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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 17, 2010

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## Compact Action

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

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### ***Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:                    8 PM Thursday August 19    to    6 AM Friday August 20                    (10 hrs)  
                                  9 PM Sunday August 22     to    6 AM Monday August 23                ( 9 hrs)  
                                  9 PM Tuesday August 24    to    6 AM Wednesday August 25        ( 9 hrs)

Area:                        Zones 4-5.

Sanctuaries:                Grays River, Elokom-B, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect as applicable.

Gear:                        Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

**Multiple Net Rule:** 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.

Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have **lighted buoys** on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Allowable Sales:            Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length).

A maximum of **four** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The four white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)  
                                  c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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## Treaty Indian Fisheries

### **Commercial Salmon Fishery**

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Tuesday August 24 to 6 PM Friday August 27	3½ days
	6 AM Monday August 30 to 6 PM Friday September 3	4½ days
	6 AM Tuesday September 7 to 6 PM Friday September 10	3½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the small Spring Creek Sanctuary.

Gear: No minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

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

Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 PM Thursday September 9, 2010 via teleconference to review stock status for Chinook and steelhead and consider additional commercial fishing periods for treaty and non-Indian fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the August 17, 2010 Fall Fact Sheet #2 [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)
- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (971) 673-6000 and following recorded instructions.