Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Commercial Late Fall Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

  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 Friday 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 river sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: Drift gillnets only.

- 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions through September 20.
- 8-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions for September 21-22.

Nets that are 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 one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Multiple Net Rule: 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.

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). The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to mainstem fisheries only.

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 the Oregon Department of Marine Resources.
Department of Fish and Wildlife, or Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. It is anticipated that 12-15 observers will be deployed during each fishing period.

**Reporting Rules:**

Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically 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.

24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180.

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**Treaty Indian Fisheries**

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

**Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery**

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<th>Season</th>
<th>6 AM Monday September 18 to 6 PM Friday September 22 (4½ days)</th>
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<td>Area</td>
<td>All of Zone 6.</td>
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<td>Gear</td>
<td>Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect.</td>
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<td>Sanctuaries</td>
<td>All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear in effect, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder).</td>
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<td>Allowable Sales</td>
<td>Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.</td>
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**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday September 21, 2017 to consider additional treaty commercial gillnet openings.
- The Joint Staff will announce additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 14, 2017 Fall Fact Sheet #4 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)