
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 11, 2025

The following actions were taken:

Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2025 Treaty Indian Winter Season Research Commercial Fishery (John Day Pool)</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM Thursday March 13 through 6:00 PM Saturday March 29 (16.5 days)
Area:	The following areas in the John Day Pool: Railroad Island slough (45.72504, -120.69580)- only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks. Paterson Slough (45.70664, -120.46430)- only the slough side to the north of Hwy 14. Sundale slough (45.72008, -120.31364)- only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks. Jones Canyon slough (45.71576, -121.24522)- only the slough south of the railroad tracks. Willow Creek slough (45.79306, -120.01470)- only waters south of the eastbound lanes of I-84. Alderdale slough (45.83741, -119.92876)- only waters north of Hwy 14.
Gear:	Gillnets only.
Sanctuaries	These areas do not include any standard closed areas applicable to gillnet gear.
Allowed Sales	Yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, carp, and northern pikeminnow may be sold. These species may be sold after the permit fishing period concludes. All other species including salmon, steelhead and sturgeon must be released.
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 Recreational

<i>2025 John Day Pool Recreational Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
Effective 11:59 PM Thursday, March 13 the retention of sturgeon is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam (John Day Pool) and all adjacent tributaries.	

Non-Treaty Commercial

<i>2025 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery</i>	
Season:	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (5 AM to 5 PM) March 17 through March 27 (6 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

- No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. Joint staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.