

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 22, 2016

THE FOLLOWING SEASON WAS MODIFIED:

The Compact added three days of fishing. The following is the current season:

<i>2016 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Fishery</i>	
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:	Daily open hours 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (10 hours)
<i>Week 40</i>	Daily Monday through Friday during September 26-30 5 periods
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1-3 (SMCRA 1A, 1B, 1C). Beach seining open only in Zone 2 and Zone 3 (SMCRA 1B, 1C). Purse seining open only in Zone 1 and Zone 3 (SMCRA 1A, 1C). 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, Kalama-B and Select Area commercial fishing sites.
Gear:	Beach seine or purse seine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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). Net 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 5 feet. Chafing mesh not to exceed 3.5-inch stretched measure for beach seines and 5-inch stretched measure for purse seines. 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.
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Gear:	<p>Lead net (optional):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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, \leq3.5-inch mesh size (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure) OR nylon or cotton webbing with mesh size \geq14-inches. Lead nets may not be vertically slackened. - Seine net and lead net may not be connected. - Lead nets must be retrieved daily.
Allowable Sales:	Subject to IFQs as defined on individual permits. Allowable sales limited to adipose or left ventral fin-clipped (Hatchery) Chinook, adipose-clipped Coho, pink, and sockeye salmon and shad. All legal salmon caught must be kept and sold. Retained Chinook and Coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.
Handling/ Sorting:	<p>Hand sorting or use of a knotless dip net is required when sorting fish.</p> <p>All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water.</p> <p>Dry sorting not permitted.</p>
Sort time:	<p>Not to exceed 75 minutes.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Observer Program:	Mandatory. Cooperation required, includes transportation to/from fishing site.
Catch Reporting:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. OR Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period

Washington Quick Report requirements:

Submission of a Quick 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. Faxing or reporting electronically in portable document format (PDF) a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the quick reporting requirement.

- A hearing is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Thursday September 29 via teleconference to consider treaty commercial fisheries, non-Indian commercial fisheries, and review ongoing recreational fisheries.