
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 29, 2010

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>Non-Indian Salmon Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	12:00 PM (noon) to 12:00AM (midnight) Tuesday, March 30, 2010 (12 hours)
Area:	Mouth upstream to the I-205 Bridge
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elochoman-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy River and Washougal River as applicable.
Gear:	Drift nets only. 4¼” maximum mesh size restriction. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers.
Allowable Sales:	Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, shad and white sturgeon. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The sturgeon possession/ sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.
Additional Regulations:	Standard regulations typically in place for spring Chinook commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, lighted buoys, tangle-net certification, etc. 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 12 hour Quick Reporting Rule for Washington buyers.

- A Compact hearing may occur the afternoon of Wednesday March 31.