
COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 27, 2016

THE FOLLOWING SEASON WAS SET:

<i>2016 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season	6 AM Monday August 1 to 6 PM Saturday August 13
Area	Bonneville Pool Only
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to setline gear
Gear:	Setline Gear. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery in Bonneville Pool or Yakama Nation tributary fisheries may be sold only if caught during the open period of the set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. It is unlawful to sell, barter, or attempt to sell or barter sturgeon eggs that have been removed from the body cavity of a sturgeon prior to sale of the sturgeon to a wholesale dealer licensed, or to sell or barter sturgeon eggs at retail. It is unlawful to deliver to a wholesale dealer any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

Quick Report requirements:

Submission of a Quick Report is not complete until the report arrives at the designated department location. Reports can be made

via fax at 360-906-6776 or 360-906-6777;

via e-mail at crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov;

or via phone at 1- 866-791-1281.

Faxing or reporting electronically in portable document format (PDF) a copy of each fish receiving ticket used, within the previously indicated time frames specified per area, satisfies the quick reporting requirement.

- A Compact hearing is scheduled via teleconference for 11 AM August 9 to consider treaty Indian fisheries. A Compact hearing will likely be scheduled the week of August 15 to consider non-Indian commercial seine fisheries.