
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 10, 2015

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 9:00 PM Wednesday June 17 to 5:00 AM Thursday June 18, 2015 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect.

Gear: Drift gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size.

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

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Spring Gillnet Commercial Salmon

Season: 6:00 AM Tuesday June 9 to 6:00 PM Friday June 12, 2015 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Gear: Gill nets. No mesh restriction.

Summer Gillnet Commercial Salmon

Season: 6:00 AM Tuesday June 16 to 6:00 PM Friday June 19, 2015 (3½ days)

6:00 AM Monday June 22 to 6:00 PM Thursday June 25, 2015 (3½ days)

6:00 AM Monday June 29 to 6:00 PM Thursday July 2, 2015 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.
Gear: Gill nets. 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.

The following additional Allowable Sales, Sanctuaries, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to the above treaty Indian fisheries.

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 after the period concludes.

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

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.

Summer Platform and Hook and Line Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Season: Tuesday June 16, 2015 through Friday July 31, 2015 and only during those days and hours when the area is open under lawfully enacted tribal fishery regulations for enrolled tribal members in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA

Area: As defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.

Gear: Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence.
Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.
Sale of fish is not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale.
Fish landed during the open periods may be sold after the period concludes.

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.

Select Area Fisheries

- Adopted fishing periods by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Salmon Fishery

Season: 7 PM Tuesday June 16 – 7 AM Wednesday June 17 (12 hours)
 7 PM Thursday June 18 – 7 AM Friday June 19 (12 hours)

Area: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open.

The lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).

- All other regulations (including gear, allowable sales, transportation, lighted buoys, and Washington Reporting Rule) as previously adopted on January 28, 2015 remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday June 24, 2015 via teleconference to review stock status and to consider non-Indian fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday June 30, 2015 via teleconference to review stock status, consider additional treaty commercial fisheries, and potentially to consider non-Indian fisheries.
- A fall season Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday July 29, 2015 at the Clark Regional Wastewater District, 8000 NE 52nd Court, Vancouver, Washington 98665 to consider treaty and non-Indian commercial fisheries in the Columbia River and Select Areas.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 10, 2015 Spring Fact Sheet #10 and Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp