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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-Treaty Fisheries

#### *Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery*

- Adopted a season as follows:

**Periods:** 10 PM Wednesday August 29 to 5 AM Thursday August 30 (7 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 seven 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 seven 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.

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## **Joint State Action**

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

### **White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries**

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

#### **Above Wauna Powerlines**

<b>Season:</b>	Saturday September 15, 2018	1 day
	Saturday September 22, 2018	1 day
<b>Area:</b>	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (river mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam angling deadlines, and all adjacent Washington tributaries.	
<b>Allowable Catch:</b>	Up to 1,230 legal-sized white sturgeon. Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length. (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish). Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish (applicable to any/all 2018 retention fisheries). Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.	
<b>Additional Regulations:</b>	All other permanent regulations in the 2018 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.	

## **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 28, 2018 Fall Fact Sheet #3 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)