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# COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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The following actions were taken:

<i>2021 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	Mondays and Thursdays (5 AM to 5 PM) from January 28 through February 25.
<b>Area:</b>	Zones 1-3
<b>Gear:</b>	Gillnet only. Mesh size may not exceed two inches stretch measure. Nets may not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line.
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Smelt
<b>Misc. Regulations:</b>	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.  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 more than 24 hours.

<i>2021 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	6 AM Monday February 1 to 6 PM Saturday February 6 (5.5 days)
<b>Area:</b>	The Dalles and John Day pools only
<b>Gear:</b>	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	Closed areas include standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
<b>Additional:</b>	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>2021 Treaty Indian Winter Platform and Hook and Line Fishery</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	6 AM Monday February 1 to 6 PM Friday March 19
<b>Area:</b>	All of Zone 6
<b>Gear:</b>	Hoop Nets, Dip Nets, Hook and Line
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	Closed areas include standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to platform and hook and line gear

Allowable Sales: Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. 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 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 pool of an open gillnet 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.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 12:30 PM Tuesday February 9, 2021 via teleconference to consider Zone 6 Treaty commercial fisheries and the John Day recreational white sturgeon fishery.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 16, 2021 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter-summer) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 23, 2021 via teleconference to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.