



# 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

August 7, 2009

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

### ***Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Salmon Fishery***

**Season:** The August 9th period was modified to occur in Zones 2-5 only.

The rest of the periods remain as originally adopted.

7 PM Sunday August 9 to 7 AM Monday August 10 (12 hours)

8 PM Tuesday August 18 to 6 AM Wednesday August 19 (10 hours)

8 PM Thursday August 20 to 6 AM Friday August 21 (10 hours)

8 PM Sunday August 23 to 6 AM Monday August 24 (10 hours)

8 PM Tuesday August 25 to 6 AM Wednesday August 26 (10 hours)

8 PM Thursday August 27 to 6 AM Friday August 28 (10 hours)

**Area:** August 9-10: Zones 2- 5

August 18 -24: Zones 3-5, upstream of the Kalama River (Upstream of a line projected from the Goble Ramp on the Oregon Shore to the downstream end of the Kalama Chemical dock on the Washington shore).

August 25-28: Zones 4-5

**Sanctuaries:** Grays River, Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy Rivers as applicable

**Gear:** 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restriction.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length). A maximum of 9 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.

**Additional Rules:** 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule will be in effect for Washington buyers.

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.

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  $\frac{3}{8}$  (0.375) inches or greater.

- Call the “Hotline” Number to get current commercial fishing seasons at 360-902-2500
- Visit WDFW website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishcorn.htm> for fact sheets, action notices, etc.
- No Compact scheduled at this time.