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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 7, 2011

## 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 July 11 to 6 PM Friday July 15, 2011 (4.5 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: Gill nets with a minimum stretched mesh size restriction of 7-1/4".

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, 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.

Sockeye may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon may not be sold. 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 retained for subsistence use.

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 (Zone 6 and Below Bonneville Dam)**

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

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

**Sockeye landed after 6:00 PM Sunday, July 10, 2011 may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence use.**

**Sturgeon may not be sold.** 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 kept for subsistence use.

Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.

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

## **Joint State Action**

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

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

#### **Bonneville Reservoir** (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

- Effective 12:01 AM Saturday July 9, 2011 the retention of sturgeon in Bonneville Reservoir and tributaries is prohibited.
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- For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits and other restrictions in the 2011 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- 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 July 9, 2011 Summer Fact Sheets #6 and 7 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)