

COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 15, 2021

The following Joint State action was taken:

2021 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Seasons:	6:00 AM Monday September 20 through 6:00 PM Friday September 24 (4.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Set and Drift Gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. 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.
Sanctuaries:	Standard closed areas applicable to gillnet gear. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is reduced to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder.
Additional:	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.

2021 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery

Season:	8 PM Sunday September 19 to 6 AM Monday September 20 (Week 39) 10 hours 8 PM Wednesday September 22 to 6 AM Thursday September 23 (Week 39) 10 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 rivers.
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 8-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), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of six 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). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. 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.

<i>2021 Tongue Point/Rocky Point to Warrior Rock Recreational Salmon Fishery</i>	
Effective 12:01 AM Friday September 17, retention of hatchery coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line. The daily adult bag limit is two hatchery coho. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.	

<i>2021 White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Above Wauna Powerlines</i>	
Season:	Sunday September 19, Wednesday September 22, 4 days Saturday September 25, and Wednesday September 29
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River
Allowable Catch:	Up to 1,230 white sturgeon combined for all retention days Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat <u>under</u> the fish) Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish
Additional Regulations:	Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM September 22, 2021 via teleconference to consider additional non-treaty commercial fisheries, including coho tangle net and Zone 4/5 to begin the following week. Additional treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries may also be considered.