
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 28, 2020

Compact Action

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

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Columbia River Commercial Smelt Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: Mondays and Thursdays from 5 AM – 5 PM (12 hours) from February 3 through February 27 (8 periods).

Area: Zones 1–3.

Gear: Gillnets only. Mesh size may not exceed two inches stretch measure. Nets may not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line.

Allowable Sales: Smelt

Misc. Regulations: Multiple net rule in effect. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.
24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Saturday February 1 through 6 PM Saturday February 8 (7.5 days)

Area: The Dalles and John Day pools only

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction).

Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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.

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

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

Season:	6 AM Saturday February 1 through 6 PM Saturday March 21 (50.5 days)
Area:	All of Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to platform and hook and line gear are in effect.
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip nets, and hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in Bonneville Pool and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. 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 pool of an open gillnet fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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 10 AM February 11, 2020 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter-summer) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 19, 2020 at the Shilo Inn (11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR) to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 28, 2020 Winter Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp