



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

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.

