

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 18, 2014

The Columbia River Compact met today and adopted 3 additional periods to the ongoing research seine fishery. The following is the revised season:

<i>2014 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Research Fishery</i>	
Participants:	Those individuals possessing a 2014 seine permit issued by Washington or Oregon (Emerging Fishery license and Experimental Fishery Permit in WA; Experimental Gear Permit in OR). Permit holder/designated fisher must be present during fishing operations and have applicable permits/licenses in possession.
Season:	Open hours are 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day the fishery is open (12.5 hours)
Week 38	Open Friday September 19, 2014
Week 39	Open Monday September 22, Tuesday September 23 , Wednesday September 24, Thursday September 25 and Friday September 26, 2014 4 periods
Week 40	Open Monday September 29 and Tuesday September 30 , 2014 2 period
Area:	SMCRA 1A-1E (Mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1-5)
Sanctuaries:	Elochoman-A, Cowlitz, Kalama-A, Lewis A, Sandy, Washougal and the Select Area commercial fishing sites.
Gear:	Beach or purse seine. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one net is allowed per vessel. - Mesh size restricted to a 3.5-inch maximum (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure). - Net material to consist of 3-strand nylon; twine size \geq#12. - Seines may include a bunt of 1.0-2.0 inch knotless mesh. - Net length not to exceed 200 fathoms (including associated lead nets). Net depth not to exceed 200 meshes (approximately 50 feet) - Seine and lead lines may not be connected. Lead nets must be retrieved daily. - No restrictions on corkline, leadline or use of stringers and slackers. - A chafing strip panel consisting of non-monofilament webbing (such as nylon seine web or polyethylene trawl web) is allowed on bottom of net; maximum panel depth is 5-feet. Chafing mesh not to exceed 3.5-inch stretched measure for beach and 5-inch stretched measure for purse. There are no restrictions associated with hangings used to connect the net to the chafing panel or the net or chafing panel to the leadline or corkline. - 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.
Allowable Sales:	Adipose or left ventral fin-clipped Chinook, adipose-clipped coho, pink and sockeye salmon. Subject to IFQs as defined on individual permits and fishery regulations, all legally-caught salmon must be landed.
Handling/ Sorting	Hand sorting or use of a knotless dip net is required for sorting. All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water. Dry sorting not permitted.
Sort time	<u>Not to exceed 75 minutes.</u> Beach seine - defined as the elapsed time from when the outer towed end of the net first contacts the shore or block until the net is emptied of fish. Purse Seine - defined as the elapsed time from when all rings are pursed and out of the water until the net is emptied of fish.
Observer Program	Mandatory
Quick-Report:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

- No Compacts are currently scheduled.