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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### **Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery**

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday June 27 to 6 PM Thursday June 30, 2011 (3.5 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: Floating gill nets **only**. Diver gill nets are prohibited.  
No minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

Legal size white sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Commercial buyers may only purchase sturgeon in the round.

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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)

c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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#### **Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries Above Bonneville**

- Modified the allowable sales in the ongoing summer Chinook Platform Hook and Line fishery as follows. Modification in **bold**.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, catfish, bass, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool landed from 6 AM Monday June 27, 2011 through 6 PM Thursday June 30, 2011 **may be sold** or retained for subsistence use. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time. Commercial buyers may only purchase sturgeon in the round.

## Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

### ***White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries***

#### **Below Wauna Powerlines**

**Modified** the ongoing white sturgeon recreational fishery as follows, modifications in **bold**.

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 seven days per week during:
  - Saturday January 1 through Saturday April 30, 2011
  - Saturday May 14 through Sunday June 26, 2011
  - **Monday June 27 through Thursday June 30, 2011**
  - Friday July 1 through Monday July 4, 2011 and,
  - **Tuesday July 5 through Sunday July 31, 2011 or until guideline is reached.**
- 41-inch minimum fork length and a 54-inch maximum fork length in effect after April 30.

#### **Zone 6 White Sturgeon Fishery**

**Adopted** the white sturgeon recreational fishery as follows:

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

- Allow the retention of sturgeon in Bonneville Pool including adjacent Washington tributaries on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays effective 12:01 am Thursday June 30, 2011 through Saturday July 2, 2011 and Thursday July 7, 2011 through Saturday July 9, 2011.
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- For both recreational sturgeon fisheries above, catch limits and other restrictions in the 2011 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

#### **Select Area Commercial Fisheries**

##### ***Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries***

- Effective 6 PM, Monday June 27, 2011 the retention of white sturgeon is prohibited in the Youngs Bay Select Area summer commercial fishery.
- All other previously adopted rules for this fishery remain in effect.

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing *may* be announced for the morning of June 28, dependent on the status of ongoing commercial (treaty and non-Indian) fisheries.
- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Wednesday July 13 via teleconference to provide an update on the recreational white sturgeon fishery downstream of Wauna powerlines.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 28, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, 204 West Marine Drive in Astoria, Oregon to consider August mainstem treaty and non-Indian and fall Select Area commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 23, 2011 Summer Fact Sheet #3 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)