

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 21, 2017

THE FOLLOWING GILLNET SEASON WAS EXTENDED:

(Changes highlighted in **bold**)

2017 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Season:	6:00 AM Wednesday February 1 through 6:00 PM Wednesday March 1 in The Dalles and John Day pools.
Area:	SMCRA 1G and 1H (The Dalles and John Day Pools only)
Gear:	Gillnets with no mesh restriction.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length, Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open period.
Sanctuaries:	River mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnets in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.
2017 Treaty Indian Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fishery	
Season:	6:00 AM Monday February 1 through 6:00 PM Monday March 21.
Area:	SMCRA 1F, 1G and 1H (Zone 6)
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip nets, hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sales of fish are allowed after the fishing period as long as they were landed during the open period. Sturgeon of legal size for that pool may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool. Sturgeon from 43-54" fork length in the John Day and The Dalles pools and from 38-54" in the Bonneville Pool may be retained for subsistence.
Sanctuaries:	Dam closed areas applicable to platform gear are in effect. The Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not necessary this time of year.
Miscellaneous:	Quick reporting required for all Washington Fish Buyers pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.14(d), and landings must be quick reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

A Compact is scheduled for 10 AM on March 1 via teleconference to discuss treaty fisheries.

A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 1 PM February 23 at the Clark Regional Wastewater District (8000 NE 52nd Ct., Vancouver, Washington 98665) to discuss mainstem Columbia River fisheries, including recreational spring Chinook fisheries.