

FALL SEASON COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHERY SET
Commercial Gillnet Fishery 9/12-16
Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries Continue
Thursday, September 8, 2011

Today the Compact states of Oregon and Washington concurred with the four treaty tribes' decision to set an additional fall season commercial gillnet fishery opening.

FALL SEASON COMMERCIAL GILLNET FISHING PERIOD:

AREA: All of Zone 6

DATES: 6 AM Monday September 12 to 6 PM Friday September 16 (4.5 days)

GEAR: There will be a minimum mesh size restriction of 8 inches.

ALLOWABLE SALES: All Salmon, steelhead, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold, but legal sized sturgeon may be kept for subsistence purposes (Legal sized sturgeon are from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool). Sales of fish caught during the open period for gillnet fishing are allowed after the end of the open period as long as the fish were landed during the open period.

SANCTUARIES: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries shall remain in effect. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder) will be in effect.

The tribes will be periodically reviewing harvests and run sizes and may make any needed changes to fisheries to ensure fisheries are meeting objectives. Additional commercial fishing time is expected after September 16.

Mainstem platform and hook and line fishing regulations remain unchanged and continues as previously authorized for both commercial and subsistence use until further notice.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 4270 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, Oregon. Phone: (541)-386-6363 or toll-free (800)-487-FISH (3474). **Please consult your tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee for additional details on tribal regulations. PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS FOR SAFETY and avoid overloaded boats.**