
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 15, 2021

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 Sunday September 19 to 6 AM Monday September 20 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Wednesday September 22 to 6 AM Thursday September 23 (10 hrs)

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: Salmon (except chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of **six** 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 electronically submit fish receiving tickets 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.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Fall Gillnet Commercial Fishery

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

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| Season: | 6 AM Monday September 20 to 6 PM Friday September 24 (4½ days) |
| Area: | 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, except that the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is the smaller 150-foot radius around 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:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Salmonid Fishery

Tongue Point/Rocky Point upstream to Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island

- Effective 12:01 AM Friday September 17, 2021 retention of hatchery coho salmon is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island line. The daily adult bag limit through October 31 is two hatchery coho. Beginning November 1, the daily adult bag limit is two hatchery salmonids (coho and steelhead only).
- All other permanent regulations apply. Current regulations are available at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

Columbia River Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Wauna Powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam

- Modified the previously-adopted retention season to add the following days:

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| Season: | Sunday September 19, 2021 | 1 day |
| | Wednesday September 22, 2021 | 1 day |
| | Saturday September 25, 2021 | 1 day |
| | Wednesday September 29, 2021 | 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 1,230 legal-sized white sturgeon are available to the above Wauna fishery.

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 2021 retention fisheries).

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: All other permanent regulations in the 2021 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM Wednesday September 22, 2021 via teleconference to consider additional non-treaty and treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 15, 2021 Fall Fact Sheet #6 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp