
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 27, 2016

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2016 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery</i>	
Season:	Mondays and Thursdays from February 1 through February 25 Open hours are 7 AM to 2 PM (7 hours).
Area:	Zones 1-3
Gear:	Gill net only. Specifications per permanent regulations.
Allowable Sales:	Smelt
Miscellaneous:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210.

<i>2016 Washington Tributary Recreational Smelt Fishery</i>	
Season:	Saturday February 6 Open hours are 7 AM to 1 PM (6 hours)
Area:	Cowlitz River (bank only)
Gear	Dip net
Daily Limit:	10 pounds of smelt per person.

A Compact is scheduled for February 11 to discuss treaty fisheries

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for April 7 to discuss the lower Columbia sport fishery