



# 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

December 18, 2002

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2003 Non-Indian Commercial Sturgeon Season:

DATES: 12 PM (noon) Tuesday, January 7, 2003 to 6 PM Wednesday, January 8, 2003  
12 PM (noon) Tuesday, January 14, 2003 to 6 PM Wednesday, January 15, 2003  
12 PM (noon) Tuesday, January 21, 2003 to 6 PM Wednesday, January 22, 2003  
12 PM (noon) Tuesday, January 28, 2003 to 6 PM Wednesday, January 29, 2003  
12 PM (noon) Tuesday, February 4, 2003 to 6 PM Wednesday, February 5, 2003  
12 PM (noon) Tuesday, February 11, 2003 to 6 PM Wednesday, February 12, 2003

AREA: Mouth upstream to Beacon Rock (Zones 1-5)

SANCTUARIES: Sandy River sanctuary

GEAR: 9-inch minimum and 9 3/4" maximum mesh size restrictions

ALLOWABLE SALES: Adipose fin-clipped salmon and sturgeon.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

### Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers

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- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
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2003 Mainstem Columbia River Commercial Smelt Season:

DATES: Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays  
3 AM to 9 PM (18 hours)  
Beginning January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003

AREA: Mouth upstream to Beacon Rock (Zones 1-5)

SANCTUARIES: N/A

ALLOWABLE SALES: Smelt

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

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2003 Treaty-Indian Commercial Winter Season:

DATES: Noon, February 1, 2003 through noon, March 21, 2003

AREA: All of Zone 6

SANCTUARIES: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

GEAR: No mesh restrictions

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, and sturgeon between 4 and 5 feet in length.

MISCELLANEOUS: Sale of platform caught fish is allowed during open commercial gillnet seasons.

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The next Compact Meeting has been scheduled for  
10:00 a.m., February 6, 2003 at  
The Water Resources Education Center  
4600 SE Columbia Way  
Vancouver, Washington 98668

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December 19, 2002

WDFW ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING SEASONS:

2003 Washington Tributary Commercial Smelt Season:

DATES: Beginning Wednesday, January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003  
6 PM Sunday through 6 AM Monday (12 hours)  
6 PM Tuesday through 6 AM Wednesday (12 hours)  
6 PM Wednesday through 6 AM Thursday (12 hours)

AREA: Cowlitz River - Downstream of Peterson's Eddy, Kalama River downstream from Modrow Bridge, and Lewis River mainstem and North Fork downstream from the overhead power lines near Eagle Island

ALLOWABLE SALES: Smelt

GEAR: Dip nets as per permanent regulations

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2003 Washington Tributary Sport Smelt Season:

DATES: Beginning Wednesday, January 1, 2003 through March 31, 2003  
Open 7 - Days per week  
6:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily

AREA: All Columbia River tributaries

GEAR: Dip nets as per permanent regulations

DAILY LIMIT: 10 pounds.