
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 10, 2010

The states of Oregon and Washington met today to review recreational sturgeon fisheries in the Columbia River upstream of Bonneville Dam and took the following actions:

Bonneville Pool Reservoir (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

Effective (12:01 AM) Sunday February 21, 2010: the retention of sturgeon in the Columbia River and tributaries between Bonneville Dam and The Dalles Dam is prohibited.

The Dalles Reservoir (The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam) and the John Day Reservoir (John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam) will continue as scheduled (open until guideline met).

All other permanent angling regulations remain in effect.

WDFW's website:

www.wdfw.wa.gov/fish/crc/crcindex.htm

ODFW's website:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/main.html>

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Effective 6:00 p.m. February 11, the ongoing treaty commercial gillnet fishery in Bonneville Pool will close. Platform, and hook and line fisheries will continue, except for sturgeon sales will be prohibited in Bonneville Pool. The following reflects the changes adopted by the Compact:

<i>Treaty Indian Winter Season</i>	
Season #1:	6 PM February 11 through 6 PM March 21, 2010
Area:	The Dalles and John Day Pool (SMCRA 1G, 1H).
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect (no Spring Creek sanctuary).
Gear:	Gill net. No minimum mesh size restrictions.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon steelhead, shad, carp, walleye, bass, yellow perch, catfish, and sturgeon. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles pool and John Day pool may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time. Live release of all oversize and under size sturgeon is required.
Season #2:	6 PM February 11 through 6 PM March 21, 2010
Area:	Zone 6 (SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H).
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect for gear type
Gear:	hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, walleye, bass, yellow perch, catfish, and sturgeon. Except sturgeon caught in the Bonneville pool (1F) may not be sold. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools (1G-1H) may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in the Bonneville Pool (1F) may only be retained for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time. Live release of all oversize and under size sturgeon is required
<i>Yakama Nation Ceremonial and Subsistence(C&S) Fishery</i>	
Time:	6 PM February 11 through 6 PM March 21, 2010. Fishery to be conducted consisted with the 2007 MOA between Washington state and Yakama Nation.
Area:	Washington shoreline from 600 feet below the fish ladder at the Bonneville Dam North shore powerhouse downstream to Beacon Rock (bank fishing only).
Participants	Yakama Tribal members only
Gear:	Dip nets, hoop nets, and rod and reel with hook & line
Allowable Sales:	Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, walleye, bass, yellow perch and catfish. Sturgeon retention is prohibited, and may not be sold nor retained for ceremonial & subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time. Sale of platform or hook-and-line-caught fish is allowed during open commercial seasons. Sales may not occur on USACE property.

24- hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, WAC 220-69-240, for all areas