
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 7, 2015

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season #1: 8 PM Thursday October 8 to 6 AM Friday October 9 (10 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5.

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

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season #2: 7 AM to 7 PM Monday October 12 (12 hours)

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

- The following Allowable Sales, Gear, and Reporting Rules apply to both seasons adopted above.

Allowable Sales: Coho, Chinook, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, and shad.

Gear: 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.

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

- The Joint staff will recommend additional hearings as needed, which could be early next week.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 7, 2015 Fall Fact Sheet #15 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp