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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 actions:

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

**Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:**

#### ***Treaty Fall Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery***

Season: 6:00 AM Monday October 24 to 6:00 PM Saturday November 5, 2016

Area: John Day Pool only.

Season: 6:00 AM Monday November 7 to 6:00 PM Saturday November 12, 2016

Area: The Dalles Pool only.

Season: 6:00 AM Monday November 14 to 6:00 PM Saturday November 26, 2016

Area: Bonneville Pool only.

- The following Sanctuaries, Gear, Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:

Sanctuaries: Standard sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.

Gear: Setline gear. Fisheries are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable Sales: Sturgeon of legal size caught in open periods for that pool may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Legal size limits include sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles or John Day Pools.

Sturgeon of legal size caught in the Zone 6 platform and hook-and-line fishery and in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries in Bonneville Pool may be sold or retained for subsistence use if caught during open commercial setline periods for that pool.

Other species may be sold according to ongoing platform and hook-and-line regulations.

All other ongoing platform and hook-and-line regulations remain in effect.

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

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: 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 action:

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Salmon and Steelhead Fisheries***

- Effective 12:01 AM Saturday October 22 through Saturday December 31 angling for, and retention of, all salmon and steelhead (adults and jacks) is prohibited from Buoy 10 to the Highway 395 Bridge near Pasco, Washington.
- All other permanent regulations in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 19, 2016 Fall Fact Sheets #12a and #12b 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)