
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 12, 2013

The Joint States met today and took the following action:

<i>2013 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	9 PM Sunday September 15 to 3 AM Monday September 16 (6 hours) 9 PM Tuesday September 17 to 5 AM Wednesday September 18 (8 hours)
Area:	SMCRA 1D and 1E (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 and Sandy Rivers
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 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 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 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) in the remaining openers. This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Requires all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either: a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777 b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

Future Hearings: A Compact hearing is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Wednesday September 18 via teleconference to consider additional treaty and non-Indian commercial fisheries.