

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 16, 2017

THE FOLLOWING SEASON WAS SET:

<i>2017 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	Five 9-hour fishing periods during August 22–September 1
Week 35 (2 open periods)	9 PM Tuesday August 22 to 6 AM Wednesday August 23 9 PM Thursday August 24 to 6 AM Friday August 25
Week 36 (3 open periods)	9 PM Sunday August 27 to 6 AM Monday August 28 9 PM Tuesday August 29 to 6 AM Wednesday August 30 9 PM Thursday August 31 to 6 AM Friday September 1
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 and Sandy rivers.
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule NOT in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of six white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	Observer Program: As a condition of fishing or participating in this fishery, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must carry and accommodate a Department observer for the duration of the fishing trip when requested. It is unlawful to deny access or fail to carry a Department observer upon request. When a Department observer is on board, it is expected that any steelhead caught will be brought on board for biological sampling prior to release. As used in this rule, a Department observer is an employee of either the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, or Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

Select Area fisheries were set at Fall 2017 Compact #1 on July 27, 2017

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM, Wednesday September 6 via conference call to consider additional treaty Indian commercial gillnet openings.