
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 23, 2024

The following action was taken:

<i>2024 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery</i>	
Season:	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (5 AM to 5 PM) January 24 through March 14. 23 periods
Area:	Zones 1-3
Gear:	Gillnet only. Mesh size may not exceed two inches stretch measure. Nets may not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line.
Allowable Sales:	Smelt
Misc. Regulations:	Multiple net rule 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. 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 more than 24 hours.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 13, 2024 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter, spring, and summer season) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A hybrid Joint State Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 21, 2024 to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The hearing will be held at the City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center (4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA 98661) and a teleconference call-in option will be available.