
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 22, 2016

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery

- Modified the final week of the seine fishery to include additional periods. Modifications in **bold**.

Participants: Those individuals possessing a 2016 seine permit issued by Washington or Oregon (Emerging Fishery license and Experimental Fishery Permit in WA; Experimental Gear Permit in OR). Permit holder/designated fisher must be present during fishing operations and have applicable permits/licenses in possession.

Season: 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday September 26, 2016 (10 hours)
7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday September 27, 2016 (10 hours)
7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Wednesday September 28, 2016 (10 hours)
7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Thursday September 29, 2016 (10 hours)
7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Friday September 30, 2016 (10 hours)

Area: Mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1-3.
Beach seining restricted to Zones 2 and 3.
Purse seining restricted to Zones 1 and 3.
The deadline at the upper end of Zone 3 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: Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, and Kalama-B sanctuaries are in effect.
Fishing in Select Area commercial fishing sites is prohibited.

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

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

All legal salmon caught must be kept and sold.

- 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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Treaty Indian Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6 AM Monday September 26 to 6 PM Friday September 30, 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, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of 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.

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 23 through September 30.

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

- A Compact/Joint State hearing has been scheduled for 11:00 am Thursday September 29, 2016 via teleconference to consider non-Indian and treaty commercial fisheries and review the ongoing recreational fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 22, 2016 Fall Fact Sheets #7 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp