
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 24, 2021

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: 5 AM – 5 PM (12 hours) on Mondays and Thursdays from March 1 through March 11 (4 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The treaty tribes will continue to monitor catches in their winter gillnet fisheries and may request a Compact hearing on Tuesday March 9, 2021 to consider additional periods.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 23, 2021 Winter Fact Sheet #5 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp