Columbia River Fishery Notice
Joint State Action
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

October 3, 2005

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE MODIFIED

SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Sturgeon limit increased to match that of the mainstem commercial fisheries. A maximum of 3 white or green sturgeon combined may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The 3 sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area Fisheries.

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-TREATY COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

DATES: 2PM Wednesday Oct 5 to 6AM Thursday Oct 6 (16 hours)
7PM Thursday Oct 6 to 5AM Friday Oct 7 (10 hours)

AREA: Zones 1-5

SANCTUARIES: Elokomin A, Abernathy, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy, and Washougal rivers

GEAR: No minimum mesh requirement 2PM Wed Oct 5 to 6AM Oct 6
8-inch minimum beginning 7PM Thurs October 6 to Fri Oct 7

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of 3 white or green sturgeon combined may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The 3 sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area Fisheries.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers
WAC 220-69-240

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A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 PM Monday October 10, 2005 via telephone conference to discuss salmon stock status and considering additional non-Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current fishing seasons at 360-902-2500 or 360-696-6211.
- Visit WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm for fact sheets, action notices and landings.