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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 16, 2025

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## 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 Commercial Setline Fishery***

Season: 7 AM Saturday February 1 through 6 PM Tuesday February 4 (3.5 days)  
Area: The Dalles Pool  
Gear: Setlines  
Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas applicable to setline gear.  
Allowable Sales: Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes.

#### ***Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook-and-Line Fishery***

Season: 6 AM Saturday February 1 through 6 PM Friday March 21  
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: 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. Sturgeon within the legal-size limits and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold only if caught during the open period and open area of an authorized setline fishery.

**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.

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## **Non-Treaty Fisheries**

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Commercial Smelt Fishery***

Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from January 20 through March 13, 2025 (24 periods). Open hours are 5 AM to 5 PM (12 hours).
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. 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.

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For information concerning these decisions see the January 16, 2025 Winter Fact Sheets No.3a & 3b at: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp).

## **Future Meetings**

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 11 AM February 10, 2025 via teleconference to consider Select Area commercial salmon (winter, spring, and summer season) and Zone 6 recreational white sturgeon fisheries.
- A hybrid Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 19, 2025 to consider Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The hearing will be held at the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife office located at: 17330 SE Evelyn St, Clackamas, OR 97015 in the Building 16 conference room. A teleconference call-in option will be available.