
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 21, 2022

Compact Action

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

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Late Fall Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 7 PM Sunday September 25 to 7 AM Monday September 26 (12 hrs)
 7 PM Wednesday September 28 to 7 AM Thursday September 29 (12 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 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 submit fish receiving tickets electronically 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.

Mainstem Late Fall Tangle Net Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	4 AM to 10 PM Monday September 26	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday September 27	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday September 28	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Thursday September 29	18 Hours
	4 AM to 6 PM Friday September 30	14 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 3	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 4	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 5	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 6	18 Hours
	4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 7	14 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 10	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 11	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 12	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 13	18 Hours
	4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 14	14 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 17	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 18	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 19	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 20	18 Hours
	4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 21	14 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 24	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 25	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 26	18 Hours
	4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 27	18 Hours
	4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 28	14 Hours
Area:	Zones 1-3. Upper deadline 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:	Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A	
Gear:	Drift nets only. Maximum mesh size is 3-3/4 inches. Unslackened, single-wall, multi-filament floater nets only. Monofilament nets are not allowed.	
	Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.	
	A red cork must be placed on the corkline every 25 fathoms as measured from the first mesh of the net. Red corks at 25-fathom intervals must be in color contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.	
	There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net. The hang ratio is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline.	
	The use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically is <u>prohibited</u> . Rip lines are allowed providing they do not vertically slacken the net	

Allowable Sales:	Salmon (except Chum), shad, and white sturgeon; all Coho must be adipose fin-clipped. 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.
Additional Regulations:	<p>Regulations typically in place for mark-selective commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, tangle-net certification, etc.</p> <p>Soak times, defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the web is deployed into the water until the web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed <u>30 minutes</u>.</p> <p>Recovery Box: Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers that meet the flow and size requirements standard for the winter/spring season.</p> <p>Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. All non-legal fish must be released immediately unharmed to the river or placed into an operating recovery box. All non-legal salmon and all steelhead that are bleeding, lethargic or appear lifeless must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.</p> <p>Measuring mesh size: Mesh size is determined by placing three consecutive meshes under hand tension and the measurement is taken from the inside of one knot to the inside of the opposite knot of the center mesh. Hand tension means sufficient linear tension to draw opposing knots of meshes into contact.</p> <p>Live Capture workshop: Only licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.</p>
Additional Rules:	<p>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.</p> <p>Lighted Buoys: Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.</p>
Reporting Rules:	<p>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.</p> <p>24-hour quick reporting required is for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315.</p>

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Fall Gillnet Commercial Fishery

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following modified fishery (modifications in **bold**) and newly authorized fishery:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 19 to **6 PM Friday September 23 (4.5 days)**
6 AM Monday September 26 to 6 PM Thursday September 29 (3.5 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. 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 3:00 PM Wednesday September 28, 2022 via teleconference to consider treaty commercial fisheries.
- The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 21, 2022 Fall Fact Sheets #6a and #6b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp