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

July 18, 2003

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

**Treaty Indian Commercial Summer Chinook Salmon Fishery:**

- Adopted a salmon fishing season as follows:

  **SEASON:** 6 AM Monday July 21 to 6 PM Wednesday July 23 (2½ days)
  
  **AREA:** All of Zone 6.
  
  **GEAR:** 7½" minimum mesh size restriction.
  
  **ALLOWABLE SALES:** Chinook, steelhead, walleye, carp, and shad. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be kept for subsistence use. Sturgeon may not be sold, but Sturgeon between 4 and 5 feet in length may be retained for subsistence purposes.
  
  **MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** Fish caught in the Klickitat and Big White Salmon rivers may be sold from 6 AM Monday, July 21 to 6 PM Saturday July 26, 2003. Fish caught from the platform and hook-and-line fishery may be sold from 6 AM Monday, July 21 to 6 PM Saturday July 26, 2003.

**Treaty Indian Sturgeon Fisheries**

- Delay opening of sturgeon setline fishery.

- The sturgeon setline fishery will not open until 6:00 AM July 28 in the Bonneville and John Day pools and will close August 23, 2003 or when guidelines are achieved.

**Future Meetings**

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday, July 30, 2003 at the Commission room in the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife headquarters office located at 2501 SW First Avenue, Portland, Oregon for the purposes of considering commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River during early August and in Select Areas during August through October.

- Oregon sport fishing regulation changes for 2004, including the 5-fish sturgeon annual limit, will be
considered at the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting scheduled for Friday August 8 in Astoria, Oregon.

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Friday, August 22, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

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<th>Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers</th>
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<td>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 &quot;quick reporting required&quot; 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:</td>
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