
COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 15, 2018

THE FOLLOWING 2018 NON-TREATY FALL FISHERIES WERE SET:

<i>2018 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Early Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	9 PM Tuesday August 21 to 6 AM Wednesday August 22 (9 hours) 9 PM Thursday August 23 to 6 AM Friday August 24 (9 hours) 9 PM Sunday August 26 to 6 AM Monday August 27 (9 hours)
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 rivers.
Gear:	Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction. Multiple net rule NOT in effect, which means nets not authorized for this fishery may not be onboard. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of six white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). This white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.
Additional Rules:	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.

THE FOLLOWING 2018 TREATY FISHERIES WERE SET:

<i>2018 Treaty Indian Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Monday August 27 to 6 PM Thursday August 30 (3.5 days) 6 AM Monday September 3 to 6 PM Friday September 7 (4.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary are in effect.
Gear:	Set and Drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh 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 may not be sold, but 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.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting 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>2018 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season:	Extend the ongoing Sturgeon Setline fishery to 6 PM Saturday August 25
Area:	Bonneville Pool Only
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to setline gear
Gear:	Setline Gear. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area of the set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. It is unlawful to sell, barter, or attempt to sell or barter sturgeon eggs that have been removed from the body cavity of a sturgeon prior to sale of the sturgeon to a wholesale dealer licensed, or to sell or barter sturgeon eggs at retail. It is unlawful to deliver to a wholesale dealer any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Thursday September 6 via teleconference to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet openings. The Joint Staff will monitor the non-Treaty commercial fishery and recommend additional hearings as needed.