
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 18, 2024

The following actions were taken:

Treaty

2024 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6:00 AM Monday September 23 through 6:00 PM Saturday September 28 (5.5 days) 6:00 AM Monday September 30 through 6:00 PM Friday October 4 (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 gillnets are in place. The small Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (150-feet around the hatchery ladder) is in place.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Non-treaty Commercial

2024 Non-Treaty Late-Fall Tangle Net Commercial Fishery

Modify the on-going fishery by adding one period from 4:00 AM to 10:00 PM on Thursday September 19. All regulations, including area, gear, soak time and other live-capture requirements, and allowable sales for this additional period are identical to those for the currently-adopted fishery.

All other regulations for the currently-adopted periods, including area, gear, allowable sales, etc. remain in effect.

2024 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery

Season:	8 PM Thursday September 19 to 6 AM Friday September 20	10 hours
	8 PM Sunday September 22 to 6 AM Monday September 23	10 hours
	8 PM Tuesday September 24 to 6 AM Wednesday September 25	10 hours
	8 PM Thursday September 26 to 6 AM Friday September 27	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 river mouth sanctuaries.	

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: Salmon (except chum) and shad.

Sales:

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.

Non-Treaty Recreational

<i>2024 Mainstem Recreational Salmon Fisheries</i>
Effective Monday, September 23 through Monday, September 30, retention of Chinook is allowed in the daily adult bag limit for the mainstem Columbia River fishery from the Buoy 10 line upstream to west Puget Island. The daily adult bag limit is three salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other previously-adopted and relevant permanent regulations remain in effect.
Effective Friday, September 20 through Monday, September 30, retention of Chinook and hatchery coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the west Puget Island 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 Monday, September 23 through Monday, September 30, retention of Chinook and coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island line upstream to Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or coho) but only one may be a Chinook. Wild coho caught downstream of the Hood River Bridge must be released. All other previously-adopted and relevant permanent regulations remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.