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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 3, 2024

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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***

#### **Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)**

- Effective 11:59 PM Wednesday, January 3, 2024 the retention of sturgeon is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam (Bonneville Pool) and all adjacent tributaries.

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

- Effective 11:59 PM Wednesday, January 3, 2024 the retention of sturgeon is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam (The Dalles Pool) and all adjacent tributaries.

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, 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>.

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## FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM January 23, 2024 via teleconference to consider non-treaty Columbia River commercial smelt fisheries and Zone 6 treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 13, 2024 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter, spring, and summer seasons) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A hybrid Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 21, 2024 to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The hearing will be held at the City of Vancouver Water Resources Education Center located at: 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA 98661. A teleconference call-in option will be available.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 3, 2024 Winter Fact Sheet No.2 at: [https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](https://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp).