
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 25, 2019

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:

Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

Season: 6:00 AM Friday July 26 to 6:00 PM Saturday August 17

Areas: John Day Pool only.

Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas 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 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. 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 John Day Pool set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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.

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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. It is unlawful to deliver to a wholesale dealer any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- There will be a Compact Hearing on Tuesday, July 30 at 10 AM by teleconference to consider Select Area Fisheries and fall season Treaty platform and hook and line fisheries.
- There will be a Compact Hearing on Monday, August 12 at 10 AM at the WDFW Regional Office in Ridgefield, WA to consider Treaty and non-Treaty mainstem commercial gillnet fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 25, 2019 Summer Fact Sheet #3 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp