
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 14, 2015

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 7 AM to 7 PM Tuesday October 20 (12 hours)

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: Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A sanctuaries are in effect.

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

Allowable Sales: Coho, Chinook, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, and shad.

Gear: 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.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Season: 6:00 AM Monday October 19 to 6:00 PM Friday October 30, 2015

Area: The Dalles Pool only.

Season: 6:00 AM Monday November 2 to 6:00 PM Friday November 13, 2015

Area: The Bonneville Pool only.

- The following Sanctuaries, Gear, Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to both Treaty Indian seasons above:

Sanctuaries: Standard sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.

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

It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable Sales: Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles Pool and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.

Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in platform and hook and line fishery may be sold **if** caught during the open period and open area of the setline fishery.

Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

Per OAR 635-041-0060: Sturgeon must be delivered to wholesale fish dealers, canners, or fish buyers undressed (in the round), and it is unlawful to:

- Remove eggs from the body cavity of sturgeon until the fish is sold;
- Purchase from commercial fisher's sturgeon eggs which have been removed from the body cavity prior to sale.

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240. Landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint staff will recommend additional hearings as needed, which could be early next week.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 14, 2015 Fall Fact Sheets #16a and #16b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp