
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 8, 2020

The following action was taken on non-treaty recreational fisheries:

2020 Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Salmonid Fishery

Effective July 9 through July 15, retention of hatchery Chinook (adults and jacks) is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco, WA. The daily bag limit includes two adult hatchery Chinook. All other permanent regulations, including bag limits for jack Chinook, apply.

2020 Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Shad Fishery

Effective July 9 through July 15 angling for, and retention of, shad is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam (Bonneville Pool).

The following action was taken on non-treaty commercial fisheries:

2020 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery

Season:	Thursday July 9 – Friday July 10 (12 hours) Monday July 13 – Tuesday July 14 (12 hours) Thursday July 16 – Friday July 17 (12 hours) Monday July 20 – Tuesday July 21 (12 hours) Thursday July 23 – Friday July 24 (12 hours)
	Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM.
Area:	Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. The lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. 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.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of three white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The three white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.
Additional:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. A 24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

2020 Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery

Season:	Thursday July 9 – Friday July 10	(12 hours)
	Monday July 13 – Tuesday July 14	(12 hours)
	Thursday July 16 – Friday July 17	(12 hours)
	Monday July 20 – Tuesday July 21	(12 hours)
	Thursday July 23 – Friday July 24	(12 hours)

Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM.

Area: Tongue Point and South Channel fishing areas are open.

The lower boundary of the Tongue Point fishing area is defined as a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island (fall boundary).

Gear: 9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restriction

In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.

In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a 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.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of **three** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The three white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-210.

A 24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.

The following action was taken on treaty commercial fisheries:

<i>2020 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday July 13 to 6 PM Thursday, July 16	(3.5 days)
Area	Zone 6	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect during the summer management period.	
Gear:	Set and Drift Gill nets with no minimum mesh size restriction	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but 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. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.	
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.	

Future Meetings

A Compact hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 2PM to consider treaty commercial and recreational summer Chinook fisheries.