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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 28, 2012

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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 Tuesday July 3 to 6 PM Friday July 6, 2012           (3.5 days)  
                      6 AM Monday July 9 to 6 PM Wednesday July 11, 2012   (2.5 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. No minimum mesh size restriction.

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

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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## 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***

**Modified** the ongoing fisheries as follows, modifications in **bold**.

#### ***Above Wauna Powerlines***

- Angling for sturgeon is prohibited from Tuesday May 1 to Friday August 31, 2012 from Bonneville Dam downstream **nine miles** to a line crossing the Columbia River from Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore **westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington shore upstream of Fir Point**.

#### ***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 seven days per week during Saturday May 12 through **Wednesday July 4, 2012. Retention prohibited effective 12:01 AM Thursday July 5, 2012 through the remainder of the year.**
  - 41-inch minimum fork length in effect during May 12 through **July 4, 2012.**
  - 54-inch maximum fork length in effect throughout the season.

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- For recreational sturgeon fisheries above, catch limits and other restrictions in the 2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

## Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

### Select Area Commercial Fisheries

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

- Effective 6 PM, Monday July 2, 2012 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 is scheduled for 3 PM Wednesday July 11, 2012 via teleconference to consider Treaty fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is also scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 26, 2012 at The River Street Room, 25 River Street, Cathlamet, Washington regarding non-Indian commercial fall seasons.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 28, 2012 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)