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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 Chinook Commercial Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 8 PM Sunday September 27 to 6 AM Monday September 28 (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 9¾-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.

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## Treaty Indian Fisheries

### ***Fall Commercial Gillnet Salmon Fishery***

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Season:	6 AM Monday September 28 to 6 PM Thursday October 1	(3½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Gear:	Gill nets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), 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 in effect; the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is the standard 150-foot radius around the hatchery fishway (ladder).	
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.	

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 3 PM Monday September 28, 2015 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 23, 2015 Fall Fact Sheet #12a and #12b 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)