
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 9, 2023

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Commercial Gillnet Fishery

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

Season: 6 AM Monday February 13 to 6 PM Tuesday February 14 (1.5 days)

Area: The Dalles Pool only

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh-size restriction)

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to 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.

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- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following modified fishery with modifications in **bold**:

Season: 6 AM Wednesday February 1 through 6 PM **Monday February 20 (19.5 days)**

Area: John Day Pool only

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh-size restriction)

Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
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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

John Day Pool (John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam)

Adopted the following retention fishery:

- Season: Saturday, February 11, Wednesday February 15, and Saturday, February 18 (3 days)
- Area: Mainstem Columbia River from John Day Dam to McNary Dam, and all adjacent tributaries.
- Allowable Catch: Up to 21 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

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 14, 2023 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter–summer) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A hybrid Joint State Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 22, 2023 to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The meeting will be held at the WDFW Ridgefield office (5525 S. 11th Street, Ridgefield, Washington 98642) and a teleconference call-in option will be available
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 9, 2023, Winter Fact Sheets #4a & 4b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.