
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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Joint State Action

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

Columbia River Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

- Modified the following retention fisheries (modifications in **bold**):

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

Season: **Sunday January 1 and Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from January 2 – March 22, 2023** **36 days**

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam, and all adjacent tributaries.

Allowable Catch: Up to 675 white sturgeon.

Legal size: 38-inch minimum and 54-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 (applicable to any/all 2023 retention fisheries).

The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam)

Season: **Sunday January 1 and Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from January 2 – March 4, 2023** **28 days**

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam, and all adjacent tributaries.

Allowable Catch: Up to 190 white sturgeon.

Legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-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 (applicable to any/all 2023 retention fisheries).

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, the catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2023 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations

pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

Current regulations are available at:

<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning these decisions see the November 9, 2022 Winter Fact Sheet #1 at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp