

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 13, 2010

The Columbia River Compact met today and took the following action:

<i>2010 Late Fall Non-Indian Commercial Salmon Fishery</i>		
Season #1:	7 PM Thursday, October 14 to 7 AM Friday, October 15	(12 hours)
	7 PM Sunday, October 17 to 7 AM Monday, October 18	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5	
Gear:	Drift gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size	
Season #2:	6 AM – 6 PM Thursday, October 14	(12 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-3	
Gear:	Drift gill nets. 6-inch maximum mesh size; un-slackened floater gillnet	
The following applies to all proposed fisheries stated above		
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. Effective Sunday October 17, 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.	
Miscellaneous Rules:	Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.	
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy, and Washougal rivers.	
Additional Rules	24-hour Quick Reporting Rules will be in effect for Washington buyers.	

- Visit WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/> for Fact sheets, Action notices, etc.
- The Joint staff will review landings and stock status and call for a hearing if necessary.

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September 9, 2010

The Compact modified the ongoing season to prohibit sturgeon retention/sales effective Sept. 12.

2010 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery

Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights through October 29 Open hours are 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) through September 17 and 6 PM - 8 AM (14 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	The Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge, downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough. The Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north marker at the mouth of Blind Slough, westerly to a marker on Karlson Island, downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore. Markers define an area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek.
Gear:	In both fishing areas, a maximum mesh size of 9 3/4-inch in effect for the entire season, 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. 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 fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of two white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). Sturgeon retention/sales prohibited effective September 12
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters. Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. September 16 via teleconference
- Visit WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm for fact sheets, action notices, etc.

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<i>2010 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights through October 29 Open 7 PM – 9 AM (14 hours) through September 17 and 4 PM – 9 AM (17 hours) thereafter.
Area:	The Deep River fishing area includes 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. 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 fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of two white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). Sturgeon retention/sales prohibited effective September 12
Additional Rules:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters. Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. September 16 via teleconference
- Visit WDFW website at wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm for fact sheets, action notices, etc

OREGON STATE ACTION NOTICE

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The Compact modified the ongoing season to prohibit sturgeon retention/sales effective Sept. 12.

<i>2010 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery</i>	
Season:	7 PM Monday September 6 through noon Sunday October 31 (56 days)
Area:	The Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough; except for closed waters southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River).
Gear:	<p>6-inch maximum mesh size restriction.</p> <p>Restrict net to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline <u>is allowed</u> between markers located immediately upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough.</p> <p>Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.</p>
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of two white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each vessel participating each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). Sturgeon retention/sales prohibited effective September 12

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters
- Non-resident commercial fishing and boat licenses will not be required of Washington fishers participating in Youngs Bay commercial fisheries. A valid fishing and boat license issued by the state of Washington will be considered adequate for participation in this fishery. The open area for non-resident commercial fishers includes all areas open for commercial fishing.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. September 16 via teleconference