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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### ***Late Fall Chinook Commercial Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted the following seasons:

Season #1: 8 PM Sunday September 18 to 5 AM Monday September 19 (9 hours)  
8 PM Thursday September 22 to 6 AM Friday September 23 (10 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.

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Season #2: 8 PM Wednesday September 28 to 6 AM Thursday September 29 (10 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5.

Sanctuaries: Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy Rivers.

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The following Gear, Allowable Sales and Reporting Rules apply to both commercial seasons adopted above.

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 8-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.  
Multiple Net Rule in effect: 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.

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.

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## Treaty Indian Fisheries

### **Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:**

#### ***Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery***

Season:	6 AM Monday September 19 to 6 PM Friday September 23, 2016 (4½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Gear:	Gill nets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear in effect; the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is the standard 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder.
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 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.
Washington Reporting Rule:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240, except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

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## Joint State Action

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

#### ***Buoy 10 and Lower Columbia River Recreational Fisheries***

- Extended the ongoing 2016 Buoy 10 and mainstem recreational fisheries to allow the retention of hatchery Chinook from September 15 through September 22.
- Area: From a true north and south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red buoy #4 to a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island.
- Catch Limit: The combined daily bag limit is two adult salmonids of which only one may be a Chinook. Only one hatchery steelhead may be retained per day.  
All salmon other than hatchery (adipose or left-ventral fin-clipped) Chinook and adipose fin-clipped Coho must be released.
- 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 will recommend additional hearings as needed.
- The tribes have requested a hearing be scheduled for September 22 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 14, 2016 Fall Fact Sheets #6a and #6b at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)