THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2006 SELECT AREA FISHERY, BLIND SLOUGH:

DATES: 7 PM Sunday April 9 to 7 AM Monday April 10 (12 hours)
         7 PM Wednesday April 12 to 7 AM Thursday April 13 (12 hours)

AREA: Blind Slough area only

GEAR: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction
        Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight
        restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors
        attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 3 green or
                  white sturgeon in the aggregate may be possessed or sold
                  by each participating vessel during each calendar week
                  (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods.
                  The 3 sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all
                  Select Area Fisheries

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Special transportation permits are not required to take fish
                       outside the fishing area.
                       Permanent transportation regulations will be in effect.

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for Tuesday April 11 at 2:00 via teleconference.
- Call the hotline to get the current fishing season at 360-902-2500.

Columbia River Joint State Hearing
Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
April 6, 2006
Sport Fishery below I-5 Bridge

The states of Washington and Oregon met today to review the on-going Columbia River spring Chinook sport fishery below Bonneville Dam, in the area between Buoy 10 and the I-5 Bridge.

No action was taken on this fishery. The fishery will remain open until further notice.

The next Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Tuesday April 11, 2006 via telephone.

The purpose of this hearing will be to review the sport fishery to ensure the fishery does not exceed ESA impact limits allocated to the fishery.

Anglers are advised that closures to this sport fishery may occur as early as next week and with very short notice.