
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 24, 2008

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review fall Chinook stock status and took the following actions:

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Summer Season Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday July 28 to 6 PM Thursday July 31, 2008 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: No minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, sockeye, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 42-60 inches in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
 - b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
 - c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington approved the following rule changes for the Lower Columbia River sturgeon sport fisheries:

- Modified the previously adopted white sturgeon recreational fishery as follows. Modifications in **bold**:

Above Wauna Powerlines

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries, and the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel):

- Allow retention of sturgeon four days per week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday effective Tuesday January 1, 2008 through Wednesday December 31, 2008 (**including August and September**).
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.

Below Wauna Powerlines

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay; and all adjacent Washington tributaries:

- Allow retention of white sturgeon three days per week Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays July 10 through July 12, 2008 and July 17 through July 19, 2008 with a 45-inch minimum and 60-inch maximum size limit in effect.
- Allow retention of white sturgeon Saturday July 26, 2008 with a 45-inch minimum and 60-inch maximum size limit in effect.
- **Rescinded the retention fishery scheduled for Sunday July 27, 2008.**
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Catch limits and other restrictions listed in the current 2008 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact/Joint State hearings are currently scheduled. The Joint Staff anticipates the need for a Compact hearing in mid-August via teleconference to discuss additional treaty Indian and non-Indian mainstem commercial fishing seasons.
- For information regarding these decisions see July 24, 2008 Summer Fact Sheet #8 and Fall Fact Sheet No. 2. http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (971) 673-6000 and following recorded instructions.
- Note: Joint Staff Reports, Fact Sheets, and Columbia River Action Notices are also available through the Internet at:
<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>