
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 9, 2026

Compact Action

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

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery

Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 8 PM Thursday September 10 to 6 AM Friday September 11 (10 hours)
 8 PM Thursday September 17 to 6 AM Friday September 18 (10 hours)
 8 PM Sunday September 20 to 6 AM Monday September 21 (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-mouth 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 buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Salmon Fisheries

Buoy 10 to west Puget Island

- Effective Saturday, September 12 through Saturday, October 31, the daily adult bag limit is three salmon (hatchery coho) for the mainstem Columbia River fishery from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the west Puget Island line.

All other previously-adopted regulations, including relevant permanent regulations in the 2026 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations book, remain in effect for these fisheries.

Updated regulations are available at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>.

For information concerning these decisions see the September 9, 2026 Fall Fact Sheet No.4 at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.

Future Meetings

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Tuesday, September 15 via teleconference to consider Zone 6 treaty commercial gillnet fisheries.