March 1, 2006

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2006 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

DATES: 12:00 PM (Noon) Thursday March 2 through 12:00 PM (Noon) Friday March 3, 2006 (24 hours)

AREA: Zones 1-4, upstream to Kelley Point

SANCTUARIES: Grays River, Elokomin-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.

GEAR: 8-inch minimum and 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, sturgeon and shad.

PARTICIPANTS: Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Additional regulations were adopted at the January 26, 2006 Compact hearing. Those regulations include: Use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red cork and lighted buoy requirements and cooperation of vessel operators to allow state monitors onboard to observe and collect data.

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers WAC 220-69-240

Washington buyers are required to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10AM on the day after the purchase date by 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
A Columbia River Compact will be held at 2:00 Monday March 6 via telephone

- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500