



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

July 28, 2005

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

- DATES: 7 PM Thursday August 4 to 7AM Wednesday August 5 (12 hours)
7 PM Sunday August 7 to 7 AM Monday August 8 (12 hours)
7 PM Tuesday August 9 to 7 AM Wednesday August 10 (12 hours)
7 PM Thursday August 11 to 7 AM Friday August 12 (12 hours)
- AREA: Zones 1 -5
- SANCTUARIES: Grays River, Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy Rivers.
- GEAR: 8-inch minimum and 9¾ -inch maximum mesh size restrictions.
- ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five white or green sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participation vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday), that the fishery is open. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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. 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: (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- b) E-mail: crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
- c) Telephone: 1-866-791-1281

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Joint Staff recommends a Compact hearing be held on August 11 or 12 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fishing periods during the week of August 15. An additional Compact hearing could be scheduled for August 19 to consider non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons beginning the week of August 21.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

TONGUE POINT/SOUTH CHANNEL COMMERCIAL FISHERY

DATES: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through September 9 (6 nights)
and
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 12 through October 28 (28 nights)

Open 7 pm-7 am (12 hours) from August 30 through September 9 and 4 pm -8 am (16 hours) thereafter.

AREA: Tongue Point and South Channel area open entire season.

The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.

The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

GEAR: In the Tongue Point fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.

In the South Channel fishing area, restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights on anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

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 Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five white or green sturgeon may be

SALES: possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The five 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.

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SELECT AREAS COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

DATES: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through September 9 (6 nights) and
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 12 through October 28 (28 nights)

Open 7 pm-7 am (12 hours) from August 30 through September 23
and 6 pm -8 am (14 hours) thereafter.

AREA: The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge, downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough.

The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. An area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek is defined by markers.

GEAR: In both fishing areas gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

ALLOWABLE Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of five white or green sturgeon may be

SALES: possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The five 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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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

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DEEP RIVER SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

DATES: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through September 9 (6 nights)
and
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 12 through October 28 (28 nights).

Open 7 pm-7 am (12 hours) from August 30 through September 9 and 4 pm -8 am (16 hours) thereafter.

AREA: The Deep River fishing area includes all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.

GEAR: Gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel.

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

MISCELLANEOUS Special transportation rules are not required to take fish outside the

RULES: fishing areas. Permanent transportation rules are in effect. Quick reporting rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

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STEAMBOAT SLOUGH FISHERY

DATES: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 30 through September 9 (6 nights)
and
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 12 through October 28 (28 nights)

Open 7 pm-7 am (12 hours) from August 30 through September 23 and 6 pm -8 am (14 hours) thereafter.

AREA: The Steamboat Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by markers on Price Island and the Washington shore at both ends of Steamboat Slough

GEAR: Gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

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

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Special transportation rules are not required to take fish outside the fishing areas. Permanent transportation rules are in effect. Quick reporting rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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NOTICE TO FISHERMAN

WDFW is conducting research on green sturgeon migration. These fish are being tagged in various areas along the west coast. WDFW is requesting fishers to provide the following information on any **tagged green sturgeon** that are released:

- Date caught
- Tag number
- Tag color
- Tag type
- Location

Please do not remove the tag from the fish.

Please contact Olaf Langness, at WDFW phone (360) 906-6741.

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