



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

## Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice

Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

January 26, 2006

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER REGULATIONS WERE SET:

### 2006 WINTER/SPRING COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

- DATES:** Individual fishing periods will not exceed 24 hours during large mesh fisheries and will not exceed 16 hours during small mesh fisheries.
- AREA:** Mouth to Kelley Point (Zone 1-4) likely for majority of fishery.
- SANCTUARIES:** Grays River, Elokomin -B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.
- GEAR:** Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms, except for nets fitted with an excluder (175 fathoms).  
8-inch minimum and 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh sizes during large mesh fishery.  
4¼ -inch maximum mesh size during tangle net fishery.  
Use of steelhead excluder encouraged by both Washington and Oregon management staff.
- ALLOWABLE SALES:** Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, sturgeon and shad.
- PARTICIPANTS:** Commercial River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended a state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in this fishery.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with Department observers or observers collecting data for the Department, when notified by the observer of their intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.  
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 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 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.

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

- There is no Compact hearing is scheduled at this time.

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### ***2006 Winter Season Commercial Salmon Fishing Plan***

- Test Fishing occurs on Sunday.
- Compact to occur Monday afternoon.
- Full fleet fishery may occur on Tuesday depending on results from test fishing on Sunday.
- Use Tuesday full fleet fishery as test fishery or conduct test fishing on Tuesday.
- Compact to occur Wednesday afternoon.
- Full fleet fishery may occur Thursday depending on results from previous full fleet fishery or test fishing on Tuesday.

Notice to Fishers:

Plan to call the "Hotline" Number on Monday and Wednesday afternoons to get the current fishing season.

The hotline number is 360-902-2500

Press "1" for commercial and "2" for Columbia River.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER REGULATIONS WERE SET:

2006 NON-INDIAN AREA 2S COMMERCIAL SHAD FISHERY

DATES: 3 PM - 10 PM. Daily  
May 15 -19 (5 days)  
May 22-26 (5 days)  
May 30-June 2 (4 days)  
June 5-9 (5 days)  
June 12-16 (5 days)  
June 19-23 (5 days)

AREA: True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

GEAR: Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net; 5 3/8" to 6 1/4" mesh size restrictions; 10-lb breaking strength; and the net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Only shad may be kept and sold. All salmon, steelhead, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

2006 SELECT AREA FISHERY, BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH:

DATES: 7PM to 7AM (12 hours) Wednesday and Sunday nights from February 22 through March 13 (6 nights)  
7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) Monday and Thursday nights April 20 through June 16 (17 nights)

AREA: Blind Slough area only open during winter season and Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas open during spring season.  
During May 1 through June 16, the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).

GEAR: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction during the winter

season and an 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction during the spring season.

Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

ALLOWABLE SALES:

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

MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS:

Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permit transportation regulations will be in effect.

2006 SELECT AREA FISHERY, DEEP RIVER:

DATES:

6 PM to 8 AM (14 hours). Monday nights from February 20 through March 14 (4 nights)

7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours). Monday and Thursday nights during April 20 through June 16 (17 nights)

AREA:

Deep River fishing area from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

GEAR:

7-inch minimum mesh size restriction during the winter season and an 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction during spring season. Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

ALLOWABLE SALES:

Salmon, sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 3 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 (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers  
WAC 220-69-240

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 has put in place the "quick reporting required" clause for this season. Washington buyers are 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-

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b) E-mail to [crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL STURGEON FISHERY

DATES: 6 PM Thursday Feb. 2 through 6 AM Friday Feb. 3, 2006 (12 hours)  
6 PM Thursday Feb. 9 through 6 AM Friday Feb. 10, 2006 (12 hours)  
6 PM Thursday Feb. 16 through 6 AM Friday Feb. 17, 2006 (12 hours)

AREA: Zones 1 - 5

SANCTUARIES: Sandy River

GEAR: 9" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum mesh size restrictions

ALLOWABLE SALES: Sturgeon and adipose fin-clipped salmon.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE MODIFIED:

TREATY INDIAN WINTER SEASON

DATES: Noon February 1, 2006 through  
6:00 PM, March 21, 2006

AREA: All of Zone 6

SANCTUARIES: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect except no Spring  
Creek sanctuary.

GEAR: No mesh size restriction

ALLOWABLE  
SALES: Chinook salmon, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad. Sturgeon  
between 4-5 feet in length in The Dalles and John Day pools and  
between 45-60 inches in the Bonneville pool may be sold or retained  
for subsistence purposes.

MISCELLANEOUS  
REGULATIONS: Sale of platform caught fish is allowed during open commercial gillnet  
seasons.

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