
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 25, 2012

<i>2012 Fall Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM Wednesday September 26 through 6:00 PM Friday September 28 (2.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Gill net only. 8 inch minimum mesh size.
Sanctuaries	Standard River mouth and dam sanctuaries for gillnet gear will be in place. The Spring Creek hatchery sanctuary will be reduced to a 150 radius around the hatchery ladder.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from the Bonneville Pool (38 to 54 inches fork length) and from The Dalles and John Day Pools (43 to 54 inches fork length) may be retained for subsistence purposes. Sockeye retention prohibited. Sales of fish caught during the open period may be sold after the period closes.
Additional Rules:	<p>24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.</p> <p><u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required 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.</p>

Future Hearings

- A Joint State/Compact Hearing be scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday October 2 to review non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fisheries and consider modifying the recreational sturgeon fishery upstream of the Wauna powerlines, which is scheduled to re-open for retention October 20.