



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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

May 15, 2006

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2006 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

- DATES:** 2:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight Tuesday May 16 (10 hours)
- AREA:** Zones 1-4, upstream to Kelley Point
- SANCTUARIES:** Grays River, Elokom-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. A maximum of eight sturgeon total (white or green) may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The eight sturgeon possession/sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries. The maximum green sturgeon size limit is 60 inches.
- 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 will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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 9:00 AM Thursday May 18 via telephone.
 - Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500.
 - Visit WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm> for fact sheets, action notices, etc.
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