
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 24, 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 **modified** ongoing fishery. Modification in bold:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 23 to **6 PM Thursday September 26** (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:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fishery

Tongue Point/Rocky Point upstream to Bonneville Dam

- Effective 12:01 AM Thursday September 26, through Thursday October 31, angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Highway 395

- Effective 12:01 AM Thursday September 26, through Tuesday December 31, angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge, near Pasco, WA.
- Current regulations are available at:
<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>
- All other permanent regulations in the 2019 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 11 AM Wednesday, September 25, 2019 via teleconference to consider mainstem non-treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 24, 2019 Fall Fact Sheet #10a and 10b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp