
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 6, 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:

Zone 6 Commercial Fall Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6 AM Monday August 17 through 6 PM Thursday August 20	(3.5 days)
	6 AM Monday August 24 through 6 PM Saturday August 29	(5.5 days)
	6 AM Monday August 31 through 6 PM Saturday September 5	(5.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6	
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary are in effect.	
Gear:	Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes. 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.	
Reporting Rules:	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 Late Fall Tangle Net Fishery

Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday September 15	(18 hours)
	4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday September 16	(18 hours)
	4 AM to 10 PM Thursday September 17	(18 hours)
	4 AM to 10 PM Monday September 21	(18 hours)
	4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday September 22	(18 hours)

4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday September 23	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Thursday September 24	(18 hours)
4 AM to 6 PM Friday September 25	(14 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Monday September 28	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday September 29	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday September 30	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 1	(18 hours)
4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 2	(14 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 5	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 6	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 7	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 8	(18 hours)
4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 9	(14 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 12	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 13	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 14	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 15	(18 hours)
4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 16	(14 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 19	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 20	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 21	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 22	(18 hours)
4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 23	(14 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Monday October 26	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Tuesday October 27	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Wednesday October 28	(18 hours)
4 AM to 10 PM Thursday October 29	(18 hours)
4 AM to 6 PM Friday October 30	(14 hours)

Area: Zones 1–3. Upper deadline 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: Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, and Lewis-A river mouth sanctuaries

Gear: Drift nets only. Maximum mesh size is 3¾-inches. Unslackened, single-wall, multi-filament floater nets only. Monofilament nets are not allowed.

Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms.

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.

There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net. The hang ratio is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline.

The use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically is prohibited. Rip lines are allowed providing they do not vertically slacken the net.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except chum) and shad; all coho must be adipose fin-clipped from September 21 through October 30, with a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.

Regulations: Regulations typically in place for live-capture commercial fisheries are in effect, including but not limited to: net length, use of recovery boxes, limited soak times, red corks, live-capture fishery certification, etc.

Soak time: Soak time, defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the web is deployed into the water until the web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed 30 minutes.

Recovery Box: Each boat will be required to have two operable recovery boxes on board or one box with two chambers that meet the flow and size requirements standard for winter/spring fisheries. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. All non-legal fish must be released immediately unharmed to the river or placed into an operating recovery box. All non-legal salmon and all steelhead that are bleeding, lethargic, or appear lifeless must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.

Measuring mesh size: Mesh size is determined by placing three consecutive meshes under hand tension and the measurement is taken from the inside of one knot to the inside of the opposite knot of the center mesh. Hand tension means sufficient linear tension to draw opposing knots of meshes into contact.

Live Capture workshop: At least one fisher on each boat must have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques to participate in this fishery.

Additional
Rules:

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.

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

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.

For information concerning these decisions see the August 6, 2026 Fall Fact Sheet No.2 at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.

Future Meetings

No Compact/Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. Joint Staff will monitor the fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.