Columbia River Action Notice
Compact Action
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

July 2, 2003

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to consider Treaty Indian commercial fishing options and took the following action:

Treaty Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery:

- Allowed the sale of platform and hook-and-line caught fish as follows:

  **SEASON:** 6 AM Thursday July 3 to 6 PM Wednesday July 16 (14 days)

  **AREA:** All of Zone 6.

  **GEAR:** Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

  **ALLOWABLE SALES:** Summer chinook, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad.

  Only fish landed from platforms and by hook-and-line may be sold. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be kept for subsistence use.

Sturgeon between 4 and 5 feet taken with legal subsistence gears (hoop nets or hook and line) in Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day pools may be sold during this commercial period.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** Fish caught during open fishing periods in the Klickitat and Big White Salmon rivers tributary fisheries may be sold when the sale of platform and hook-and-line fish is allowed.

**Future Meetings**

- The next Compact hearing to review salmon and steelhead stock status and consider treaty Indian fishery options will occur via telephone at 1:30 pm Tuesday, July 8, 2003.

- A Joint State public meeting has been scheduled for 7 PM Monday, July 14th at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, Washington to discuss a possible reduction in the sturgeon annual catch limit.
A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at the Commission room in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters office located at 2501 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon for the purposes of considering commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River during early August and in Select Areas during August through October.

Oregon sport fishing regulation changes for 2004, including the 5-fish sturgeon annual limit, will be considered at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting scheduled for Friday August 8 in Astoria, Oregon.

A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Friday, August 22, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.