
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 14, 2018

Compact Action

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

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Periods: 9 PM Tuesday August 21 to 6 AM Wednesday August 22 (9 hours)
9 PM Thursday August 23 to 6 AM Friday August 24 (9 hours)
9 PM Sunday August 26 to 6 AM Monday August 27 (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 onboard the vessel.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of six white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The six white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

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 is required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6 AM Monday August 27 to 6 PM Thursday August 30 (3½ days) 6 AM Monday September 3 to 6 PM Friday September 7 (4½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.
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).
Gear:	Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), 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.

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following modified fishery (modification in **bold**):

Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

Season:	6:00 AM Monday August 6 to 6:00 PM Saturday August 25
Areas:	Bonneville Pool only.
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam 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 from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area of the Bonneville Pool set line fishery. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.

The following rules regarding Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:

Allowable Sales:	Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.
Washington Reporting Rule:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Thursday September 6 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet openings. The Joint Staff will monitor the non-Treaty commercial fishery and recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the August 14, 2018 Fall Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp