
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 23, 2022

Compact Action

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

Select Area Fisheries

The following fisheries were adopted by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- Modified the allowable sales for all Select Area sites:
Effective February 24 through July 28, a maximum of **three** 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). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.
- All other regulations previously adopted on February 15, 2022 remain in effect. Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Winter Commercial Gillnet Fisheries

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

Season: 6 AM Wednesday March 2 through 6 PM Friday March 4 (2.5 days)

Area: Bonneville Pool

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes.

Fish landed during an open period may be sold after the period concludes.

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

Season: 6 AM Thursday February 24 through 6 PM Monday February 28 (3.5 days)

Area: The Dalles Pool

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes.
Fish landed during an open period may be sold after the period concludes.

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following modified on-going fishery (modification in **bold**):

Season: 6 AM Tuesday February 1 through **6 PM Monday February 28** (27.5 days)

Area: John Day Pool

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes.
Fish landed during an open period may be sold after the period concludes.

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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian fisheries adopted above:**

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

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction)

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315 except 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 Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries

- Permanent regulations regarding salmon and steelhead fisheries are currently in effect for the mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to The Dalles Dam.
- The mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to the OR/WA border is closed to steelhead angling and retention through March 31, 2022 under temporary rules.
- Effective March 1, 2022 (below Bonneville Dam) and April 1, 2022 (above Bonneville Dam) the current regulations are modified as follows:

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates: Tuesday March 1 through Wednesday April 6, 2022 37 days

Area: Buoy 10 line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.

Catch: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Shad may also be retained.
Limits:

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

Dates: Friday April 1 through Thursday May 5, 2022 35 days

Area: Tower Island power lines (approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border, plus the Oregon and Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

Catch: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.
Limits:

Select Area Recreational Salmon Fisheries

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Tuesday March 1 – Wednesday June 15, 2022, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits.

On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is closed to Chinook retention, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

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- Current regulations are available at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>
 - All other permanent regulations in the 2022 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.
 - Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM March 1, 2022 to consider nontreaty Eulachon commercial and Zone 6 recreational sturgeon fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 23, 2022 Winter Fact Sheets #5a & 5b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp