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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 10, 2020

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## Compact Action

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

### Non-Treaty Fisheries

#### ***Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery***

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 8 PM Tuesday September 15 to 6 AM Wednesday September 16 (10 hours)  
8 PM Monday September 21 to 6 AM Tuesday September 22 (10 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.  
8-inch minimum mesh size restriction.  
Multiple net rule NOT in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of **four** 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 submit fish receiving tickets electronically 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 required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315.

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## **Treaty Indian Fisheries**

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

### ***Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery***

Season:	6 AM Monday September 14 to 6 PM Friday September 18	(4½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Gear:	Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.	
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries 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. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.	
Washington Reporting Rule:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315, except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.	

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday September 17, 2020 to consider additional treaty Indian and non-treaty commercial gillnet fisheries.
- The Joint Staff will announce additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 10, 2020 Fall Fact Sheets #6a & 6b at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)