



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

October 19, 2004

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS MODIFIED:

The following modifications were made to the previously adopted on-going non-Indian commercial fisheries. Two 24 hour periods were added and the sturgeon weekly limit was increased from 5 to 10 sturgeon. Modifications are in Bold.

DATE: 7 AM Wednesday Oct 20 to 7 AM Friday October 22, 2004
7 AM Monday October 25 to 7 AM Tuesday October 26, 2004
7 AM Wednesday Oct 27 to 7 AM Friday October 29, 2004

AREA: Zones 1-5 except beginning October 25 the lower boundary is a line from Harrington Point, WA to Settler Point, Oregon.

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

GEAR: No minimum mesh size. 9 ¾ inch maximum mesh size.

ALLOWABLE SALE: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of ten sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The ten 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

- The Joint Staff is not recommending any additional Columbia River Compact hearings but will continue to monitor stock status and schedule future hearings as needed.
- Check the hotline for updates on commercial and recreational fisheries at (360) 902-2500 and (360) 696-6211 *1010.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE MODIFIED:

SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

TONGUE POINT/SOUTH CHANNEL COMMERCIAL FISHERY

- DATES:** 4PM to 8AM Monday thru Thursday, Sept 13-Oct 29 (28 nights)
- AREA:** Tongue Point and South Channel area open entire season. The lower (western) boundary of the Tongue Point site has been changed to a line from the jetty on Mott Island to a sign midway between the red navigation light at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at Tongue Point Job Corp facility.
- GEAR:** Tongue Point-6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.
- South Channel-6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Additional weights and anchors may be attached directly to the lead line in South Channel.
- Participants in the Tongue Point fishery may have stored onboard their boats, gill nets with leadline in excess of two pounds per any one fathom.
- ALLOWABLE SALES:** Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of ten sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The ten sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation regulations are in effect. Quick reporting rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

- DATES: 6PM-8AM Monday-Thursday Sept 13 thru Oct 29 (28 nights).
- AREA: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas.
- GEAR: In both fishing areas gear restricted to 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh size prior to September 13 and to 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline.
- ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of ten sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The ten sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
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SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

DEEP RIVER SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

- DATES: 4 PM-8 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 23 through October 29 (40 nights)

AREA: Deep River fishing area.

GEAR: Gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. . Additional weights and anchors may be attached directly to the lead line.

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

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SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:
 STEAMBOAT SLOUGH FISHERY

DATES: 4PM-8AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from September 13 through October 29 (28 nights)

AREA: Steamboat Slough fishing area.

GEAR: Gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Additional weights and anchors may be attached directly to the lead line.

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

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful unless by licensed buyer, except fishers may 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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