
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 16, 2025

The following actions were taken:

Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2025 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Setline Fishery (The Dalles Pool)</i>	
Season:	7:00 AM Saturday February 1 through 6:00 PM Tuesday February 4. (3.5 days)
Area:	The Dalles Pool only
Gear:	Setlines Only
Sanctuaries	Closed areas include standard closed areas applicable to setline gear.
Allowed Sales	Sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

<i>2025 Treaty Indian Winter Platform and Hook and Line Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Saturday February 1 to 6 PM Friday March 21
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop Nets, Dip Nets, Hook and Line
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to platform and hook and line gear
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal-size limits and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold only if caught during the open period and open Pool of an open setline fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Non-Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2025 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery</i>	
Season:	Open 5 AM to 5 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from January 20 through March 13 (24 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:	<p>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.</p> <p>24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.</p> <p>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.</p>

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 11 AM February 10, 2025 via teleconference to consider Select Area commercial salmon (winter, spring, and summer season) and Zone 6 recreational white sturgeon fisheries.
- A hybrid-style Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 19, 2025 to consider Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The hearing will be held at the ODFW Clackamas office (17330 SE Evelyn Street, Clackamas, OR 97015) and a teleconference call-in option will be available.