
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 18, 2022

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Monday August 22 to 6 PM Thursday August 25 (3½ days)
 6 AM Monday August 29 to 6 PM Friday September 2 (4½ days)
 6 AM Monday September 5 to 6 PM Saturday September 10 (5½ days)

Area: Zone 6

Gear: Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction.

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 (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

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:

Columbia River Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Wauna Powerlines to Bonneville Dam

- Adopted a retention fishery as follows:

Season: Saturday September 10, Wednesday September 14, and Saturday September 17 3 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (river mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River

Allowable Catch: Up to 800 legal-sized white sturgeon

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).

The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all 2022 retention fisheries).

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: All other permanent regulations in the 2022 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 Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 PM Thursday September 8, 2022 via teleconference to consider additional Treaty commercial gillnet fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the August 18, 2022 Fall Fact Sheets #2a and #2b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp