



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 19, 2007

THE COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2007 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY	
DATES:	8 PM Tuesday March 20 to 6 AM Wednesday March 21 (10 hrs)
AREA:	Zones 1-4, upstream to Kelley Point
SANCTUARIES:	Grays River, Elokom-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.
GEAR:	Drift nets only. 4¼" maximum mesh size restriction. Use of monofilament tangle nets <u>not</u> allowed. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers. Optional use of a steelhead excluding panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh is allowed. 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.
ALLOWABLE SALES:	Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, white sturgeon and shad.
PARTICIPANTS:	Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended a state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques.
NEW REGULATIONS:	<p>Multiple Net Rule: It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net as long as the nets are of legal size for the fishery, or the net has a minimum mesh size of 9 inches, and the length of any one net does not exceed 1,500 feet in length.</p> <p>Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.</p>

<p>ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:</p>	<p>Use of recovery boxes is required on all lethargic or bleeding salmon or steelhead. Each vessel participating in this fishery is required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers. Operable recovery boxes require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to each chamber of the box (es). Each box must be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. 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. Lighted buoys are required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise. Cooperation of vessel operators to allow state monitors onboard to observe and collect data is also required.</p>
<p>Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers. WAC 220-69-240</p>	<p>Washington buyers are required to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10 AM on the day after the purchase date by either:</p> <p>FAX: (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777 E-mail: crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov Telephone: 1-866-791-1281</p>

- A Columbia River Compact will be held at 2:00 PM, Wednesday, March 21 via telephone.
 - Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500
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