
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 22, 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 fisheries:

Research Commercial Fishery (John Day Pool)

- Season: 6:00 AM Friday July 24 through 6:00 PM Saturday August 15 (22.5 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. 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.

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
- Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas for these gear types.
- Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

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

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all 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 through 6:00 PM December 31, 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.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all 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 downstream of Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

Gear: Hook-and-line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.

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 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 regulations apply to all Treaty Indian fisheries referenced above:

Allowable Sales: Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

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.

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery

Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	9 PM Wednesday August 5 to 6 AM Thursday August 6	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 9 to 6 AM Monday August 10	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 11 to 6 AM Wednesday August 12	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 13 to 6 AM Friday August 14	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 16 to 6 AM Monday August 17	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 18 to 6 AM Wednesday August 19	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 20 to 6 AM Friday August 21	(9 hours)
	9 PM Monday August 24 to 6 AM Tuesday August 25	(9 hours)
	9 PM Wednesday August 26 to 6 AM Thursday August 27	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 30 to 6 AM Monday August 31	(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.	
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 3 through October 16, except Monday September 7 (Labor Day holiday).
	Daily open hours are 7 AM to 7 PM although active fishing may only occur for 8 consecutive hours within each 12-hour period.
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1-3
Sanctuaries:	Elokomin-B, Cowlitz, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B river-mouth sanctuaries and Select Area commercial fishing sites.

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery continued

Participants: Those individuals possessing the proper licenses/permits issued by Washington or Oregon to participate in the 2026 Emerging Commercial Fishery established as per WAC 220-360-500. The required licenses/permits are an Emerging Fishery license and Experimental Fishery Permit in Washington or an Experimental Gear Permit in Oregon.

Permit holder must be present during all fishing operations and be in possession of applicable permits/licenses.

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.

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 $\geq \#12$, ≤ 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 ≥ 14 inches. Lead nets may not be vertically slackened.
- Seine net and lead net may not be connected.
- Lead nets must be retrieved daily.

Allowable Sales: Subject to IFQs as defined on individual permits. Allowable sales limited to adipose fin-clipped Chinook, adipose fin-clipped coho, sockeye, pink salmon, and shad. Retained Chinook and coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin. Adult Chinook are ≥ 24 inches and adult coho are ≥ 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 when sorting fish. All fish must be sorted and/or released prior to removing entire seine from water. Dry sorting is not permitted.

Mainstem Commercial Seine Fishery continued

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 observers 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.

Mainstem Commercial Pound Net Fishery

Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	Weekdays from August 3 to October 16, except Monday September 7 (Labor Day holiday). Daily open hours are 7 AM to 7 PM although active fishing may only occur for 8 consecutive hours within each 12-hour period.
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River in Zones 1-2
Sanctuaries:	Not applicable
Participants:	Those individuals possessing the proper licenses/permits issued by Washington or Oregon to participate in the 2026 Emerging Commercial Fishery established as per WAC 220-360-500. The required licenses/permits are an Emerging Fishery license and Experimental Fishery Permit in Washington or an Experimental Gear Permit in Oregon. Permit holder must be present during all fishing operations and be in possession of applicable permits/licenses.
Gear:	Pound Net: • Lead and jigger netting may be no larger than 3$\frac{1}{8}$-inch stretch mesh. • The heart, spiller, tunnel, and live well (sorting chamber) netting may be no larger than 2$\frac{1}{2}$-inch stretch mesh. • Pound net may have an optional apron of webbing no larger than 2$\frac{1}{2}$-inch stretch mesh extending out flat along the river bottom from the bottom of all netting components. The apron may not exceed 3 feet in depth on the lead and jigger, and the apron may not exceed 6 feet in depth on the heart. Aprons must be anchored or weighed down in a manner sufficient to hold the apron to the river bottom. • Optional marine mammal gates may be used to prevent marine mammals from entering the heart during active fishing.

Mainstem Commercial Pound Net Fishery Continued

Gear cont.:

- When not actively fishing for less than 24 hours, the following configuration must be put in place to allow fish free passage and to prevent unintended corralling of fish in the heart compartment:
 - The opening of the heart along the lead must remain open. All spillers (pots) and live wells must be moved (i.e., lifted, removed, etc.,) in a manner that creates an opening providing egress from the heart.
 - A midpoint panel of the lead or the panel nearest to the shore must be lifted or removed to provide free passage around the lead. If the shore panel is chosen to be lifted/removed, the minimum water depth at the nearest shore piling with netting shall be no less than 10 feet at any given point in the tide.
- When not actively fishing for more than 24 hours but less than 72 hours, the following configuration must be put in place to allow fish free passage and to prevent unintended corralling of fish in the heart compartment:
 - The opening of the heart along the lead must remain open. All spillers (pots) and live wells must be moved (i.e., lifted, removed, etc.,) in a manner that creates an opening providing egress from the heart.
 - A midpoint panel of the lead and the panel nearest to the shore must be lifted or removed to provide free passage around the lead. The minimum water depth at the nearest shore piling with netting shall be no less than 10 feet at any given point in the tide.
 - Spot checks must be conducted daily by the permit holder during which a logbook must be filled out. A WDFW or ODFW observer may be present during these daily spot checks.
- While not actively fishing for more than 72 hours but less than 120 hours, all netting must be raised above the high-water line.
- If the gear will not be fished for more than 120 hours, all netting must be removed from the piling within five days.

Allowable Sales:

Subject to IFQs as defined on individual permits. Allowable sales are limited to adipose fin-clipped Chinook, adipose fin-clipped coho, sockeye, pink salmon, and shad. Retained Chinook and coho must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin. Adult Chinook are ≥ 24 inches and adult coho are ≥ 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 when sorting fish. Dry sorting is not permitted.

Observer Program:

Mandatory: A WDFW or ODFW observer must be present at all times during fishing operations. Cooperation is required and includes transportation of observers 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 longer 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 Fishery (Zone 70)

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Season:	7 PM Tuesday August 4 to 7 AM Thursday August 6	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 11 to 7 AM Thursday August 13	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 18 to 7 AM Thursday August 20	(36 hours)
	7 PM Monday August 24 to 7 AM Friday August 28	(3.5 days)
	7 PM Monday August 31 to Noon Friday October 30	(60 days)

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.

Gear: Gillnets with a maximum mesh size restriction of 9³/₄-inch through August 20 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 upstream of regulatory markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River, 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.

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

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Season:	7 PM Monday August 24 to 7 AM Tuesday August 25	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday August 27 to 7 AM Friday August 28	(12 hours)
	6 PM to 10 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 31 to October 30	(36 periods)

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 upstream to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fisheries continued

- Area cont.: 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 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.

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery (Zone 71)

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

- Season: 7 PM Monday August 24 to 7 AM Tuesday August 25 (12 hours)
- 7 PM Thursday August 27 to 7 AM Friday August 28 (12 hours)
- 4 PM to 10 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 31 to October 30 (36 periods)

- 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.

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.

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery continued

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 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.

Deep River Commercial Fishery (Zone 80)

Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Season: 6 PM Monday August 24 to 9 AM Tuesday August 25 (15 hours)
6 PM Thursday August 27 to 9 AM Friday August 28 (15 hours)
6 PM to 9 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from August 31 to October 30 (36 periods)
6 PM to 8 AM Monday and Wednesday nights from November 2 to November 12 (4 periods)

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.

The following gear, allowable sales, and reporting 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 the 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.

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.

For information concerning these decisions see the July 22, 2026 Fall Fact Sheets No.1a & 1b at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.

Future Meetings

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11 AM Thursday August 6, 2026 via teleconference to consider treaty Zone 6 commercial gillnet and non-treaty mainstem commercial tangle net fisheries.