March 13, 2006

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2006 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

DATES: 12:00 Noon Tuesday March 14 through 6:00 AM Wednesday March 15, 2006 (18 hours)

AREA: Zones 1-4, upstream to Kelley Point

SANCTUARIES: Grays River, Elokomin-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.

GEAR: 8-inch minimum and 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction

ALLOWABLE SALES: Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, sturgeon and shad.

PARTICIPANTS: Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Additional regulations were adopted at the January 26, 2006 Compact hearing. Those regulations include: Use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red cork and lighted buoy requirements and cooperation of vessel operators to allow state monitors onboard to observe and collect data.

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

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 transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
A Columbia River Compact will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday March 15 via telephone.

- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500.