

COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 30, 2020

The following action was taken on non-treaty recreational fisheries:

2020 Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fishery

Effective Saturday July 4 through Wednesday July 8, retention of hatchery Chinook (adults and jacks) is allowed in the mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point-Rocky Point line upstream to the Highway 395 bridge at Pasco, WA. The daily bag limit includes two adult hatchery Chinook only. All sockeye and steelhead must be released. All other permanent regulations, including bag limits for jack Chinook, apply.

The following action was taken on treaty commercial fisheries:

2020 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season	6 AM Wednesday July 1 to 6 PM Friday, July 3	(2.5 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 required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.	

2020 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season	6 AM Monday July 6 to 6 PM Thursday, July 9	(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 no 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	

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Additional: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Future Meetings

A Joint State/Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00AM Wednesday, July 8, 2020 via teleconference to consider Columbia River summer mainstem recreational and treaty commercial fisheries.