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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

November 13, 2025

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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 2026 retention fisheries (modifications in **bold**):

Bonneville Pool (Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam)

- Effective Thursday, January 1, 2026 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 to John Day Dam)

- Effective Thursday, January 1, 2026 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.

John Day Pool (John Day Dam to McNary Dam)

Season: **Thursday January 1 through Thursday April 30, 2026**

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam (John Day Pool), and all adjacent tributaries.

Allowable White sturgeon; legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length.

Catch: (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 statewide).

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, the statewide harvest limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2026 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations book will be 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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For information concerning these decisions see the November 13, 2025 Winter Fact Sheet No.1 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).

## Future Meetings

No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.