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

March 18, 2004

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
2004 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION SALMON FISHERY

DATES: 6 PM Thursday March 18 to 9AM Friday March 19, 2004 (15 hrs)

AREA: Mouth to Kelley Point, (Zone 1-4)

SANCTUARIES: Grays River, Gnat Creek, Elokomin -B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.

GEAR: Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.
9" minimum and 9 ¾ " maximum mesh sizes

ALLOWABLE SALES: Adipose fin-clipped chinook salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of 3 sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel per day

PARTICIPANTS: Commercial River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in the fishery.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Soak times, defined as time elapsed from when first mesh enters the water to when last mesh leaves the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Use of recovery boxes will be required on all lethargic or bleeding salmonids.

Each participant will be required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers in place to participate in this fishery. Operable recovery boxes will require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to the box or each chamber. Each box shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

Lighted buoys required on each end of nets being fished between
sunset and sunrise. Optional use of a steelhead excluder panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh. Excluder panel must be a minimum of 5' in depth and not exceed 10' in depth with a 12" minimum mesh size restriction in effect. Use of weedlines or droppers, used in smelt bobber nets, are allowed in place of a steelhead excluder panel. Weedlines or droppers must extend a minimum of 5' above the tangle net mesh. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedline, or droppers.

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

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The next Compact is scheduled for March 22, 2004 at 1:00 p.m.

**THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE MODIFIED:**

**WASHINGTON TRIBUTARY COMMERCIAL SMELT FISHERY:**

**DATES:**
Effective 6 PM Thursday March 18, 2004
Two 12-hour fishing periods per week commencing
Sunday March 21 through Wednesday March 31
6:00 PM Sunday through 6:00 AM Monday (12 hours)
6:00 PM Wednesday through 6:00 AM Thursday (12 hours)

**GEAR:**
Dip nets as per permanent regulations.

**AREA:**
The Cowlitz River (downstream from Peterson's Eddy), Kalama River (downstream of Modrow Bridge), and Lewis River (mainstem and North Fork downstream of overhead power lines near Eagle Island). All other Washington tributaries closed.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE MODIFIED:
WASHINGTON TRIBUTARY SPORT SMELT FISHERY:

**DATES:**
Effective 10 PM Friday March 19, 2004
Two 16-hour fishing periods per week commencing
Saturday March 20 through Wednesday March 31, 2004
6:00 AM to 10:00 PM Wednesdays (16 hours)
6:00 AM to 10:00 PM Saturdays (16 hours)

**GEAR:**
Dip nets as per permanent regulations.

**DAILY LIMIT:**
20 pounds

**AREA:**
All Washington Columbia River tributaries

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE MODIFIED:
MAINSTEM COLUMBIA RIVER NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SMELT FISHERY:

**DATES:**
Effective 9 PM Sunday March 21, 2004
Two 18 hour fishing periods per week commencing
Friday March 26 through Wednesday March 31, 2004
3:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Friday March 26, 2004 (18 hrs)
3:00 AM to 9:00 PM on Sunday March 28, 2004 (18 hrs)

**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.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
2004 SELECT AREA FISHERY, BLIND SLOUGH:

DATES: 7 p.m. Saturday March 20 to 7 a.m. Sunday March 21, 2004 (12 hrs)

AREA: Blind Slough area

GEAR: 7 ¼" minimum mesh size

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 3 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each open period.

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful unless by licensed buyer. An exception to the rule would allow fishers to transport their catch out of the fishing area with a permit issued by an authorized agency employee after examining the catch.


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