

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACTACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 8, 2014

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>Non-Indian Coho Tangle Net Commercial Fishery</i>	
Season:	7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday October 13, 2014 (12 hours each) 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Tuesday October 14, 2014 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Monday October 20, 2014 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM Tuesday October 21, 2014
Area:	SMCRA 1A, 1B, 1C (Zones 1-3). Upper deadline 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:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A and Lewis-A
Gear:	Drift nets only. Maximum mesh size is 3-3/4 inches. Unslackened, single-wall, multi-filament floater nets only. Monofilament nets are not allowed. Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net. Red corks at 25-fathom intervals must be in color contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net. There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net. The hang ratio is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline. The use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically is <u>prohibited</u> . Rip lines are allowed providing they do not vertically slacken the net
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and shad, <u>except</u> : all coho salmon must be adipose fin-clipped. Chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.
Regulations:	Regulations typically in place for mark-selective commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, tangle-net certification, etc. Soak times , defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gill net web is deployed into the water until the gill net web is fully retrieved from the water, <u>must not exceed 30 minutes</u> . Recovery Box: Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers that meet the flow and size requirements standard for the winter/spring season. <u>Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked</u> . All non-legal fish must be released immediately unharmed to the river or placed into an operating recovery box. All non-legal salmon and all steelhead that are bleeding, lethargic or appear lifeless must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking. Measuring mesh size: Mesh size is determined by placing three consecutive meshes under hand tension and the measurement is taken from the inside of one knot to the inside of the opposite knot of the center mesh. Hand tension means sufficient linear tension to draw opposing knots of meshes into contact Observer program: As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery. Live Capture workshop: Licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.
Additional Rules:	Multiple net rule in effect: 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. Lighted Buoys: Nets fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then a lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net is required 24-hour quick reporting required is for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

- No Columbia River Compact hearings are currently scheduled.