March 4, 2003

- The Columbia River Compact met today to review test fishing results and consider non-Indian commercial fishing.

- The Compact did not take action on any mainstem Columbia River season - the non-Indian commercial spring chinook fishery remains closed at this time.

- The Test fishing will continue on Monday, March 10, 2003.

- The Compact will meet again at 10:00 AM Wednesday, March 12th by telephone and consider additional non-Indian commercial fishing at that time.

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

**Deep River Select Area Experimental Fishery**

**SEASON:**
April 17th through June 13th, weekly: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. Fishing hours are 7 PM to 7 AM. 12 Hours.

**AREA:**
Deep River Select Area upstream of a line from Channel Marker 16 southwesterly to a fishing boundary marker on the opposite bank, to the Highway 4 Bridge.

**GEAR:**
7 inch minimum and 9¼ inch maximum mesh size restrictions. Restrict net to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline.

**ALLOWABLE SALES:**
Salmon, sturgeon, shad.

**MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS:**
Transportation of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled fish. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff. A sampling station will be established upstream of the Highway 4 Bridge at the upper pen site at Kato's dock.