



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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Columbia River Compact Joint State Action Notices Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

March 22, 2004

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:
2004 COMMERCIAL DEMONSTRATION SALMON FISHERY

- DATES:** 9 PM Tuesday March 23 to 5AM Wednesday March 24, 2004 (8 hrs)
- AREA:** Mouth to Kelley Point, (Zone 1-4)
- SANCTUARIES:** Grays River, Gnat Creek, Elokomin -B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B.
- GEAR:** Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.
4¼ inch maximum mesh size. Use of monofilament net is prohibited.

Optional use of a steelhead excluding panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh. Excluder panel must be a minimum of 5' in depth and not exceed 10' in depth with a 12" minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Use of weedlines or droppers, used in smelt bobber nets, are allowed in place of a steelhead excluder panel. Weedlines or droppers must extend a minimum of 5' above the tangle net mesh.

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 and sturgeon. A maximum of 3 sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel per day
- PARTICIPANTS:** Commercial River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended state-sponsored workshop concerning live captive commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in the fishery.
- MISCELLANEOUS RULES:** 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.

Use of recovery boxes will be required on all lethargic or bleeding salmonids.

Each participant will be required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers in place to participate in this fishery. Operable recovery boxes will require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to the box or each chamber. Each box shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

Lighted buoys required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise. Optional use of a steelhead excluder panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh. Excluder panel must be a minimum of 5' in depth and not exceed 10' in depth with a 12" minimum mesh size restriction in effect. Use of weedlines or droppers, used in smelt bobber nets, are allowed in place of a steelhead excluder panel. Weedlines or droppers must extend a minimum of 5' above the tangle net mesh. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedline, or droppers.

Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington wholesale dealers, WAC 220-69-240.

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers

WDFW has adopted rules that require commercial purchasers to report their landings by a specified time. This rule can be attached to any commercial season that is adopted, but is not in place unless specified. WDFW staff recommends that the "quick reporting required" clause be in place for this fishery. Washington buyers would be required to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10AM on the day after the purchase date by 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

The next Compact is Thursday, March 25, 2004 at 9:15 a.m. via phone.