

COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 29, 2021

The following Compact/Joint State action was taken:

2021 Non-Treaty Zone 4-5 Mainstem Commercial Fishery

Season:	7 PM Sunday October 3 through 7 AM Monday October 4 (Week 41) 1 night 7 PM Wednesday October 6 through 7 AM Thursday October 7 (Week 41) 1 night 7 PM Sunday October 10 through 7 AM Monday October 11 (Week 42) 1 night 7 PM Wednesday October 13 through 7 AM Thursday October 14 (Week 42) 1 night
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 in effect which means nets not specifically authorized for the 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. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (except chum), 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:	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.

2021 Buoy 10 to Tongue Point/Rocky Point Recreational Salmon Fishery

Effective 12:01 AM Friday October 1 through October 31, retention of Chinook (adults and jacks) is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Buoy 10 line upstream to the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line. The daily adult bag limit is **three** salmon, of which only one may be a Chinook. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.

2021 Tongue Point/Rocky Point to Warrior Rock Recreational Salmon Fishery

Effective 12:01 AM Friday October 1 through October 31, retention of Chinook (adults and jacks) is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line. The daily adult bag limit is **two** salmon, of which only one may be a Chinook. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.

2021 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Seasons:	6 AM Monday October 4 through 6 PM Thursday October 7 (3.5 days) 6 AM Monday October 11 through 6 PM Thursday October 14 (3.5 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 closed areas applicable to gillnet gear. The Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is reduced to a 150-foot radius around the hatchery ladder.
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

- The Joint Staff will continue to monitor stock status and fisheries, but do not anticipate additional Compact/Joint Staff hearings during the fall management period. The tribes will notify the states if any additional Compact hearings for treaty fisheries are needed.