
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 16, 2018

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

Season: 6:00 AM Wednesday October 17 to 6:00 PM Wednesday October 31

Areas: Bonneville Pool only.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam 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 from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area of the Bonneville Pool set line fishery.

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.

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

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 16, 2018 Fall Fact Sheet #9 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp