
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 24, 2010

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday June 29 to 6 PM Thursday July 1, 2010 (2½ days)
6 AM Tuesday July 6 to 6 PM Thursday July 8, 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, sockeye, walleye, shad, yellow perch, 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.

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
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Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington met today via telephone to review the mainstem Columbia River sturgeon and salmon recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

2010 Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Recreational Fishery

Below Wauna Powerlines

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay; and all adjacent Washington tributaries:

- Allow retention of white sturgeon seven days per week during June 27 through July 11, 2010 with a 41-inch minimum fork length and 54-inch maximum fork length limit in effect.

- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Catch limits and other restrictions listed in the current 2010 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

Columbia River Mainstem Recreational Fishery

- Allow retention of sockeye salmon effective 12:01 AM Saturday June 26 through 11:59 PM Saturday, July 31, 2010 in the mainstem Columbia River from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam. 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 remain in place.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing may occur Thursday July 1, 2010 to consider additional non-treaty commercial fishing periods.
- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for Tuesday July 13, 2010 to review catch rates in the estuary recreational white sturgeon fishery.
- 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 24, 2010 Summer Fact Sheet #2 and 2A at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp