
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 29, 2009

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Winter Commercial Mainstem White Sturgeon Fishery

- Modified the allowable sales for the ongoing non-Indian commercial season as follows.

Allowable Sales: Effective Tuesday February 3, 2009 a maximum of 12 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington adopted the fishery shown below:

Season: 6 AM Monday February 2 to 6 PM Saturday March 21, 2009.

Bonneville Pool: 6 AM on Monday through 6 PM on Friday of each week or until the sturgeon guideline is met.

John Day Pool and The Dalles Pool: Seven days per week or until the sturgeon guideline is met.

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: No mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon, steelhead, walleye, shad, carp, catfish, bass and yellow perch.

Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.

Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

Chinook salmon may not be sold but may be retained for Ceremonial and Subsistence use.

Miscellaneous Rules:	Sale of platform and hook-and-line caught fish is allowed during open commercial gillnet seasons, with the same allowable species.
Washington Reporting Rule:	WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian mainstem winter commercial fishery to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

- Modified the white sturgeon measurement standard for **all** Treaty Indian fisheries as follows:

Effective February 2, 2009, all treaty Indian fisheries will convert from a total length to a fork length measurement standard for white sturgeon (measure from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail).

The legal-size slot limit for all Treaty fisheries in Bonneville Pool is **38-54 inches fork length**.

The legal-size slot limit for all Treaty fisheries in The Dalles and John Day pools is **43-54 inches fork length**.
- The State of Washington is also allowing the Yakama Nation subsistence fishery immediately below Bonneville Dam consistent with the State's 2007 MOA with the Yakama Nation. This bank fishing only fishery is located on the Washington shoreline from 600 feet below the fish ladder at the Bonneville Dam North shore powerhouse downstream to Beacon Rock and is open to Yakama Tribal members only. Steelhead, walleye, carp, shad, catfish, bass, and yellow perch caught with hoopnets or hook-and-line gear from this area may be sold or retained for subsistence. White sturgeon must be released. Chinook may not be sold but may be retained for ceremonial or subsistence use. The dates of allowable sales are from 6 AM February 2 through 6 PM March 21, 2009. Sales may not occur on USACE property.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact/Joint State hearings are currently scheduled.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 29, 2009 Winter Fact Sheet #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.