

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 10, 2015

The Compact met today and added six fishing periods to the current season:

<i>2015 Non-Indian Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery</i>	
Participants:	Those individuals possessing a 2015 seine permit issued by Washington or Oregon (Emerging Fishery license and Experimental Fishery Permit in WA, Experimental Gear Permit in OR). Permit holder/designated fisher must be present during fishing operations and have applicable permits/licenses in possession.
Season:	Daily open hours are 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. through September 11 and (13-14 hours) 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. thereafter.
<i>Week 37</i>	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday September 8-11 4 periods
<i>Week 38</i>	Monday, Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday and Friday September 14-18 5 periods
<i>Week 39</i>	Monday, Tuesday , Wednesday, Thursday and Friday September 21-25 5 periods
<i>Week 40</i>	Monday September 28 and Wednesday September 30 2 periods
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River in only Zones 2-3 (SMCRA 1B, 1C) on Tuesday September 15 and Thursday September 18. Zones 2-3 plus upper Zone 4(SMCRA 1B, 1C and upper 1D) open for all other periods. Lower boundary for seine fishing in Zone 4 is described as a line from USCG light #10 "Red" on the Oregon shore at Henrici Landing across to a wing jetty on the Washington shore at river mile 90.25).
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal Rivers, and Select Area commercial fishing sites.
Gear:	Beach seine or purse seine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one seine net is allowed per (primary) vessel. - Mesh size restricted to a 3.5-inch maximum (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure). - Net material to consist of 3-strand nylon, twine size \geq#12. - Seines may include a bunt of 1.0-2.0 inch knotless mesh. - Net length not to exceed 200 fathoms (NOT including associated lead nets). Net depth not to exceed 200 meshes (approximately 50 feet). - No restrictions on corkline, leadline, or use of stringers and slackers. - A chafing strip panel consisting of non-monofilament webbing (such as nylon seine web or polyethylene trawl web) is allowed on bottom of net; maximum panel depth is 5 feet. Chafing mesh not to exceed 3.5-inch stretched measure for beach seines and 5-inch stretched measure for purse seines. There are no restrictions associated with hangings used to connect the net to the chafing panel or the net or chafing panel to the leadline or corkline. - 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.
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Gear: (continued)	Lead net (optional for both gear types): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one lead net is allowed per fishing operation. - Lead nets may not exceed 100 fathoms in length. Lead nets may be constructed of 3-strand nylon webbing, twine size \geq#12, \leq3.5-inch mesh size (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure) <u>OR</u> nylon or cotton webbing with mesh size \geq14-inches. Lead nets may not be vertically slackened. - Seine net and lead net may not be connected. - Lead nets must be retrieved daily.
Allowable Sales:	Adipose or left ventral fin-clipped Chinook, adipose-clipped Coho, pink, and sockeye salmon and shad. All legal salmon caught must be kept and sold. Allowable sales are subject to the Individual Fish Quotas (IFQs) as defined on individual permits.
Handling/ Sorting:	Hand sorting or use of a knotless dip net is required when sorting fish. All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water. Dry sorting not permitted. Sorting may continue after the period concludes.
Sort time:	Not to exceed 75 minutes. Beach seine - defined as the elapsed time from when the outer towed end of the net first contacts the shore or block until the net is emptied of fish. Purse Seine - defined as the elapsed time from when all rings are pursed and out of the water until the net is emptied of fish. Fish may continue to be sorted after the period concludes.
Observer Program:	Mandatory.
Catch Reporting:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240. Electronic fish ticket submission required for Oregon buyers pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

Washington Quick Report requirements:

Submission of a Quick Report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location. Reports can be made via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777; via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov; or via phone at 1- 866-791-1281.

Faxing or reporting electronically in portable document format (PDF) a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the quick reporting requirement.

- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 2 PM Monday September 14 to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries for as early as Tuesday September 15.
- The tribes may request a Compact Hearing during the week of September 21 to address additional commercial gillnet openings.