

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 14, 2017

THE FOLLOWING SEASON WAS SET:

<i>Recommendation: 2017 Non-Treaty Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery</i>	
Season:	8 PM Sunday September 17 to 6 AM Monday September 18 (10 hours) 8 PM Tuesday September 19 to 6 AM Wednesday September 20 (10 hours) 8 PM Thursday September 21 to 6 AM Wednesday September 22 (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. 9-inch minimum mesh size restriction through September 20; 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction for September 21-22. 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. Lighted Buoys: Nets fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then a lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net is required
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five 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 Rules:	Observer Program: As a condition of fishing or participating in this fishery, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must carry and accommodate a Department observer for the duration of the fishing trip when requested. It is unlawful to deny access or fail to carry a Department observer upon request. When a Department observer is onboard, it is expected that any steelhead caught will be brought onboard for biological sampling prior to release. As used in this rule, a Department observer is an employee of either the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, or Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180. 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 on Thursday, September 21 at 1pm via teleconference to consider possible additional fisheries is scheduled.