



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Columbia River Action Notice Compact Action Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

July 30, 2003

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

Non-Indian Commercial Fishery:

Adopted a salmon fishing season as follows:

DATES: 7 PM Monday August 4 to 7AM Tuesday August 5 (12 hrs)
7 PM Wednesday August 6 to 7AM Thursday Aug. 7 (12 hrs)
7 PM Monday August 11 to 7 AM Tuesday August 12 (12 hrs)

AREA: Zone 1-3.

SANCTUARIES: Grays River, Elochoman-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A and Lewis-A.

GEAR: 8" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of seven sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The seven sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries during August 3-16.

MISCELLANEOUS
RULES:

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers

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

Scheduled Compact Hearings

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Tuesday, August 12, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for 10 AM Friday, August 22, 2003 at the Water Resources Education Center located at 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, Washington for the purposes of reviewing salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon stock status and considering August 2S and treaty Indian commercial fishing seasons in the mainstem Columbia River.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

Non-Indian Select Areas Commercial Fisheries:

TONGUE POINT/SOUTH CHANNEL COMMERCIAL FISHERY

DATES:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 2 through October 31 (35 nights).
	Open 7 PM -7 AM (12 hours) through September 26 and open 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.
AREA:	Tongue Point area only open through September 12 and Tongue Point and South Channel area open thereafter.
GEAR:	In the Tongue Point fishing area gear restricted 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 gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. 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 SALES:	Salmon and sturgeon.
MISCELLANEOUS RULES:	Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

Non-Indian Select Areas Commercial Fisheries:

BLIND SLOUGH/KNAPPA SLOUGH SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

DATES: 7 PM Monday August 25 -7 PM August 28 (3 days)
 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 2 through October 31 (35 nights).
 Open 7 PM - 7 AM (12 hours) September 2 through September 26 and open 6 PM - 8 AM thereafter.

AREA: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas.

GEAR: In both fishing areas gear restricted to 9 ¾-inch maximum mesh size prior to September 16 and to 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

Non-Indian Select Areas Commercial Fisheries:

DEEP RIVER SELECT AREA COMMERCIAL FISHERY

DATES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 2 through October 31 (35 nights).
 Open 7 PM - 7 AM (12 hours) through September 26 and open 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) through October 31.

AREA: Deep River fishing area. Concurrent waters from mouth to Hwy 4 bridge, either WA or OR commercial license valid. WA commercial license required from Hwy 4 Bridge to town of Deep River.

GEAR: Gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

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STEAMBOAT SLOUGH FISHERY

DATES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 2 through October 31 (35 nights).

Open 7 PM - 7 AM (12 hours) through September 26 and open 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) through October 31.

AREA: Steamboat Slough fishing area.

GEAR: Gear restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline.

ALLOWABLE SALES: Salmon and sturgeon.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES: Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful unless by licensed buyer. An exception to the rule allows fishers to transport their catch out of the fishing area with a permit issued by an authorized agency employee after examining the catch.

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

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YOUNGS BAY FISHERY

DATES:	Noon Wednesday Aug. 6 to 6 PM Thursday, Aug. 7 (30 hrs) Noon Wednesday Aug. 13 to 6 PM Thursday, Aug. 14 (30 hrs) Noon Wednesday Aug. 20 to 6 PM Thursday, Aug. 21 (30 hrs) Noon Wednesday Aug. 27 to 6 PM Thursday, Aug. 28 (30 hrs) 6 PM Friday August 29 to 6 AM Saturday, Aug. 30 (12 hrs) Noon Tuesday September 2 - 6 PM Thursday Oct. 31 (59 days)
AREA:	Youngs Bay fishing area with upper boundary at Battle Creek Slough.
GEAR:	8-inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 28 and 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter. Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.
ALLOWABLE SALES:	Salmon and sturgeon. A maximum of seven sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday), during August 3-16. The seven sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
MISCELLANEOUS RULES:	Special permit is not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

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

Please do not remove the tag from the fish.

This information can be provided to WDFW in Vancouver at (360) 906-6741.

Thank you.
