



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

February 5, 2004

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

### 2004 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION SALMON FISHERY

- DATES:** To be determined. See Fishing Plan
- AREA:** Mouth to Kelley Point, (Zone 1-4) likely for majority of fishery
- SANCTUARIES:** Grays River, Gnat Creek, Elokomin -B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B. Sandy sanctuary will be in place if Zone 5 is open.
- GEAR:** Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.  
9" minimum and 9 ¾ " maximum mesh sizes during large mesh fishery.  
4 ¼" maximum mesh size during tangle net fishery.
- ALLOWABLE SALES:** Adipose fin-clipped chinook salmon and sturgeon. White sturgeon possession and sales restrictions to be determined based on gear and number of fish remaining on 2,000 fish guideline.
- PARTICIPANTS:** Commercial River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in the fishery.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** Soak times, defined as time elapsed from when first mesh enters the water to when last mesh leaves the water, must not exceed 45 minutes. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net. Use of recovery boxes will be required on all lethargic or bleeding salmonids. Each participant will be required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers in place to participate in this fishery. Operable recovery boxes will require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to the box or each chamber. Each box shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. Lighted buoys required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise. Optional use of a steelhead excluder panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh. Excluder panel must

be a minimum of 5' in depth and not exceed 10' in depth with a 12" minimum mesh size restriction in effect. Use of weedlines or droppers, used in smelt bobber nets, are allowed in place of a steelhead excluder panel. Weedlines or droppers must extend a minimum of 5' above the tangle net mesh. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedline, or droppers.

Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington wholesale dealers, WAC 220-69-240.

#### 2004 Winter Season Commercial Fishing Plan

- Test Fishing occurs on Sunday.
- Compact to occur Monday afternoon.
- Full fleet fishery may occur Tuesday depending on results from test fishing on Sunday.
- Use Tuesday full fleet fishery as testy fishery or conduct test fishing on Tuesday.
- Compact to occur Wednesday afternoon.
- Full fleet fishery may occur Thursday depending on results from pervious full fleet fishery or test fishing on Tuesday.

#### Notice to Fishers:

Plan to call the "Hotline" Number on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to get the fishing season beginning February 23, 2004.

The hotline number is 360-902-2500

Press "1" for commercial and "2" for Columbia River.

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#### THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

##### 2004 NON-INDIAN AREA 2S COMMERCIAL SHAD FISHERY:

DATES: 3 P.M. - 10 P.M. Daily

May 17 -21 (5 days)

May 24-28 (5 days)

June 1-4 (4 days)

June 7-11 (5 days)

June 14-18 (5 days)

Jun 21-25 (5 days)

AREA: True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

GEAR: Single-wall, unslacked, floater gill net; 5 3/8" to 6 1/4" mesh size restrictions; 10-lb breaking strength; and the net may not exceed

150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Only shad may be kept and sold. All salmon, steelhead, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water and those alive must be returned to the water unharmed.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2004 SELECT AREA FISHERY, BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH:

DATES: Saturday nights from February 14 through March 7 (4 nights)  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours)  
Thursday nights during April 22 through April 30  
Monday and Thursday nights during May 3 through June 18 (16 nights)  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours)

AREA: Blind Slough area only open during winter season (thru March 7) and Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas open during spring season.

GEAR: 7 ¼" minimum mesh size restriction during the winter season (thru March 7) and an 8" maximum mesh size restriction during the spring season.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad. During the winter season (thru March 7) a maximum of 3 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each open period.

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2004 SELECT AREA FISHERY, DEEP RIVER:

DATES: Thursday nights during April 22 through April 30 and Monday and Thursday nights during May 3 through June 18. (16 nights)  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours)

AREA: Deep River fishing area from the Deep River boat launch upstream to the town of Deep River.

GEAR: 8" maximum mesh size restriction.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful unless by licensed buyer. An exception to the rule would allow fishers to transport their catch out of the fishing area with a permit issued by an authorized agency employee after examining the catch.

Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington wholesale dealers,

### Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers

WDFW has adopted rules that require commercial purchasers to report their landings by a specified time. This rule can be attached to any commercial season that is adopted, but is not in place unless specified. WDFW staff recommends that the "quick reporting required" clause be in place for this fishery. Washington buyers would be 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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
  - c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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