
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 17, 2010

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

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:

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| Season: | 6 PM | Tuesday January 18 | to | 6 PM | Wednesday January 19, 2011 | (24 hrs) |
| | 6 PM | Tuesday January 25 | to | 6 PM | Wednesday January 26, 2011 | (24 hrs) |
| | 6 PM | Tuesday February 1 | to | 6 PM | Wednesday February 2, 2011 | (24 hrs) |
| | 6 PM | Tuesday February 8 | to | 6 PM | Wednesday February 9, 2011 | (24 hrs) |

Area: Zones 1 - 5.

Sanctuaries: Sandy River sanctuary is in effect.

Gear: 9" minimum and 9-3/4" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length) and adipose fin-clipped salmon. A maximum of **10** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have **lighted buoys** on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial fisheries 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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

- Under permanent regulations, a treaty Indian commercial setline season occurs annually from noon January 1 to noon January 31, 2011 and a treaty Indian commercial gillnet season occurs annually from noon February 1 through 6:00 p.m. March 21, 2011.

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington approved the following rule change for Columbia River recreational fisheries:

- Recreational sturgeon fisheries will resume for the early portion of 2011 under the same regulations as 2010. Additional season modifications will be considered at the February Compact/Joint State hearing.

Above Wauna Powerlines

- Effective Saturday, January 1 through Saturday, April 30, 2011 **angling is prohibited for all species** in the area from a line between the upstream end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline, downstream to a line between the lower end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline.

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, and all adjacent Washington tributaries:

- Allow retention of white sturgeon three days per week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday effective January 1, 2011 until further notice with a **38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length restriction in effect.**
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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 during:
 - January 1, 2011 until further notice.
 - **38-inch minimum fork length** in effect during January 1 through April 30, 2011.
 - **54-inch maximum fork length** in effect throughout the season.
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The following regulations apply to the recreational sturgeon seasons adopted above:

- Catch and release of sturgeon may continue during retention closures.
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Catch limits and other restrictions listed in the current 2011 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

The **Willamette River recreational sturgeon fishery** scheduled to open for retention on January 1, 2011 will be **delayed** until the Oregon commission has had an opportunity to review the Columbia River white sturgeon population status and fisheries at their February meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The next Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM, Tuesday, February 8, 2011. Time and place to be determined.
- For information concerning these decisions see the December 17, 2010 Fall Fact Sheet #12. http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp