
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 31, 2023

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: **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays January 1 – February 7, 2024** (17 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 sturgeon retention fisheries).

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

Season: **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays January 1–29, 2024** (13 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 sturgeon retention fisheries).

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, the catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2024 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 Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning these decisions see the October 31, 2023 Winter Fact Sheet No.1 at: https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp.