

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 17, 2012

<i>2012 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery</i>	
Season	8 PM Wednesday September 19 to 6 AM Thursday September 20 (10 hours) 8 PM Sunday September 23 to 6 AM Monday September 24 (10 hours) 8 PM Tuesday September 25 to 6 AM Wednesday September 26 (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 River and Sandy River.
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 8" minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule in effect, which means nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery <u>may</u> 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 fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon 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) in the remaining openers. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers. Pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 (d) (iii) When quick reporting is required, Columbia River reports must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the designated fishery. Submission of a report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location. Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov ; or via phone at 1-866-791-1281. (e) Faxing a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the reporting requirement. (f) Violation of this subsection is a gross misdemeanor, punishable under RCW 77.15.630.

Future Hearings:

- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday September 25 to review treaty and non-treaty fisheries