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:

**John Day Pool** (John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam)

Effective (12:01 AM) **Sunday April 10, 2011**: the retention of sturgeon in the Columbia River and tributaries between John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam is prohibited.

The Dalles Pool (The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam) will continue as scheduled (open until guideline met).

Bonneville Pool closed for retention February 19.

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
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife April 4, 2011

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**Red corks** are required at 25 fathom intervals, and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

**Lighted Buoys**: Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

**Recovery Box**: Each boat will be required to have on board two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. Each chamber of the recovery box(es) must include an operating water pumping system capable of delivering a minimum flow of 16 gallons per minute, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute of freshwater per chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box; the inside length measurement must be at or within 39½ inches to 48 inches, the inside width measurements must be at or within 8 to 10 inches, and the inside height measurement must be at or within 14 to 16 inches.

Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between ¾ inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or end wall of the chamber and 1¼ inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole that is a least 1½ inches in diameter located on either the same or opposite end as the inlet. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to WDFW and ODFW employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh river water into each chamber.

All non-legal sturgeon, non-retainable salmon, and steelhead must be released immediately to the river with care and with the least possible injury to the fish, or placed into an operating recovery box. Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.

**Additional Rules:**

**Observer program**: As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

**Live Capture workshop**: Only licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques may participate in this fishery. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.

**24-hour quick reporting** required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

**Future Meetings**

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 3 PM Wednesday April 6 to review the lower Columbia River recreational fishery.