
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 25, 2016

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Early Fall Chinook Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 9 PM Sunday August 28 to 6 AM Monday August 29 (9 hours)
 9 PM Tuesday August 30 to 6 AM Wednesday August 31 (9 hours)

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. 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions. 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.

Multiple Net Rule **not** in effect. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery **are prohibited** to be onboard the vessel.

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

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

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

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery

- Modified allowable sales for two periods of the on-going fishery as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

Season: 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM Wednesday September 7, 2016 (10 hours)

Gear: Purse seine

Allowable Sales: Subject to Individual Fishing Quotas (as defined on individual 2016 seine permits). **Chinook**, adipose fin-clipped Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, and shad.

Retained Coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

All fin-clipped Chinook salmon caught must be retained and sold on days when unclipped Chinook salmon retention is allowed.

Season: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Wednesday September 14, 2016 (10 hours)

Gear: Beach seine

Allowable Sales: Subject to Individual Fishing Quotas (as defined on individual 2016 seine permits). **Chinook**, adipose fin-clipped Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, and shad.

Retained Coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

All fin-clipped Chinook salmon caught must be retained and sold on days when unclipped Chinook salmon retention is allowed.

- All other regulations (including gear, handling/sorting, sort time, observer program, and reporting rules) as previously adopted on August 16, 2016 remain in effect.
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Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following action:

Buoy 10 Recreational Fishery

- Modified the retention regulation for the ongoing 2016 Buoy 10 recreational fishery. Modification in **bold**.
- **Effective Sunday September 4 and Monday September 5, retention of clipped and unclipped Chinook is allowed.**

Area: From a true north and south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a projected line from Rocky Point of the Washington Shore through Red Buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon Shore.

- All other permanent regulations in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No hearings are scheduled at this time.
- The Joint Staff may recommend a hearing for Wednesday August 31, 2016 via teleconference to consider additional non-treaty commercial fishing periods.
- The tribes have requested a hearing be scheduled for September 14 or 15 via teleconference to consider sales of fish in additional treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the August 25, 2016 Fall Fact Sheet #4 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp