
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/ JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 17, 2009

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2010 Columbia River (Level One) Commercial Smelt Fishery	
Time:	Close ongoing 7-day per week fishery effective January 1, 2010. Open Mondays and Thursdays January 1 through March 31, 2010. Open hours are 7 AM to 2 PM (7-hr fishing periods).
Area:	Zones 1-5 (SMCRA 1A,1B,1C,1D,1E)
Gear:	Gill net, dip nets, or trawls as per permanent regulations (WAC 220-33-040)
Misc:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

2010 Columbia River (Level One) Recreational Smelt Fishery	
Time:	Open 7 days a week, 24-hours a day effective January 1 through March 31, 2010.
Area:	Columbia River Mouth to Bonneville Dam.
Daily Limit:	10 pounds per person, Concurrent rules with Oregon

- Washington State staff will hold a public meeting in January to discuss tributary smelt fisheries (sport and commercial) in Washington.
- A Compact/Joint State Hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 18, to consider the following issues and fisheries:
 - ✓ March-December 2010 mainstem Columbia recreational sturgeon fisheries.
 - ✓ 2010 non-Indian commercial white sturgeon fisheries protocol.
 - ✓ 2010 recreational spring salmon seasons.
 - ✓ 2010 Select Area winter-summer commercial fisheries.
 - ✓ 2010 non-Indian commercial winter/spring commercial salmon fishing plan.