



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

September 16, 2004

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

- DATES: 8 PM Sunday September 19 to 6 AM Monday September 20, 2004
- AREA: Zones 1-5
- SANCTUARIES: Elokomina-A Abernathy, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.
- GEAR: 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh sizes.
No minimum mesh size restriction downstream of the Longview Bridge
8" minimum mesh size upstream from the Longview Bridge
- ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington wholesale dealers, WAC 220-69-240.

Quick Reporting Rule 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

- Check hotline for current details concerning Columbia River commercial fisheries. (360) 902-2500.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Friday, September 24, 2004 at the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife office (2108 Grand Blvd, Vancouver, WA) to consider non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

- DATES: 6 AM to 6 PM Tuesday September 21.
6 AM to 6 PM Thursday September 23.
- AREA: Zones 1 - 3 (downstream of the Longview Bridge)
- SANCTUARIES: Elokomin-A Abernathy.
- GEAR: 6-inch maximum mesh size unslackened floater gillnet.
- ALLOWABLE SALE: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
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NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

DATES: 8 PM Tuesday Sept. 21 to 1AM Wednesday Sept. 22, 2004. 8 PM Thursday Sept. 23 to 1AM Friday Sept.24, 2004.

AREA: Zones 3 - 5 (Upstream of the Longview Bridge)

SANCTUARIES: Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.

GEAR: 8 inch minimum and 9 ¾ inch maximum mesh size.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

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2005 WINTER SEASON SALMON GEAR REQUIREMENTS NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

When large mesh gear is used during the 2005 Columbia River winter season non-Indian commercial salmon fisheries, the mesh size will be 9 inch minimum.

9 inch minimum and 9 ¾ inch maximum mesh size

Adoption of this regulation will allow fisherman to plan and purchase the appropriate gear well in advance of any 2005 winter season.

SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Modified hours):

BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

- DATES:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from September 20 through October 29.
Open 7 PM - 7 AM (12 hours) from September 20 through September 24 and 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.
- AREA:** Blind Slough and Knappa Slough.
- SANCTUARIES:** Standard closure within 100 feet of the mouth of Big Creek
- GEAR:** In both areas restrict gear to 6 - inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline.
- ALLOWABLE SALES:** Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
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NOTICE TO FISHERMEN

WDFW is conducting research on green sturgeon migration. These fish are being tagged in various areas along the west coast. WDFW is requesting fishers to provide the following information on any tagged green sturgeon that are released:

- Date caught
- Tag number
- Tag color
- Tag type

Please do not remove the tag from the fish.

Please contact Olaf Langness, at WDFW phone (360) 906-6741.

SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES (Gear Clarification):

Modifications to the gear regulations for Blind Slough/Knappa Slough fishery, South Channel, Deep River, and Steamboat Slough:

Allow the attachment of additional weights and anchors directly to the leadline.

Fishermen and enforcement have requested this modification to clarify the existing regulation and minimize gear loss in the Select Areas. This recommendation is consistent with current fishing practices.

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
TREATY INDIAN COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY

- DATES: 6AM Monday Sep 20 to 6PM Friday September 24, 2004 (4.5 days)
- AREA: All of Zone 6
All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries will be in effect.
Spring Creek Hatchery 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 not allowed.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Sturgeon between 45 inches and 60 inches in length may be retained in the Bonneville Pool for subsistence purposes only. Sturgeon between 4 feet and 5 feet in length may be retained in The Dalles and John Day pools for subsistence purposes only. Commercial sales of platform and hook and line caught fish are allowed during commercial gillnet openings.

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