
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 13, 2009

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Mainstem Winter Commercial Fishery

Modified the ongoing treaty Indian winter commercial season as follows. Modifications in **bold**.

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

Effective 6 AM Monday February 16 the winter commercial gillnet fishery in the Bonneville Pool will close. The platform/hook and line fishery in the Bonneville Pool will continue as previously scheduled.

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. **(John Day and The Dalles Pool only)**

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 may be sold or kept for subsistence use. **White sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use only.**

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 (including those from Bonneville Pool) is allowed during open commercial gillnet seasons, with the same allowable species.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact/Joint State hearings are currently scheduled.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 13, 2009 Winter Fact Sheet #4. 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.