

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 22, 2009

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>		
Season #1:	9 PM Thursday, September 24 to 5 AM Friday, September 25, 2009	(8 hours)
	9 PM Monday, September 28 to 5 AM Tuesday, September 29, 2009	(8 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5	
Gear:	8-inch minimum mesh size and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size	
Season #2:	6 AM – 6 PM Monday, September 28, 2009	(12 hours)
	6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday, September 30, 2009	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-3	
Gear:	6-inch maximum mesh size; un-slackened floater gillnet	
Season #3:	6 AM – 6 PM Tuesday, September 29, 2009	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5	
Gear:	9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size.	
The following applies to all fisheries stated above		
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of five (5) white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. Limit applies to mainstem only. Select Areas remain closed to white sturgeon retention.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	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.	
Sanctuaries:	As applicable: Elokomin-B, Abernathy, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.	
Additional Rules	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- The Columbia River treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing later this week to consider additional treaty fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 2 PM Tuesday, September 29 to review salmon stock status and ongoing non-treaty fisheries.
- Call the “Hotline” Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500
- Visit WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm for fact sheets, action notices, etc.