
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 17, 2015

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Late Fall Chinook Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 8 PM Sunday September 20 to 6 AM Monday September 21 (10 hours)
8 PM Tuesday September 22 to 6 AM Wednesday September 23 (10 hours)

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. The lower end of the Washougal sanctuary is extended and defined as: a line originating at USCG green marker #1 near the Washington shore due south to the downstream Fisher Quarry Channel range light on the western end of Ackerman Island then from the upstream tip of Ackerman Island (Sand Island) across to the downstream (western) tip of Lady Island.

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum and 9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

Multiple Net Rule: 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.

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 9 AM Wednesday September 23, 2015 via teleconference to consider treaty and non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 17, 2015 Fall Fact Sheet #11 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp