May 10, 2005

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

**2005 SELECT AREA FISHERY, BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH:**

**DATES:**
7:00 p.m. Tuesday May 10th to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday May 11th, 2005.
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours) Monday and Thursday nights during May 12th through June 17th, 2005.

**AREA:**
Blind Slough and Knappa Slough.

**GEAR:**
8-inch maximum mesh size restriction.

**ALLOWABLE SALES:**
Salmon, sturgeon and shad.

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

**DATES:**
7:00 p.m. Tuesday May 10th to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday May 11th, 2005.
7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (12 hours) Monday and Thursday nights during May 12th through June 17th, 2005.

**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.

**MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS:**
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.
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. Washington buyers are required to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10AM on the day after the purchase date by either:

a) FAX: (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777  
b) E-mail: crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov  
c) Telephone: 1-866-791-1281

- Next Compact will occur at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday May 17th via telephone.
- Call the hotline to get the current fishing season at 360-902-2500 or 360-696-6211 *1010.

Commercial shad fishing in the Area of 2S on the Columbia River was CLOSED until further notice.

The closed 2-S area is the True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock. These fisheries were scheduled to occur beginning 3:00p.m. May 16th, 2005.

The area in Washougal Reef remains open.  
These fisheries were set at the January 28th, 2005 Compact hearing.

2005 NON-INDIAN WASHOUGAL REEF COMMERCIAL SHAD FISHERY

**DATES:** 8 PM - 12 AM (midnight) daily

May 15-19 (5 days)  
May 22-26 (5 days)  
May 29- Jun 2 (5 days)  
June 5-9 (5 days)  
June 12-16 (5 days)  
June 19-23 (5 days)

**AREA:** Waters of Zones 4-5 inside a line commencing at the white six-second equal-interval light approximately ¾ miles east of the Washougal Woolen Mill pipeline and projected westerly to the Washougal blinker light, thence to the four-second blinker light on the east end of Lady Island, thence easterly and along the shoreline of Lady Island to the State Highway 14 Bridge, thence easterly across the State Highway 14 Bridge to the mainland.

**GEAR:** Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net; 5"-6¼" mesh size
restrictions; and a 30-lb maximum breaking strength.

**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.

- The next Compact will be held Tuesday May 17th at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the spring Chinook stock status.

- Call the hotline to get the current fishing season at 360-902-2500 or 360-696-6211 *1010.

- Visit WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm for fact sheets, action notices and landings.