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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Joint State Action

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

### 2015 Zone 6 White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery

#### ***Bonneville Pool (Winter retention season)***

Season: Thursday January 1 through Sunday March 1, 2015 (60 days)

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

Allowable Catch: White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.

- Staff will monitor the fishery in-season and recommend modifications if necessary to balance harvest between winter and summer seasons.
- Anglers should be aware that a sturgeon research program may be ongoing in Bonneville Pool in early January. Tribal fishers will be deploying gillnets marked with research buoys. Researchers request that anglers avoid fishing too close to the nets.

#### ***The Dalles and John Day Pools***

Per permanent regulations, retention fisheries will open January 1, 2015 until quota is reached.

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The annual bag limit is two (2) white sturgeon even if the angler holds an Oregon and Washington license. Other restrictions in the 2015 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday January 28, 2015 at the Clark Regional Wastewater District office (8000 52nd Court, Vancouver, Washington). The purpose of this hearing is to review salmon and steelhead stock status and consider non-Indian commercial and recreational fishing seasons in the Columbia River and Select Areas.
- For information concerning these decisions see the December 18, 2014 Winter Fact Sheet #1 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)