
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 12, 2013

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing period as follows:

Season: 9 PM Sunday September 15 to 3 AM Monday September 16 (6 hrs)
 9 PM Tuesday September 17 to 5 AM Wednesday September 18 (8 hrs)

Area: Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is 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: Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

Multiple Net Rule: 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.

Nets that are 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 one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Allowable Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length).
Sales:

A maximum of **two** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) in the remaining openers. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

Washington WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers
Reporting purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to
Rule: WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
- c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a commercial gillnet season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 16 to 6 PM Friday September 20, 2013 (4½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries. The Standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will be reduced to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder.

Gear: Gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold at any time.

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Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fisheries

Buoy 10 upstream to Warrior Rock

Area: Buoy 10 upstream to the Warrior Rock line (a line from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red buoy #4 to the orange marker atop the dolphin on the Washington shore).

Date: Friday September 13 through Monday September 30, 2013.

Catch Limits: Two adult hatchery (adipose fin-clipped) salmon or steelhead.

Date: Tuesday October 1 through Tuesday December 31, 2013

Catch Limits: Two adult salmon or steelhead. Coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped.

All other permanent rules apply, including no retention of Chinook jacks (<24-inches) downstream of the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line until October 1.

Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam

- Effective Friday September 13 through Tuesday December 31, 2013 in the area from the Warrior Rock line upstream to Bonneville Dam: the daily bag limit is **two** adult salmon/steelhead in combination. Coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped.

Tongue Point/Rocky Point Line upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge near Pasco, WA

- Effective Friday September 13 through Tuesday December 31, 2013: Each legal angler aboard a vessel may continue to deploy angling gear until the daily bag limit of salmon/steelhead for all anglers aboard has been achieved.

White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries

Above Wauna Powerlines

- Rescinded the previously adopted white sturgeon retention season scheduled for October 19 - December 31, 2013 in the area from Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam including adjacent Washington tributaries.
- The retention of white sturgeon will be **prohibited** for the remainder of the year.
- Catch and release of sturgeon may continue during retention closures except the Sandy River is closed to angling for sturgeon.

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following action:

Willamette River White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery

In the Lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River.

- Allow retention of white sturgeon on Saturday October 19, 2013. A 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length restriction is in effect.
- Catch limits and other restrictions in the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

FUTURE MEETING

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for Wednesday September 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM via teleconference to consider treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 12, 2013 Fall Fact Sheets #8a and #8b at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp