

COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 13, 2022

The following action was taken:

Non-Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2022 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery</i>		
Season:	8 PM Sunday September 18 to 6 AM Monday September 19	10 hours
	8 PM Tuesday September 20 to 6 AM Wednesday September 21	10 hours
	8 PM Thursday September 22 to 6 AM Friday September 23	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>2022 Select Area Commercial Fisheries</i>
Effective Sunday September 18 the possession and sale of white sturgeon in Select Area fisheries is prohibited.

Recreational Salmon Fisheries

<i>2022 Buoy 10 Recreational Salmon Fishery</i>
Effective 12:01 AM September 15 through December 31, retention of hatchery coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line. The daily adult bag limit is three hatchery coho. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.

<i>2022 Lower Columbia River Recreational Salmon Fishery</i>
Effective 12:01 AM September 15 through December 31, retention of Chinook and hatchery coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from a straight line projected northerly from a fishing boundary sign on the Oregon shore near the "old" Corbett boat ramp through the eastern tip of Reed Island to the Washington shore (downstream boundary) upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.

Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2022 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Seasons:	6:00 AM Monday September 19 through 6:00 PM Thursday September 22 (3 nights)
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 sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary will be 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10am Wednesday, September 21 to consider additional treaty commercial fisheries and non-treaty commercial fisheries.