
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Joint State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 7, 2009

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In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states discussed the following mainstem Columbia non-Indian sport fisheries and took the following actions:

2009 Lower Columbia River Sturgeon Sport Fishery

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 on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during July 10 through July 12, 2009 and July 17 through July 19, 2009 with a 41-inch minimum fork length and 54-inch maximum fork length limit in effect.
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Catch limits and other restrictions listed in the current 2009 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday July 21, 2009 to review catch rates in the estuary recreational white sturgeon fishery and consider additional fishing opportunity.
- The treaty tribes may request a Compact hearing next week to consider additional treaty commercial fishing periods.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for July 29, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Seafood Consumer Center, located at 2021 Marine Drive, Suite 200, Astoria, Oregon.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 7, 2009 Summer Fact Sheet #7 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp