
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 5, 2018

Compact Action

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

Treaty Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Summer Commercial Fisheries

- Season:** 6:00 AM Monday June 18 to 6:00 PM Friday June 22 (4½ days)
6:00 AM Monday June 25 to 6:00 PM Friday June 29 (4½ days)
- Area:** All of Zone 6.
- Gear:** Set and drift gill nets. 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.
- Sanctuaries:** All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
- Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use.
- Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

Summer Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

- Season:** 6:00 AM Saturday June 16 through 11:59 PM Tuesday July 31
- Area:** All of Zone 6
- Gear:** Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
- Sanctuaries:** Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gears, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon (all species) and steelhead caught after 6:00 AM on June 16 may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may also be sold or retained for subsistence use.
- Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use.
- Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

Yakama Nation Zone 6 Commercial Tributary Fisheries

- Season:** 6:00 AM Saturday June 16 until further notice and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
- Area:** Wind River, Drano Lake, and Klickitat River.
- Gear:** Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool tributaries may be kept for subsistence use.
Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

Summer Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Season:** 6:00 AM Saturday June 16 through 11:59 PM Tuesday July 31 and only during those days and hours when the area is open under lawfully enacted tribal fishery regulations for enrolled tribal members in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA.
- Area:** As defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
- Gear:** Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence.
Sturgeon retention is prohibited downstream of Bonneville Dam
Sale of fish is not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale.
Fish landed during the open periods may be sold after the period concludes.

Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Season:** 6:00 AM Wednesday June 6 to 6:00 PM Friday June 15
- Area:** John Day Pool only.
- 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.
- Sanctuaries:** Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.

- Allowable Sales:** Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in the John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.
- 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.

Sturgeon Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

- Season:** 6:00 AM Wednesday June 6 to 6:00 PM Friday June 15 only during open sturgeon setline fishery.
- Area:** John Day Pool only.
- Gear:** Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
- Sanctuaries:** Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gears.
- Allowable Sales:** Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence use during the open period and open area of the set line fishery. Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.

The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to the above treaty fisheries.

- Washington Reporting Rule:** 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180, except 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 Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries

- Extended the following recreational fishery as follows:

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Dates:** Open Thursday June 7 – Friday June 15, 2018
- Area:** Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to angling deadlines (boat and bank) at Bonneville Dam.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook, coho, or steelhead) per day.

- Modified the following catch limits for the ongoing recreational fishery. Modification in **bold**.

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

Dates: Thursday June 7 through Friday June 15, 2018

Area: Tower Island powerlines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border plus bank angling only between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

Catch Limits: **Two adult hatchery salmonids per day (Chinook, coho, or steelhead).**

- All other permanent regulations in the 2018 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.
- Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.

Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

- Extended the following recreational fishery as follows:

Below Wauna Powerlines

Season: Saturday June 9, 2018 1 day

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries

Allowable Catch: Up to 1,255 white sturgeon.
 Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length.
 (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).
 The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish.
 Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon (including catch and release) is prohibited after **2 PM**.

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 June 5, 2018 Spring Fact Sheets #2a and #2b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp