
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 16, 2016

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Participants: Those individuals possessing a 2016 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 4:00 PM Monday August 22, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Wednesday August 24, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday August 29, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Wednesday August 31, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Tuesday September 6, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Wednesday September 7, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Thursday September 8, 2016	(10 hours)
	6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Friday September 9, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday September 12, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday September 13, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Wednesday September 14, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Thursday September 15, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday September 16, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday September 19, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Wednesday September 21, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday September 26, 2016	(10 hours)
	7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Wednesday September 28, 2016	(10 hours)

Area: Mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1-3.
 Beach seining restricted to Zones 2 and 3.
 Purse seining restricted to Zones 1 and 3.
 The deadline at the upper end of Zone 3 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: Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, and Kalama-B sanctuaries are in effect.
 Fishing in Select Area commercial fishing sites is prohibited.

Gear: Beach or purse seine:
 Only one seine 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 2016 seine permits). Adipose or left ventral fin-clipped Chinook, adipose fin-clipped Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, and shad.
 Retained Chinook and Coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.
 All legal salmon caught must be kept and sold.

Handling/ Sorting:	Hand sorting or use of a knotless dip net is required for sorting fish. All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water. Dry sorting is not permitted.
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. Transportation to/from fishing site is expected.
Reporting Rules:	Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours. 24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No hearings are scheduled at this time.
- A Compact hearing will likely occur on August 24 or 25, 2016 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries and review ongoing recreational fisheries.
- The tribes have requested a hearing be scheduled for September 14 or 15 via teleconference to consider treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the August 16, 2016 Fall Fact Sheet #3 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp