
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife September 20, 2023

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 September 25 to 6 PM Friday September 29 (4.5 days)
 6 AM Monday October 2 to 6 PM Friday October 6 (4.5 days)

Area: Zone 6

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear in effect, including the smaller Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (150-foot radius around the fishway).

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

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence.

Sturgeon may not be sold, but sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches in 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 landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 8 PM Sunday September 24 to 6 AM Monday September 25 (10 hours)

8 PM Tuesday September 26 to 6 AM Wednesday September 27 (10 hours)

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) and shad.

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.

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fall-Season Salmon Fishery

West Puget Island to Bonneville Dam

- Effective Friday September 22, until further notice, retention of Chinook and hatchery Coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the west Puget Island line upstream to Bonneville Dam. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or hatchery Coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other relevant regulations remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 12:00 PM Wednesday September 27, 2023 via teleconference to consider additional non-treaty mainstem commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 20, 2023, Fall Fact Sheets No.7a & 7b at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.