



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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

December 16, 2004

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
Non-Indian Commercial Sturgeon Fishery

DATES: 6AM Tuesday Jan. 18 through 6AM Wednesday Jan. 19, 2005
(24hours)
6AM Tuesday Jan. 25 through 6AM Wednesday Jan. 26, 2005
(24hours)
6AM Tuesday Feb. 1 through 6AM Wednesday Feb. 2, 2005
(24hours)
6AM Tuesday Feb. 8 through 6AM Wednesday Feb. 9, 2005
(24hours)
6AM Tuesday Feb. 15 through 6AM Wednesday Feb. 16, 2005
(24hours)

AREA: Zones 1-5

SANCTUARIES: Sandy River

GEAR: 9" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum size restrictions

ALLOWABLE SALES: Sturgeon and adipose fin-clipped salmon

MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

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

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- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
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at the Water Resource Education Center
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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
Non-Indian Commercial Smelt Fishery

DATES: Close ongoing 7-day per week fishery effective Saturday, January 1, 2005.

Adopt a Level Two fishery consisting of two 18-hour weekly fishing periods:

3 AM to 9 PM Mondays and Thursdays (18 hours)
January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005.

AREA: Zones 1-5

GEAR: Gill net, dip nets, or trawls as per permanent regulations

PARTICIPANTS: Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear.

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Washington Tributary Commercial Smelt Fishery

DATES: 6:00 PM Sunday to 6:00 AM Monday (12 hours) 6:00 PM Wednesday to 6:00 AM Thursday (12 hours) January 1, 2005 through March 31,

2005.

AREA: Cowlitz River (downstream of Peterson's Eddy), and Lewis River (mainstem and North Fork (downstream of overhead power lines near Eagle Island).

GEAR: Dip Nets

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET
Washington Tributary Sport Smelt Fishery

DATES: 6:00 AM TO 10:00 PM (18 hours)
Tuesdays and Saturdays
January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005.

AREA: Grays River, Cowlitz River, Kalama River and Lewis River.

DAILY LIMIT: 10 pounds per person.

Mainstem Columbia River Sport Smelt Fishery

DATES: 7 Days/Week, 24 hours per day
January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005.

AREA: ZoneS 1-5

DAILY LIMIT: 25 pounds per person.

NOTE: Concurrent with Oregon rules.

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TREATY INDIAN WINTER SEASON

- DATES: 12:00 PM (Noon), February 1, 2005 through
12:00 PM (Noon), March 21, 2005
- AREA: All of Zone 6
- SANCTUARIES: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect except no Spring
Creek sanctuary.
- GEAR: No mesh size restriction
- ALLOWABLE
SALES: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad. Sturgeon between 4-5
feet in length in The Dalles and John Day pools and between 45-60
inches in the Bonneville pool may be sold or retained for subsistence
purposes.
- MISCELLANEOUS
RULES: Sale of platform caught fish is allowed during open commercial gillnet
seasons

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