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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 15, 2011

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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

#### ***Commercial Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday September 19 to 6 PM Friday September 23, 2011 4½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary

Gear: Gill nets with an 8" minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

White sturgeon may not be sold. 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 may be kept for subsistence use.

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

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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

## **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:

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

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

### **Above Wauna Powerlines**

- **Added three days, Saturday October 1, Thursday October 6, and Friday October 7, 2011, to the previously adopted retention fishery.**
- In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries, excluding the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, Multnomah Channel, and Gilbert River retention of white sturgeon will be allowed three days per week (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) from **Saturday October 1, through Saturday December 31, 2011, or until guideline is met** with a 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length restriction in effect.
- **The lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, Multnomah Channel, and Gilbert River remain closed to retention of white sturgeon.**

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing via teleconference is scheduled for 10:00 AM Thursday September 22, 2011 to review treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the September 15, 2011 Fall Fact Sheets #10a and 10b [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)