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# COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 25, 2011

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<i>2011 Non-Indian Commercial Fishery</i>		
Season	9 PM Sunday August 28 to 6 AM Monday August 29	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 30 to 6 AM Wednesday August 31	(9 hours)
Area:	Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.	
Sanctuaries:	Washougal, and Sandy Rivers	
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9" minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple Net Rule <b>NOT</b> in place. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery are prohibited to be onboard the vessel. 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 <b>three</b> white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries only. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.	
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers. Vessel operators are required to cooperate with agency on-board monitoring efforts.	

## FUTURE MEETINGS

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Thursday September 8, 2011 via teleconference

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<i>2011 Treaty Indian Fall Season Commercial Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday August 29 to 6 PM Friday September 2 6 AM Tuesday September 6 to 6 PM Saturday September 10	(4.5 days) (4.5 days)
Area	Zone 6 (SMCRA 1F,1G,1H)	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries apply. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder) will be in effect.	
Gear:	Gill nets with a minimum mesh size of 8 inches.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold at any time.	
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers.	

Sales of platform hook and line caught fish in the mainstem Columbia River (Zone 6; SMCRA 1F,1G,1H) are allowed during the fall season, which begins August 1. Allowable sales effective August 29 include salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp; which may also be retained for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon may not be sold unless sturgeon sales are allowed in concurrent mainstem commercial openings. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. 24-hour quick reporting regulations also remain in place.

Sales of fish caught in Yakama Nation Tributary fisheries are allowed when sales of 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 Yakima Nation members

Sales of platform hook and line caught fish in the area immediately below Bonneville Dam continue to be allowed consistent with each Tribes MOU/MOA.

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# OREGON STATE ACTION NOTICE

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- In a separate action, Oregon modified the current season in Youngs Bay. Additional fishing periods were set beginning September 5.
- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon State waters, but all waters are open to Washington licensed fishers.

## *2011 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery*

Season:	August 29 - September 2, 2011 open 7 PM Monday to 7 AM Friday (3.5 days) 7 PM Monday September 5 through noon Sunday October 31, 2011 (57 days).
Area:	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:	6-inch maximum mesh size restriction.  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.  Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.  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. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries are prohibited.

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- The Compact met today and modified the season currently in place. The Compact extended the duration of the fishing periods occurring after September 16. Those periods will close at 10 AM, rather than the previously adopted closure time of 8 AM.
- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

### *2011 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery*

Season:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 29 through October 28 (36 nights) Open 7 PM – 7 AM (12 hours) from August 29 through September 16 and 4 PM – 10 AM (18 hours) thereafter.
Areas:	Tongue Point and South Channel areas open entire season. The Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore. The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.
Gear:	<u>In the Tongue Point fishing area</u> , restrict gear to 6-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have onboard their boats, gillnets legal for the South Channel fishing area as described below. <u>In the South Channel fishing area</u> , 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. 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. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries are prohibited.
Additional Rules:	<b>24-hour</b> Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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