
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 3, 2020

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 August 31 to **6 PM Friday September 4** (4½ days)

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

Season: 6 AM Monday September 7 to 6 PM Friday September 11 (4½ days)

The following Sanctuaries, Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian seasons listed above:

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.

Joint State Action

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

Buoy 10 Recreational Salmonid Fishery

- Modified the fishery as follows:

Area: From a true north and south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a projected line from Rocky Point of the Washington Shore through Red Buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon Shore.

Catch Limits: Effective Saturday September 5 through December 31 the daily adult bag limit is two fish.

Effective Saturday September 5 and Sunday September 6 retention of Chinook and hatchery coho allowed. No more than one Chinook may be retained. Release all steelhead and wild coho.

Effective Monday, September 7 through Tuesday, September 22 retention of hatchery coho is allowed. Release all Chinook, wild coho, and all steelhead.

All other previously adopted regulations apply. Retention of jack salmon prohibited until October 1.

Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

Below Wauna Powerlines (Estuary)

- No action taken.

Wauna Powerlines to Bonneville Dam

- Adopted a retention season as follows:

Season: Saturday September 12, 2020 1 day

Saturday September 19, 2020 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 1,140 legal-sized white sturgeon.

Allowable Catch: 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 is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all 2020 retention fisheries).

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: All other permanent regulations in the 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

Current regulations are available at:

<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday September 9, 2020 via teleconference to consider additional recreational fisheries. The Treaty tribes have requested a Compact hearing for Thursday September 10, 2020 (time TBA) to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 3, 2020 Fall Fact Sheets #4a & 4b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp