

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 29, 2009

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>		
Season #1:	7 PM Wednesday, September 30 to 7 AM Thursday, October 1, 2009 7 PM Thursday, October 1 to 7 AM Friday, October 2, 2009 7 PM Sunday, October 4 to 7 AM Monday, October 5, 2009	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5	
Gear:	8-inch minimum mesh size and 9¼-inch maximum mesh size	
Season #2:	7 AM – 7 PM Monday, October 5, 2009	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-3	
Gear:	6-inch maximum mesh size; un-slackened floater gillnet	
	The following applies to all proposed fisheries stated above	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of 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 Compact also adjusted the start time of the Deep River fishery to 4PM for the remainder of the season, beginning Wednesday night, September 30.

<i>2009 Select Area Fishery: Deep River</i>		
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from September 30 through October 30 Open 4 PM – 9 AM (14 hours)	
Area:	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:	Restrict gear 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. Sales of white sturgeon are not allowed.	
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference at 3 PM Tuesday, October 6 to review salmon stock status and ongoing 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.