
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 13, 2022

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 18 to 6 AM Monday September 19 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Tuesday September 20 to 6 AM Wednesday September 21 (10 hrs)
 8 PM Thursday September 22 to 6 AM Friday 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.

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- Modified the allowable sales for Youngs Bay, Tongue Point/South Channel, Blind Slough/Knappa Slough, and Deep River (Zones 70, 71, 73, 74, and 80) as follows:

Effective Sunday September 18, the possession and sale of white sturgeon in Select Area fisheries is prohibited.

- All other regulations previously adopted on July 27, 2022 remain in effect. Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Fall Gillnet Commercial Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Monday September 19 to 6 PM Thursday September 22 (3½ days)

Area: Zone 6.

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

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 Salmon Fishery

Buoy 10 Recreational Salmon Fishery

- Effective 12:01 AM September 15, 2022 retention of hatchery coho salmon 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 hatchery coho. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.

Lower Columbia River Recreational Salmon Fishery

- Effective 12:01 AM September 15, 2022 retention of Chinook and hatchery coho salmon is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from a straight line projected northerly from a

fishing boundary sign on the Oregon shore near the “old” Corbett boat ramp through the eastern tip of Reed Island to the Washington shore (downstream boundary) upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) with not more than one adult Chinook. All other previously adopted regulations 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 10 AM Wednesday September 21, 2022 via teleconference to consider treaty and non-treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 13, 2022 Fall Fact Sheets #5a and #5b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp