
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 10, 2024

The following actions were taken:

Treaty

<i>2024 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM Monday October 14 through 6:00 PM Thursday October 17 (3.5 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 Recreational

<i>2024 Mainstem Recreational Salmon Fisheries</i>
Effective Monday, October 14 through Tuesday, December 31, retention of one Chinook is allowed in the daily adult bag limit for the mainstem Columbia River fisheries from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge in Pasco, WA. All other previously-adopted and relevant permanent regulations remain in effect.

Non-treaty Commercial

<i>2024 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery</i>	
	Six 12-hour fishing periods during October 20 – November 1.
Week 43	7 PM Sunday October 20 to 7 AM Monday October 21 7 PM Tuesday October 22 to 7 AM Wednesday October 23 7 PM Thursday October 24 to 7 AM Friday October 25
Week 44	7 PM Sunday October 27 to 7 AM Monday October 28 7 PM Tuesday October 29 to 7 AM Wednesday October 30 7 PM Thursday October 31 to 7 AM Friday November 1
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.

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.