
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 10, 2009

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review summer Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian gillnet commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season: 6 PM Thursday June 18 to 6 AM Friday June 19, 2009 (12 hours)
 7 PM Wednesday June 24 to 5 AM Thursday June 25, 2009 (10 hours)
 7 PM Tuesday June 30 to 5 AM Wednesday July 1, 2009 (10 hours)

Area: June 18 through 19, 2009 – Zones 1-3 up to the Longview Bridge
 June 24, through July 1, 2009 – Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: June 18 through 19, 2009 Grays River, and Elokomin-A ,in effect.
 June 24, through July 1, 2009 Grays River, Elokomin-A Cowlitz River,
 Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect.

Gear: 8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Multiple Net It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net
Rule: provided the nets are of mesh size legal for the fishery, or the net has a
 minimum mesh size of 9 inches, and the length of any one net does not
 exceed 1,500 feet in length.

Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

Allowable Chinook, sockeye, coho, white sturgeon, and shad.
Sales: A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each

participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open. The weekly white sturgeon sales limit applies to mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

Washington WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers
Reporting purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings
Rule: to WDFW within **12 hours** of the closure of the fishery during the June 18
 – 19 fishing period and **24 hours** of the closure of the fishery during the
 June 24 – 25 and June 30 – July 1 fishing periods via either:

- FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
 - E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
 - Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Tuesday June 16 to 6 PM Friday June 19, 2009	(3½ days)
	6 AM Monday June 22 to 6 PM Thursday June 25, 2009	(3½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.	
Gear:	No minimum mesh size restriction.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, sockeye, walleye, carp yellow perch, catfish, bass, and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.	
Washington Reporting Rule:	WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via 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	

Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action; the states discussed the following mainstem Columbia sport fishery and took the following actions:

Columbia River Mainstem Recreational Fishery – Tongue Point to I-5 Bridge

- Allow retention of jack Chinook salmon and adipose fin-clipped steelhead effective 12:01 AM Friday June 12, 2009. From June 12 through June 15, Chinook jacks that are retained must be adipose fin-clipped.
- Allow retention of sockeye salmon effective 12:01 AM Friday June 12 through 11:59 PM Friday, July 31, 2009. All sockeye are considered adults and included in the daily bag limit for adults.
- The combined daily bag limit is two adults and five jacks. Previously adopted summer season fisheries scheduled to begin June 16, 2009 remain in place under Oregon's 2009 supplemental regulations.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing may be scheduled during the week of June 22 to consider additional treaty Indian fishing periods. A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for July 29, 2009 in Astoria, Oregon.
- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor run performance and provide updates and schedule hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 10, 2009 Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp