



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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## Columbia River Compact Joint State Action Notices Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

March 9, 2005

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:  
2005 Commercial Salmon Fishery

- DATES:** 6PM Thursday March 10 through 2PM Friday March 11, 2005 (20 hours)
- AREA:** Mouth to Kelley Point, (Zone 1-4)
- SANCTUARIES:** Grays River, Elokomín-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.
- GEAR:** Drift nets only. 9-inch minimum and 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh size. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.
- ALLOWABLE SALES:** Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and sturgeon
- PARTICIPANTS:** Columbia 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.
- NEW REGULATION:** As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with Department observers or observers collecting data for the Department, when notified by the observer of their intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open 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 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.

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers  
WAC 220-69-240

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

- The next Compact hearing has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. March 14, 2005 via telephone.
- Notice to Fishers: Plan to call the "Hotline" Number on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to get the current fishing season. The hotline number is 360-902-2500. Press "1" for commercial and "2" for Columbia River.
- Visit WDFW website at [wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm](http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm) for fact sheets, action notices and landings.

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:  
2005 SELECT AREA FISHERY, BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH:

DATES: 7 p.m. Wednesday March 9 through 7 a.m. Thursday March 10, 2005 (12hours)  
7 p.m. Saturday March 12 through 7 a.m. Sunday March 13, 2005 (12hours)

7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours) Thursday night during April 21 through April 22 and Monday and Thursday nights during April 25- June 17 (17 nights)

AREA: Blind Slough area only open during winter season (thru March 13) and Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas open during spring season.

GEAR: 7 ¼-inch minimum mesh size restriction during the winter season (thru March 13) and an 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction during the spring season.

ALLOWABLE SALLES: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 3 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each open period.

**2005 SELECT AREA FISHERY, DEEP RIVER:**

DATES: 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours). Thursday nights during April 21 through April 22  
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours). Monday and Thursday nights during April 25 through June 17 (17 nights)

AREA: Deep River fishing area from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

GEAR: 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 3 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each open period.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. 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

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