
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 25, 2024

The following actions were taken:

Treaty

<i>2024 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Modify the currently scheduled fishing period for next week	The currently scheduled gillnet fishery from 6:00 AM Monday September 30 through 6:00 PM Friday October 4 will have no mesh size restriction. All other rules remain the same.

<i>2024 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM Monday October 7 through 6:00 PM Friday October 11 (4.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Set and Drift Gillnets with no mesh size restriction
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

<i>2024 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery</i>	
	Nine 12-hour fishing periods during September 29 – October 18.
Week 40	7 PM Sunday September 29 to 7 AM Monday September 30 7 PM Tuesday October 1 to 7 AM Wednesday October 2 7 PM Thursday October 3 to 7 AM Friday October 4
Week 41	7 PM Sunday October 6 to 7 AM Monday October 7 7 PM Tuesday October 8 to 7 AM Wednesday October 9 7 PM Thursday October 10 to 7 AM Friday October 11
Week 42	7 PM Sunday October 13 to 7 AM Monday October 14 7 PM Tuesday October 15 to 7 AM Wednesday October 16 7 PM Thursday October 17 to 7 AM Friday October 18
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 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.

Non-Treaty Recreational

<i>2024 Mainstem Recreational Salmon Fisheries</i>
Effective Tuesday, October 1 through Sunday, October 13, retention of Chinook is allowed in the daily adult bag limit for the mainstem Columbia River fishery from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the west Puget Island line. 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 Tuesday, October 1 through Sunday, October 13, retention of Chinook is allowed in the daily adult bag limit for mainstem Columbia River fisheries from the west Puget 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.