

# COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 23, 2022

The following actions were taken:

<b><i>2022 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	6 AM Thursday February 24 to 6 PM Monday February 28 (3.5 days)
Area:	The Dalles Pool only
Gear:	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
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.

<b><i>2022 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	Extend the ongoing fishery until 6 PM Monday February 28 (2 additional days for a total of 27.5 days)
Area:	John Day Pool only
Gear:	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
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<b><i>2022 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i></b>	
Season:	6 AM Wednesday March 2 to 6 PM Friday March 4 (2.5 days)
Area:	Bonneville Pool only
Gear:	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
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.

**2022 Select Area White Sturgeon Retention**

Effective February 24 through July 28, a maximum of **three** 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 white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

**2022 Select Area Recreational Fisheries**

Effective March 1 – June 15:

On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits.

On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is closed to Chinook retention, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

**2022 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery**

**Downstream of Bonneville Dam**

**Season:** Tuesday March 1 through Wednesday April 6 37 retention days

**Area:** Buoy 10 line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook.

Shad may also be retained. All other permanent regulations apply.

**Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border**

**Season:** Friday April 1 through Thursday May 5 35 retention days

**Area:** Tower Island power lines (approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border, plus the Oregon and Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

**Daily Bag Limit:** Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook.

All other permanent regulations apply.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM March 1, 2022 to consider non-treaty Eulachon commercial and Zone 6 recreational sturgeon fisheries.