-clipped or not), pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad. Coho jacks must be adipose fin-clipped. Sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.	
Additional Regulations:	Soak times are defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the tangle net web is deployed into the water until the tangle net web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed 30 minutes. Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers that meet the flow and size requirements standard for winter/spring tangle net fisheries. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. All non-legal fish must be released immediately to the river with care and with the least possible injury to the fish, or placed into an operating recovery box. All non-legal salmon and all steelhead that are bleeding, in lethargic condition, or appearing lifeless must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking. Mesh size is determined by placing three consecutive meshes under hand tension and the measurement is taken from the inside of one knot to the inside of the opposite knot of the center mesh. Hand tension means sufficient linear tension to draw opposing knots of meshes into contact. As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting	

data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

Licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.

- The following gear regulations, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all non-Indian commercial salmon periods adopted above:

**Gear:** 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.

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

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## **Treaty Indian Fisheries**

### ***Fall Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

**Season:** 6 AM Monday October 13 to 6 PM Thursday October 16, 2014 (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**

- There are no additional Compact/Joint State hearings scheduled.
- For information concerning this hearing see the October 8, 2014 Fall Fact Sheets #11a and #11b at [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)