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

September 12, 2003

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

**DATES:**
7AM – 7PM Monday September 15 (12 hours)

**AREA:**
Zones 1-3, upstream to the Longview Bridge

**SANCTUARIES:**
Elochomin-A, Abernathy

**GEAR:**
Unslackened floater gill nets with 6-inch maximum mesh size.

**ALLOWABLE SALES:**
Salmon and Sturgeon. A maximum of three sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The three sturgeon possession and sale limit includes mainstem only for September 15-16.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES:**
Quick Reporting will be in effect for Washington buyers.

**DATES:**
8PM Monday September 15 to 12AM midnight September 16th (4 hours)

**AREA:**
I-5 bridge upstream to Beacon Rock

**SANCTUARIES:**
Washougal, Sandy

**GEAR:**
8 inch minimum mesh size restrictions.

**ALLOWABLE SALES:**
Salmon and Sturgeon. A maximum of three sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES:**
Quick Reporting will be in effect 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
c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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**TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY**

**DATES:**
6:00 AM, Tue, September 16, 2003 to 6:00 PM Friday, September 20, 2003 (4 1/2 days).

**AREA:**
All of Zone 6

**SANCTUARIES:**
Small Spring Creek Sanctuary within a radius of 150 feet of the Spring Creek Hatchery fishway.

**GEAR:**
No mesh size restriction.

**ALLOWABLE SALES:**
Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad. Sturgeon sales are prohibited.

**MISCELLANEOUS RULES:**
Sturgeon between 4-5 feet in length may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence purposes only.
The next Compact hearings will be held on the following dates:

   Wednesday, September 17, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. by telephone

   Friday, September 19, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at WDFW, Region 5 Office in Vancouver, WA