



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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## Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 14, 2008

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

### 2008 COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY

#### Non-Indian Salmon Commercial Fishery

Season:	3:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tuesday April 15, 2008 (12 hours)
Area:	West powerlines on Hayden Island upstream to Beacon Rock (Zone 4-5)
Sanctuaries:	Washougal River and Sandy River.
Gear:	Drift nets only. 4¼" maximum mesh size restriction. Use of monofilament tangle nets <u>not</u> allowed. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers.
Allowable Sales:	Adipose fin-clipped chinook salmon, shad and white sturgeon.
Participants	Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear and have attended a state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques.
Multi-Net Rule:	<p>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.</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>
Additional Regulations:	Use of recovery boxes is required on all lethargic or bleeding salmon or steelhead.

Each vessel participating in this fishery is required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers. Operable recovery boxes require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to each chamber of the box(es). Each box must be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

Soak times, defined as time elapsed from when first mesh enters the water to when last mesh leaves the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Lighted buoys are required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise

Cooperation of vessel operators to allow state monitors onboard to observe and collect data is also required.

24 hour Quick Reporting Rule for Washington buyers.

- A Columbia River Compact is scheduled for 11:00 AM Monday April 21 via teleconference.
- Call the "Hotline" Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500

WDFW's website:

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/>

ODFW's website:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>

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