
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 7, 2026

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 fishery:

Research Commercial Fishery (John Day Pool)

Season: 6 AM Monday October 12 through 6 PM Thursday December 31 (80.5 days)

Area: The following areas in the John Day Pool reach:

Railroad Island Slough (45.72504, -120.69580) only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks.

Paterson Slough (45.70664, -120.46430) only the slough side to the north of Highway 14.

Sundale Slough (45.72008, -120.31364) only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks.

Jones Canyon Slough (45.71576, -121.24522) only the slough south of the railroad tracks.

Willow Creek Slough (45.79306, -120.01470) only waters south of the eastbound lanes of I-84.

Alderdale Slough (45.83741, -119.92876) only waters north of Highway 14.

Paterson Slough (45.92950, -119.55259) waters inside the mouth of the slough, across from Irrigon & Umatilla fish hatcheries.

Sanctuaries: These areas listed in the John Day Pool reach do not include any standard closed areas applicable to gillnet gear.

Gear: Gillnets only

Allowable Sales: Yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, carp, northern pikeminnow, and suckers may be sold or retained for other purposes. These species may be sold after the permit fishing period concludes. All other species including salmon, steelhead, and sturgeon must be released. If any northern pike are handled, they must be killed and provided to tribal or state fishery programs.

Reporting Rule: Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

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.

For information concerning these decisions see the October 7, 2026 Fall Fact Sheet No.8 at:
https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.

Future Meetings

No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.