
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 12, 2019

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:

Season: 9 PM Wednesday August 14 to 6 AM Thursday August 15 (9 hours)
 9 PM Monday August 19 to 6 AM Tuesday August 20 (9 hours)
 9 PM Wednesday August 21 to 6 AM Thursday August 22 (9 hours)
 9 PM Monday August 26 to 6 AM Tuesday August 27 (9 hours)
 9 PM Wednesday August 28 to 6 AM Thursday August 29 (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 restriction.
Multiple net rule **NOT** in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except Chum), 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). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets 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 buyers, per WAC 220-352-315.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Monday August 26 to 6 PM Wednesday August 28 (2½ days)

6 AM Monday September 2 to 6 PM Thursday September 5 (3½ days)

Area: Zone 6.

Gear: Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam closed areas 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 (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.

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 1 PM Thursday September 5, 2019 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet openings.
- For information concerning these decisions see the August 12, 2019 Fall Fact Sheet #3 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp