
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 18, 2024

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Zone 6 Summer Gillnet Commercial Fishery

Season: 6 AM Monday July 22 through 6 PM Wednesday July 24 (2.5 days)

Area: Zone 6

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect.

Gear: Set and drift gillnets. No 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. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use.

Zone 6 Fall Commercial Platform and Hook-and-Line Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM August 1 through 6:00 PM December 31

Area: Zone 6

Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas for these gear types.

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

Zone 6 Yakama Nation Tributary Commercial Fishery

Season: Beginning 12:01 AM August 1 until further notice, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully-enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members and when commercial sales are authorized for Zone 6 platform and hook-and-line fisheries.

Area: Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River.

Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Zone 6 Yakama Nation Tributary Fishery continued

Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Downstream of Bonneville Dam Commercial Platform and Hook-and-Line Fishery

Season: 12:01 AM August 1 through 11:59 PM October 31.
Area: As defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
Participants: Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
Gear: Hook-and-line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.
Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam. Sales of fish are not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale.

The following rules regarding allowable sales and Washington’s reporting rule apply to all Treaty Indian fisheries referenced above:

Allowable Sales: 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.

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery

Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 9 PM Wednesday August 7 to 6 AM Thursday August 8 (9 hours)
9 PM Monday August 12 to 6 AM Tuesday August 13 (9 hours)
9 PM Wednesday August 14 to 6 AM Thursday August 15 (9 hours)
9 PM Sunday August 18 to 6 AM Monday August 19 (9 hours)
9 PM Tuesday August 20 to 6 AM Wednesday August 21 (9 hours)
9 PM Thursday August 22 to 6 AM Friday August 23 (9 hours)
9 PM Sunday August 25 to 6 AM Monday August 26 (9 hours)
9 PM Tuesday August 27 to 6 AM Wednesday August 28 (9 hours)
9 PM Thursday August 29 to 6 AM Friday August 30 (9 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-mouth sanctuaries are in effect.

Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery continued

- Gear:** Drift gillnets only. 9-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) 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 more than 24 hours.
24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery

Adopted a season as follows:

- Season:** Weekdays from August 8 through October 31, except September 2 (Labor Day holiday) (60 periods)
Open hours are 6 AM to 4 PM August 8 through September 6 and 7 AM to 5 PM September 9 through October 31
- Area:** Zones 1-3
- Sanctuaries:** Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B river-mouth sanctuaries and Select Area commercial fishing sites
- Participants:** Those individuals possessing a 2024 Experimental Fishery Permit under the Emerging Commercial Fishery established through WAC 220-360-500.
Permit holder must be present during fishing operations and have applicable permits/licenses in possession.
- Gear:** Beach seine or purse seine:
- Only one seine net is allowed per (primary) vessel.
 - Mesh size restricted to a 3.5-inch maximum (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure).
 - Net material to consist of 3-strand nylon, twine size \geq #12.
 - Seines may include a bunt of 1.0-2.0-inch knotless mesh.
 - Net length not to exceed 200 fathoms (not including associated lead nets) and depth not to exceed 200 meshes (approximately 50 feet).
 - No restrictions on corkline, leadline or use of stringers and slackers.
 - A chafing strip panel consisting of non-monofilament webbing (such as nylon seine web or polyethylene trawl web) is allowed on bottom of net; maximum panel depth is five feet. Chafing mesh not to exceed 3.5-inch stretched measure for beach seines and 5-inch stretched measure for purse seines. There are no restrictions associated with hangings used to connect the net to the chafing panel or the net or chafing panel to the leadline or corkline.
 - Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery continued

- Gear cont.: Lead net (optional):
 - Only one lead net is allowed per fishing operation.
 - Lead nets may not exceed 100 fathoms in length. Lead nets may be constructed of 3-strand nylon webbing, twine size \geq #12, \leq 3.5-inch mesh size (inside of knot to outside of knot using hand tension stretched measure) or nylon or cotton webbing with mesh size \geq 14 inches. Lead nets may not be vertically slackened.
 - Seine and lead lines may not be connected.
 - Lead nets must be retrieved daily.

- Allowable Sales: Subject to IFQs as defined on individual permits. Except as noted below, allowable sales limited to adipose fin-clipped Chinook, adipose fin-clipped Coho, sockeye, and pink salmon and shad. Retained Chinook and Coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin. Adult Chinook are \geq 24 inches and adult Coho are \geq 20 inches total length. All legal adult Chinook and Coho caught must be kept and sold.

- Handling/Sorting: Hand sorting or use of a knotless dip net is required for sorting fish. All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water. Dry sorting is not permitted.

- Sort Time: Not to exceed 75 minutes.

Beach seine - defined as the elapsed time from when the outer towed end of the net first contacts the shore or block until the net is emptied of fish.

Purse Seine - defined as the elapsed time from when all rings are pursed and out of the water until the net is emptied of fish.

- Observer Program: Mandatory: A WDFW or ODFW observer must be present at all times during fishing operations. Cooperation is required and includes transportation of observer to/from fishing site.

- 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 more than 24 hours.

24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

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:

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

- Season: 7 PM Tuesday August 6 to 7 AM Thursday August 8 (36 hours)
- 7 PM Tuesday August 13 to 7 AM Thursday August 15 (36 hours)
- 7 PM Tuesday August 20 to 7 AM Thursday August 22 (36 hours)
- 7 PM Monday August 26 to 7 AM Friday August 30 (3.5 days)
- 7 PM Monday September 2 to Noon Thursday October 31 (59 days)

Youngs Bay continued

Area: The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as waters of Youngs Bay and Youngs River southeasterly of the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the regulatory marker(s) at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers, including the Walluski River downstream of the Highway 202 Bridge, and the Lewis and Clark River north (downstream) of the overhead power lines approximately 500 feet south (upstream) of Barrett Slough.

During the fall season, Youngs River upstream of the regulatory marker at Battle Creek Slough is closed. If the marker at Battle Creek Slough is not in place, the boundary is defined by a line projecting northeasterly from a point (46°6'35.6"N latitude 123°47'42.0"W longitude) on the southern bank of Youngs River immediately downstream of the mouth of Battle Creek Slough to a point (46°6'41.6"N latitude 123°47'36.9"W longitude) located on the northern bank of Youngs River.

Gear: Gillnets with a maximum mesh size restriction of 9¾-inch through August 22 and a 6-inch maximum thereafter.

Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline may not exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough, in the lower Walluski River from the first dock near the mouth upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge, and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines approximately 500 feet southerly (upstream) of Barrett Slough.

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.

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.

Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Fisheries

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Season: 7 PM to 7 AM Monday August 26 to Tuesday August 27 (12 hours)
7 PM to 7 AM Thursday August 29 to Friday August 30 (12 hours)
6 PM to 10 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (35 periods) from September 2 to October 31

Area: The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as those waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line formed by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.

The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the

Blind Slough/ Knappa Slough continued

Area cont.: west (downstream) by a line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through regulatory markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore.

The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.

Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. There is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.

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 buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 71)

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Season: 7 PM to 7 AM Monday August 26 to Tuesday August 27 (12 hours)
7 PM to 7 AM Thursday August 29 to Friday August 30 (12 hours)
4 PM to 10 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (35 periods) from September 2 to October 31

Area: The Tongue Point Select Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point (midway between the red USCG light "2" at the tip of Tongue Point and the northern-most pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility) to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker located on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island.

(i) If the marker on the eastern shore of Tongue Point is not in place, the downstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°12'31.1"N latitude 123°45'34.0"W longitude) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island.

(ii) If the marker on the Oregon shore is not in place, the upstream boundary is defined by a line projecting from a point (46°10'57.7"N latitude 123°44'35.3"W longitude) on the Oregon shore approximately 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island.

Tongue Point/South Channel continued

- Area cont.: The South Channel Select Area is defined as waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the southwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light "10" then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.
- Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms. In the Tongue Point Select Area, the lead line weight may not exceed two pounds per any one fathom; however, unstored gillnets legal for use in South Channel may be onboard. In the South Channel Select Area, there is no lead line weight limit and attachment of additional weight and anchors directly to the lead line is permitted.
- 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 buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

- Season: 6 PM to 9 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights (16 periods) from September 16 through October 11
6 PM to 9 AM Monday and Wednesday nights from October 14 (6 periods) through October 31
5 PM to 8 AM Monday and Wednesday nights from November 4 (8 periods) through November 28
- Area: The Deep River fishing area includes all waters from West Deep River Road Bridge at the town of Deep River downstream to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.
- Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weight or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream, or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it.
- Reporting Rules: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. 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.

The following gear and allowable sales regulations apply to each Select Area commercial fishery adopted above:

Gear: Nets not specifically authorized for use in a specific 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.

Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except Chum) and shad.

For information concerning these decisions see the July 18, 2024 Summer Fact Sheet No. 5 and the July 18, 2024 Fall Fact Sheet No.1 at:
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.

Future Meetings

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM August 14, 2024 via teleconference to consider treaty Zone 6 commercial gillnet and non-treaty mainstem commercial tangle net fisheries.