COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 28, 2023

The following action was taken:

Recreation:

2023 mainstem recreational summer Chinook fisheries downstream of Priest Rapids Dam

Effective Saturday July 1 through July 31, retention of adult Chinook is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from the Astoria/Megler Bridge upstream to Priest Rapids Dam deadline.

Treaty:

2023 Summer Season Treaty Commercial Gillnet Fishery	
Season	6:00 AM Monday July 3 to 6:00 PM Thursday, July 6 (3.5 days)
Area	Zone 6
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect during the summer management period.
Gear:	Set and Drift Gill nets with a 7" minimum mesh size restriction
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. 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 and may be kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers for all areas as provided in WAC 220-352-315, except that all landings from treaty fisheries described above must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

• A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday July 6 to consider Treaty summer commercial gillnet fisheries.