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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 2, 2015

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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

#### *Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery*

- Modified the on-going fishing season as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

Participants: Those individuals possessing a 2015 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 8:00 PM Monday August 24, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Wednesday August 26, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Monday August 31, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesday September 1, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Wednesday September 2, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Thursday September 3, 2015 (14 hours)  
**6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday September 4, 2015 (14 hours)**  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Tuesday September 8, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Wednesday September 9, 2015 (14 hours)  
6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Thursday September 10, 2015 (14 hours)  
**6:00 AM to 8:00 PM Friday September 11, 2015 (14 hours)**  
6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Monday September 14, 2015 (13 hours)  
6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Wednesday September 16, 2015 (13 hours)  
6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Monday September 21, 2015 (13 hours)  
6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Wednesday September 23, 2015 (13 hours)  
6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Monday September 28, 2015 (13 hours)  
6:30 AM to 7:30 PM Wednesday September 30, 2015 (13 hours)

Area: August 24-26, 2015: Zones 2-3  
August 31-September 30, 2015: Zones 2-3 and Upper Zone 4. Lower boundary for seine fishing in Zone 4 is described as a line from USCG light #10 "Red" on the Oregon shore at Henrici Landing across

to a wing jetty on the Washington shore at River Mile 90.25.

Sanctuaries: Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal rivers. Fishing in Select Area commercial fishing sites is prohibited.

Gear: Beach or purse seine:

Only one net is allowed per (primary) 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 (not including associated lead nets) and depth not to exceed 200 meshes (approximately 50 feet).

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.

Lead net (optional):

Only one lead net is allowed per fishing operation.

Lead nets may not exceed 100 fathoms in length. Lead nets may be constructed of 3-strand nylon webbing, twine size  $\geq$ #12,  $\leq$ 3.5-inch mesh size (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure) OR nylon or cotton webbing with mesh size  $\geq$ 14-inches. Lead nets may not be vertically slackened.

Seine and lead lines may not be connected.

Lead nets must be retrieved daily.

Allowable Sales: Subject to Individual Fishing Quotas (as defined on individual 2015 seine permits). Adipose or left ventral fin-clipped Chinook, adipose fin-clipped Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, and shad.

All legal salmon caught must be kept and sold.

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.

**Sorting of fish may continue after the period concludes.**

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:	Mandatory requirement as a condition of fishing; agency observers are to be present at all times during fishing operations.
Reporting Rules:	Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. 24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

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### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday September 10, 2015 via teleconference to consider treaty and non-Indian commercial fisheries and review on-going recreational fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 2, 2015 Fall Fact Sheet #7 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)