
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 25, 2022

Compact Action

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

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Columbia River Commercial Smelt Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 5 AM – 5 PM (12 hours) from January 26 through February 28 (15 periods)

Area: Zones 1–3

Gear: Gillnets only. Mesh size may not exceed two inches stretch measure. Nets may not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line.

Allowable Sales: Smelt

Misc. Regulations: 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.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.
24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Tuesday February 1 through 6 PM Saturday February 5 (4.5 days)

Area: The Dalles Pool only

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction)

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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.

Season: 6 AM Tuesday February 1 through 6 PM Saturday February 12 (11.5 days)

Area: John Day Pool only

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction)

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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.

Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Tuesday February 1 through 6 PM Saturday March 19 (46.5 days)

Area: All of Zone 6

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to platform and hook and line gear are in effect.

Gear: Hoop nets, dip nets, and hook and line

Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in Bonneville Pool and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open pool of an open gillnet fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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 White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

- Effective 11:59 PM Saturday, January 29, 2022 the retention of white sturgeon in Bonneville Pool is prohibited.

The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam)

- Modified the ongoing retention fishery to include the following:

Season: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays January 29 – February 28, 2022 14 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam, and all adjacent tributaries.

Allowable Catch: Up to 190 white sturgeon.

Legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-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).

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2022 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

Current regulations are available at:

<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 9, 2022 via teleconference to consider treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 15, 2022 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter-summer) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 23, 2022 via teleconference to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 25, 2022 Winter Fact Sheets #2a & 2b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp