
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 18, 2012

A Joint States met today and took the following action:

<i>2013 Bonneville Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
Winter Season:	Tuesday January 1 through Sunday February 10, 2013
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.
Allowable Catch:	White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.
Expected Harvest	1,150 white sturgeon

In order to achieve a split season, staff's intent is to manage the winter season for a harvest of approximately 1,150 fish or a February 10 end date, whichever comes first.

Future Hearings:

The Winter Compact Hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday January 30, 2013 at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel (8235 Northeast Airport Way Portland, Oregon). The purpose of this hearing is to review salmon and steelhead stock status and consider non-Indian commercial and recreational fishing seasons in the Columbia River and Select Areas, including:

- 2013 recreational spring salmon fisheries.
- 2013 recreational sturgeon fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam.
- 2013 Select Area winter-summer commercial fisheries.
- 2013 Non-Indian commercial winter/spring commercial salmon fishing plan.