
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

November 1, 2011

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Adopted a sturgeon setline fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Wednesday November 2 to 6 PM Saturday December 3, 2011 31.5 days

Area: The Dalles Pool only.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect, except the Spring Creek Sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: Setlines with a minimum hook size of 9/0. Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.

Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.

Fishers are reminded that it is unlawful to use setline gear: with more than 100 hooks per setline; with treble hooks; without visible buoys attached; and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length caught in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length caught in John Day Pool and between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may not be sold but may be kept for subsistence use.

Sales of fish caught during open fishing periods are allowed after the end of the period, provided the fish were landing during the open period.

Per OAR 635-041-0060: Sturgeon must be delivered to wholesale fish dealers, canners, or fish buyers undressed (in the round), and it is unlawful to:

- Remove eggs from the body cavity of sturgeon until the fish is sold;
- Purchase from commercial fisher's sturgeon eggs which have been removed from the body cavity prior to sale.

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No future Compact hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning this hearing see the November 1, 2011 Fall Fact Sheet #19 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp