



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

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
2005 Commercial Salmon Fishery

- DATES:** 5PM-5AM Tuesday March 1, 2005 (12 hours)
- AREA:** Mouth to Kelley Point, (Zone 1-4)
- SANCTUARIES:** Grays River, Elokomín-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.
- GEAR:** 9-inch minimum and 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch maximum mesh size.
Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms, except for nets fitted with an excluder (175 fathoms).
- ALLOWABLE SALES:** Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and sturgeon
- PARTICIPANTS:** Commercial River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in the fishery.
- NEW REGULATION:** 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.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** 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 will be required on all lethargic or bleeding salmonids.
- Each participating vessel will be required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers. Operable recovery boxes will require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to the box or each chamber. 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. Optional use of a steelhead excluder panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh. 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. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedline, or droppers.

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 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 next Compact hearing has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. March 2, 2005 via telephone.
 - 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.
 - Visit WDFW website for information on fact sheets and action notices at wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/
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