

COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 10, 2020

The following action was taken:

<i>2020 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Seasons:	The scheduled gillnet fishery will be 6:00 AM September 14 through 6:00 PM September 18 (4.5 days)
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Set and Drift Gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size.
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 sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is in place.
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>2020 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	8 PM Tuesday September 15 to 6 AM Wednesday September 16 (Week 38) 10 hours 8 PM Monday September 21 to 6 AM Tuesday September 22 (Week 39) 10 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. 8-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:	Salmon (except chum), shad, and white sturgeon. A maximum of four 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:	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

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 PM Thursday September 17 to consider treaty commercial fisheries. Staff will continue to monitor fisheries and stock status and recommend additional hearings as needed.