



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

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

September 22, 2008

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery

Season #1: 9 PM Thursday, September 24 to 5 AM Friday, September 25, 2009 (8 hours)
9 PM Monday, September 28 to 5 AM Tuesday, September 29, 2009 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 4-5

Gear: 8-inch minimum mesh size and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size.

Season #2: 6 AM – 6 PM Monday, September 28, 2009 (12 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday, September 30, 2009 (12 hours)

Area: Zones 1-3

Gear: 6-inch maximum mesh size; un-slackened floater gillnet.

Miscellaneous Rules: 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.

Season #3: 6 AM – 6 PM Tuesday, September 29, 2009 (12 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Gear: 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size.

The following applies to all proposed fisheries stated above

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of five (5) white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only. Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.

Miscellaneous Rules: 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.

Sanctuaries: As applicable: Elokom-B, Abernathy, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.

Additional Rules: 24 hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- The Columbia River treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing later this week to consider additional treaty fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 2 PM Tuesday, September 29 to review salmon stock status and ongoing non-treaty fisheries.
- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500
- Visit WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm> for fact sheets, action notices, etc.