
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

October 6, 2011

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Zone 6 Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

- Modified the ongoing zone 6 platform hook and line fishing season as follows:

Effective 6 PM, Saturday, October 8, 2011, sales of all fish caught in zone 6 platform and hook-and-line fisheries is prohibited. Subsistence regulations remain unchanged.

- The following regulations for zone 6 platform and hook-and-line fishing were adopted and are effective 6 PM Monday, October 10:

Season: 6 AM Monday October 10 to 6 PM Monday October 31, 2011 21.5 days

Area: All of Zone 6

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon only. Sales of salmon and steelhead from these fisheries are prohibited, but salmon and steelhead may be retained for subsistence purposes.

White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length caught in The Dalles and John Day Pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence during these fisheries, but may be sold only if caught during the allowed setline fishing period in each reservoir.

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Modified the ongoing fishing season as follows:

Effective 6 PM, Saturday October 8, 2011, sales of all fish caught in platform and hook and line fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam, as described in each Tribe's MOU/MOA, will be prohibited. Subsistence regulations remain unchanged.

Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

- Effective 6 PM Saturday, October 8, 2011, sales of steelhead caught in Yakama Nation Washington tributary fisheries are prohibited. Sales of Chinook, coho, pink, and chum salmon caught in Yakama Nation tributary fisheries will continue to be allowed, but require a Yakama Nation permit consistent with Yakama Nation tribal regulations.

Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Adopted a sturgeon setline fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday October 10 to 6 PM Monday October 31, 2011 21.5 days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect, except the Spring Creek Sanctuary will not be in effect.

Gear: Setlines with a minimum hook size of 9/0.

Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.

Fishers are reminded that it is unlawful to use setline gear: with more than 100 hooks per setline; with treble hooks; without visible buoys attached; and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length caught in The Dalles and John Day Pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.

Sales of fish caught during open fishing periods are allowed after the end of the period, provided the fish were landing during the open period.

Per OAR 635-041-0060: Sturgeon must be delivered to wholesale fish dealers, canners, or fish buyers undressed (in the round), and it is unlawful to:

- Remove eggs from the body cavity of sturgeon until the fish is sold;
- Purchase from commercial fisher's sturgeon eggs which have been removed from the body cavity prior to sale.

The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all treaty Indian seasons adopted above:

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
 - b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
 - c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281
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FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 11, 2011 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the October 6, 2011 Fall Fact Sheet #15 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp