



FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

Columbia River Joint State Action Notice

Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

December 15, 2005

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

STURGEON SPORT FISHERY, ABOVE WAUNA

DATES: January 1 through July 31-retention allowed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only

August 1 through September 30-closed to retention 7-days per week

October 1 through December 31-retention allowed Thursday, Friday and Saturday only

AREA: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam and all adjacent Washington Tributaries and the lower Willametter River upstream to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel

The Wauna powerlines cross the Columbia River at Puget Island (approximately river mile 40), from Cathlamet, WA to Wauna, OR.

OTHER RESTRICTIONS: As per permanent regulations

Size limit of 42" - 60"

Daily limit: One sturgeon per day

Annual harvest limit: Five sturgeon per year

- The next Compact hearing has been scheduled for:
10 AM January 26, 2006 at the Museum of the Oregon Territory
211 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City, Oregon 97045
- A Joint State Hearing is scheduled to occur immediately following the January 26, 2006 Compact Hearing

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

STURGEON SPORT FISHERY, BELOW WAUNA

DATES: January 1 through April 30, 2006 (retention allowed 7-days per week)

May 1 through May 12 (closed to retention)

May 13 through July 4, 2006, retention allowed 7-days per week

July 5 through December 31, 2006 (closed to retention)

AREA: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including all adjacent Washington tributaries and Youngs Bay in Oregon

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OTHER RESTRICTIONS: As per permanent regulations

Size limit of 42" - 60", January 1 through April 30, 2006

Size limit of 45" - 60", May 13 through July 4, 2006

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL STURGEON FISHERY

DATES: 6 PM Tuesday Jan. 10 through 6 PM Wednesday Jan. 11, 2006 (24 hours)

6 PM Tuesday Jan. 17 through 6 PM Wednesday Jan. 18, 2006 (24 hours)

6 PM Tuesday Jan. 24 through 6 PM Wednesday Jan. 25, 2006 (24 hours)

6 PM Tuesday Jan. 31 through 6 PM Wednesday Feb. 1, 2006 (24 hours)

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6 PM Tuesday Feb. 7 through 6 PM Wednesday Feb. 8, 2006 (24 hours)
6 PM Tuesday Feb. 14 through 6 PM Wednesday Feb. 15, 2006 (24 hours)
6 PM Tuesday Feb. 21 through 6 PM Wednesday Feb. 26, 2006 (24 hours)

AREA: Zones 1-5
SANCTUARIES: Sandy River
GEAR: 9" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum size restrictions
ALLOWABLE SALES: Sturgeon and adipose fin-clipped salmon. Green sturgeon maximum size limit is 60 inches

MISCELLANEOUS RULES:

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington Buyers
WAC 220-69-240

WDFW has adopted rules that require commercial purchasers to report their landings by a specified time. This rule can be attached to any commercial season that is adopted, but is not in place unless specified. WDFW staff has put in place the "quick reporting required" clause for this season. Washington buyers are required to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10AM on the day after the purchase date by either:

- a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

NON-INDIAN COMMERCIAL SMELT FISHERY

DATES: Close ongoing 7-day per week fishery effective Sunday, January 1,

2006.

Adopt a Level One fishery consisting of two 9-hour weekly fishing periods:

7 AM to 4 PM Mondays (9 hours)

7AM to 4PM Thursdays (9 hours)

January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

AREA: Zones 1-5

GEAR: Gill net, dip nets, or trawls as per permanent regulations

PARTICIPANTS: Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear.

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THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASONS WERE SET:

WASHINGTON TRIBUTARY COMMERCIAL SMELT FISHERY

DATES: 6:00 PM to midnight Sundays (6 hours)
6:00 PM to midnight Wednesdays (6 hours)

January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

AREA: Cowlitz River (downstream of Peterson's Eddy)

GEAR: Dip Nets

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WASHINGTON TRIBUTARY SPORT SMELT FISHERY

DATES: 6:00 AM TO 10:00 PM Saturdays (16 hours)
January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

AREA: Cowlitz River

DAILY LIMIT: 10 pounds per person

MAINSTEM COLUMBIA RIVER SPORT SMELT FISHERY

DATES: 7 Days/Week, 24 hours per day
January 1, 2006 through March 31, 2006.

AREA: Zones 1-5

DAILY LIMIT: 25 pounds per person

NOTES: Concurrent with Oregon rules.

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