February 23, 2005

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE MODIFIED:
Non-Indian Commercial Smelt Fishery

Close ongoing 2-day per week fishery effective Wednesday February 23, 2005 and adopt a Level One fishery consisting of one 18-hour weekly fishing period:

DATES: 3 AM to 9 PM Thursdays (18 hours)
February 24 through March 31, 2005

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.

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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

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Joint Staff is recommending a potential Compact hearing (via telephone) be scheduled for 2:00 PM February 28, 2005 to review the spring chinook test fishing results and consider a commercial fishing period
THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
Washington Tributary Commercial Smelt Fishery

Close ongoing 2-day per week fishery in the Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers effective Wednesday February 23, 2005 and adopt a Level One fishery consisting of one 12-hour fishing period per week.

DATES: 6:00 PM Wednesday to 6:00 AM Thursday (12 hours)
February 23, 2005 through March 31, 2005.

AREA: Cowlitz River (Only) (downstream of Peterson’s Eddy).

GEAR: Dip nets

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
Washington Tributary Sport Smelt Fishery

Close ongoing 2-day per week fishery in the Cowlitz, Kalama, Grays and Lewis Rivers effective Wednesday February 23, 2005 and adopt a Level One fishery consisting of one 12-hour fishing period per week.

DATES: 6:00 AM TO 10:00 PM Saturdays (18 hours)
AREA: Cowlitz River (Only)
DAILY LIMIT: 10 pounds per person

Mainstem Columbia River Sport Smelt Fishery

DATES: 7 Days/Week, 24 hours per day
January 1, 2005 through March 31, 2005.

AREA: Zones 1-5
DAILY LIMIT: 25 pounds per person in mainstem Columbia River.
NOTE: Concurrent with Oregon rules.

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