
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 13, 2023

The following actions were taken:

Recreational

2023 Lower Columbia River Recreational Salmon Fishery

Effective Friday, September 15 through Sunday, September 17, retention of Chinook and hatchery Coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the west Puget Island line upstream to the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island line. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other relevant permanent regulations remain in effect.

Effective Friday, September 15 through Thursday, September 21, retention of Chinook and hatchery Coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island line upstream to Bonneville Dam. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other relevant permanent regulations remain in effect.

Commercial

2023 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery

Season: 8 PM Sunday September 17 to 6 AM Monday September 18 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 is 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 required.

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except chum) and shad.

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Wednesday September 20, 2023 to consider Treaty Indian commercial gillnet fisheries. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.