
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 23, 2014

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Late Fall Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season #1	7 AM to 7 PM Monday October 27, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Tuesday October 28, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Wednesday October 29, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Thursday October 30, 2014	(12 hrs)
	7 AM to 7 PM Friday October 31, 2014	(12 hrs)

Area: 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: Grays Bay, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift nets only. 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Unslackened, floater nets only.

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season #2	7 PM Sunday October 26	to	7 AM Monday October 27	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Tuesday October 28	to	7 AM Wednesday October 29	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Thursday October 30	to	7 AM Friday October 31	(12 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.

- The following gear and sales regulations, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all non-Indian commercial fishing periods adopted above:

Gear: Multiple net rule in effect, which means 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 Sales: Chinook, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad. Sturgeon and chum salmon may not be possessed or sold.

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

- Extended the ongoing platform and hook and line fishing season:

Season: 6:00 PM Friday October 31 to 6:00 PM Wednesday December 31, 2014

Area: All of Zone 6

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect.

Gear: Subsistence gear including hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

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

Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Legal sized sturgeon caught with subsistence gear may only be sold if caught in a pool with an open commercial sturgeon setline period. Sturgeon may not be sold if caught when set line fisheries are closed.

Fish landed during an open commercial period are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Treaty Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Extended the ongoing bank fishery:

Season: 6:00 PM Friday October 31 to 6:00 PM Wednesday December 31, 2014 consistent with tribal fishery regulations and in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA.

Participants: Only enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes if lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

Gear: Subsistence gear including hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

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

Sale of platform or hook-and-line-caught fish is allowed. Fish may not be sold on USACE property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE property for sale.

Fish landed during an open commercial period are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Adopted the following commercial sturgeon fishing season:

Season: 6:00 AM Monday October 27 to 6:00 PM Saturday November 29, 2014

Area: The Dalles Pool only.

Sanctuaries: Standard sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.

Gear: Setline gear only. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length may be sold.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- There are no additional Compact/Joint State hearings scheduled.
- For information concerning this hearing see the October 23, 2014 Fall Fact Sheets #12a and #12b at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp