
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 10, 2010

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: 7 PM Thursday June 17 to 5 AM Friday June 18, 2010 (10 hours)
7 PM Tuesday June 22 to 5 AM Wednesday June 23, 2010 (10 hours)

Area: June 17 through 18, 2010 – Zones 1 upstream to the I-205 Bridge
June 22, through 23, 2010 – Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect as applicable.

Gear: 8" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Multiple Net Rule: It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net 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 Sales: Chinook, coho, white sturgeon, and shad.

A maximum of **three** 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 fisheries only. Sturgeon retention in Select Area fisheries remains closed.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial fisheries 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
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Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Wednesday June 16 to 6 PM Friday June 18, 2010 (2½ days)
6 AM Tuesday June 22 to 6 PM Thursday June 24, 2010 (2½ 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, steelhead, coho, sockeye, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

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. Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- Effective 6 AM Wednesday June 16, 2010 and until further notice the sale of fish caught in platform and hook-and-line fisheries will be allowed as follows:

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

Sturgeon may not be sold. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries Below Bonneville Dam

- Effective 6 AM Wednesday June 16, 2010 and until further notice, the sale of fish caught in platform and hook-and-line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam on days the fishery is open (under individual tribal Memorandum of Agreements) will be allowed and sales are allowed in Zone 6 platform and hook and line fisheries by The Yakama Nation, Warm Springs Tribes, and Umatilla Tribes as follows:

Area: As described in individual tribal Memorandum of Agreements.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp, may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

Sturgeon may not be retained in this fishery.

Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.

Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

- Effective 6 AM Monday June 14, 2010, allow sales of Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp caught in Yakama Nation fisheries in the Wind, Klickitat, Big White Salmon rivers, Icicle Creek, when sales of these fish caught in mainstem Zone 6 treaty fisheries are allowed. This applies only during those days and hours when these tributaries are open under Yakama Nation rules and regulations and for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all treaty Indian fisheries adopted above:**

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FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing may be scheduled during the week of June 21 to consider treaty and additional non-treaty commercial Indian fishing periods. A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM July 29, 2010 at 25 River Street in Cathlamet, Washington.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 10, 2010 Summer Fact Sheet #1 and 1A at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp