



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

July 8, 2003

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to consider Treaty Indian commercial fishing options and took the following action:

Treaty Indian Commercial Summer Chinook Salmon Fishery:

- Adopted a salmon fishing season as follows:

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| SEASON: | 6 AM Monday July 14 to 6 PM Wednesday July 16 (2½ days) |
| AREA: | All of Zone 6. |
| GEAR: | 7½" minimum mesh size restriction. |
| ALLOWABLE SALES: | Chinook, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be kept for subsistence use. |
| MISCELLANEOUS RULES: | Fish caught in the Klickitat and Big White Salmon rivers during open fishing periods that overlap with the commercial salmon season may be sold. |

Treaty Indian Sturgeon Fisheries

- Closed sturgeon setline fisheries in Bonneville and John Day pools from 6 PM Saturday July 12 through 6 AM Monday July 21.
- Sturgeon landed in platform and hook-and-line fisheries during 6 PM Saturday July 12 through 6 AM Monday July 21 may not be sold.
- Sturgeon between 4 and 5 feet in length may be retained for subsistence purposes.

Future Meetings

- A Joint State public meeting has been scheduled for 7 PM Monday, July 14th at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way in Vancouver, Washington to discuss a possible reduction in the sturgeon annual catch limit.

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at the Commission room in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters office located at 2501 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon for the purposes of considering commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River during early August and in Select Areas during August through October.
 - Oregon sport fishing regulation changes for 2004, including the 5-fish sturgeon annual limit, will be considered at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting scheduled for Friday August 8 in Astoria, Oregon.
 - A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.
 - A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Friday, August 22, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.
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