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# COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 17, 2011

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<i>Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>	
Season:	5:00 PM Wednesday May 18 to 5:00 AM Thursday May 19, 2011 (12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-4, upstream to Kelley Point
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elochoman-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B and Lewis-B.
Allowable Sales:	Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, sockeye, shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of 5 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only. Select Areas remain open under a two white sturgeon weekly retention limit.
Gear:	Drift nets only. 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction. 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. Standard regulations typically in place for spring Chinook commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, lighted buoys, tangle-net certification, etc. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. Soak times must not exceed 45 minutes. Red corks required at 25 fathom intervals, in contrast to other corks in the net. Lighted Buoys: must be used between official sunset and official sunrise. Recovery Box: either two operable recovery boxes or one operable box with two chambers. All non-legal sturgeon, non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, and steelhead must be released immediately to the river with care or placed into an operating recovery box. Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.
Additional Rules:	Observer program: commercial fishing vessels <u>must cooperate</u> . Live Capture workshop: At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification. 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers

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**SEASONS MODIFIED:** open periods changed to Monday and Thursday nights

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway 4 Bridge.
- The following table reflects the modified season

<i>2011 Deep River Select Area</i>	
Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from May 18 through June 10 Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Deep River fishing area extends from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge (all concurrent water). Reduced Deep River fishing area extends from the Oneida Road boat ramp (approx. one-half mile up Deep River from navigation marker 16) upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge (all concurrent water).
Gear:	9 3/4-inch maximum mesh. Nets are restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets cannot be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel. <u>It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations in conflict with it. All other provisions of the permanent regulation remain in effect (WAC 220-20-015 (1)).</u> It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department (WAC 220-20-010 (17)). Nets (or parts of nets) not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a 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:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by WDFW staff. A sampling station will be established about 2 miles downstream of the Highway 4 Bridge near Stephan's dock.  <b>24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers</b>

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