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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### ***Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery***

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fishery.

**Season:** 6 AM Wednesday May 25 through 6 PM Friday May 27, 2016. (2½ days)

**Area:** All of Zone 6.

**Gear:** Gill nets (no mesh restriction).

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch.

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 landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

**Sanctuaries:** All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary will not be in effect.

**Washington Reporting Rule:** 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240. Landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

## **Joint State Action**

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook Fishery***

- Adopted the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam:
  - Area:** **Tongue Point/Rocky Point line** upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.  
Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.
  - Dates:** Open Friday May 27 through Monday May 30 and Friday June 3 through Wednesday, June 15, 2016 (17 days).
  - Catch Limits:** Two adult salmonids per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Retention of jacks is allowed. All sockeye must be released. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept.
  - Additional Regulations:** On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits.  
On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.
- All other permanent regulations in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

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

#### **John Day Pool (John Day Dam to McNary Dam)**

- Effective 12:01 AM Sunday May 29, 2016 the retention of white sturgeon in The John Day Pool and adjacent tributaries is prohibited.
- For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Thursday May 26 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.

- For information concerning these decisions see the May 24, 2016 Spring Fact Sheets #6a and 6b 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)