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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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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:            7 PM Sunday October 3            to    7 AM Monday October 4            (1 night)  
                         7 PM Wednesday October 6        to    7 AM Thursday October 7        (1 night)  
                         7 PM Sunday October 10            to    7 AM Monday October 11        (1 night)  
                         7 PM Wednesday October 13        to    7 AM Thursday October 14        (1 night)

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 in effect which means nets not specifically authorized for the 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.

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:

Season: 6 AM Monday October 4 to 6 PM Thursday October 7 (3½ days)  
6 AM Monday October 11 to 6 PM Thursday October 14 (3½ 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, including the smaller Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (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.

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## 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***

#### **Buoy 10 upstream to Tongue Point/Rocky Point**

- Effective 12:01 AM Friday October 1 through Sunday October 31, 2021 retention of Chinook (adult and jacks) is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line. The daily adult bag limit is **three** salmon, of which only one may be a Chinook.

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

- Effective 12:01 AM Friday October 1 through Sunday October 31, 2021 retention of Chinook (adult and jacks) 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 is **two** salmon, of which only one may be a Chinook.

- All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.
- All other permanent regulations apply. Current regulations are available at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor stock status and fisheries, but do not anticipate additional Compact/Joint Staff hearings during the fall management period. The tribes will notify the states if any additional Compact hearings for treaty fisheries are needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 29, 2021 Fall Fact Sheet #8 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)