
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 5, 2019

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Monday September 9 to 6 PM Thursday September 12 (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 (any 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.

Joint State Action

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

Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

- Adopted a retention season as follows:

Wauna Powerlines to Bonneville Dam Fishery

Season:	Saturday September 21, 2019	1 day
	Saturday September 28, 2019	1 day
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (river mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River.	
Allowable Catch:	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 <u>under</u> the fish).	
	Daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all 2019 retention fisheries).	
	Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.	
Additional Regulations:	All other permanent regulations in the 2019 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.	

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday September 12, 2019 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet openings.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 5, 2019 Fall Fact Sheet #6a & 6b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp