
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 12, 2026

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Zone 6 Yakama Nation Tributary Commercial Fishery

Season: Beginning 10:00 PM Tuesday May 12 until 6:00 PM Wednesday May 13, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully-enacted Yakama Nation tribal lottery permit fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

Area: Drano Lake

Gear: Gillnets, hoop nets, rod and reel with hook-and-line

Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length may be kept for subsistence purposes in Bonneville Pool. Sales of fish will conclude when the open period ends. The selling of fish does not extend to any other fishing areas. Fish can only be sold with a valid Yakama Nation Drano permit and must be listed as the Permit Holder or Head Fisher on the permit. Fish can be sold on site or may be transported off site and sold with a memo from the Yakama Nation Fish & Wildlife Committee allowing transport and sale.

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.

Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Salmon/Steelhead Fisheries

Adopted the following fisheries:

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates: Friday May 15 – Sunday May 17 and
Saturday May 23 – Monday May 25

Area: Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Beacon Rock plus only the Oregon and Washington banks from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.

Daily adult bag limit: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, but only one may be a Chinook.
Shad may also be retained.

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington state line (upstream of McNary Dam)

Dates: Friday May 15 – Sunday May 17 and
Saturday May 23 – Sunday May 24

Area: Tower Island power lines (approximately six miles downstream from The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington state line, plus only the Oregon and Washington banks from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines.

Daily adult bag limit: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, but only one may be a Chinook.

All other permanent regulations in the 2026 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations book remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

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

For information concerning these decisions see the May 12, 2026 Spring Fact Sheets No.1a & No.1b 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.