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# COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 20, 2023

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The following actions were taken:

## Treaty

<i>2023 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Seasons:	6:00 AM Monday September 25 through 6:00 PM Friday September 29 (4.5 days) 6:00 AM Monday October 2 through 6:00 PM Friday October 6 (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 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.

## Recreational

<i>2023 Lower Columbia River Fall Season Recreational Salmon Fishery</i>
Effective Friday September 22, until further notice, retention of Chinook and hatchery Coho is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the west Puget Island line upstream to Bonneville Dam. The daily adult bag limit is two salmon (Chinook or hatchery coho) but only one may be a Chinook. All other relevant regulations remain in effect.

**Commercial**

<i>2023 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late-Fall Fishery</i>		
Season:	8 PM Sunday September 24 to 6 AM Monday September 25	10 hours
	8 PM Tuesday September 26 to 6 AM Wednesday September 27	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 is 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. Lighted buoys required.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (except chum) and shad.	
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 12 PM Wednesday September 27, 2023 to consider additional non-treaty mainstem commercial fisheries.