



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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## Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 17, 2009

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

### 2010 Winter Commercial White Sturgeon Non-Indian Fishery

Season:	6 PM Tuesday January 19 – 6 PM Wednesday January 20, 2010 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday January 26 – 6 PM Wednesday January 27, 2010 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday February 2 – 6 PM Wednesday February 3, 2010 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday February 9 – 6 PM Wednesday February 10, 2010 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday February 16 – 6 PM Wednesday February 17, 2010 (24 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5 (SMCRA 1A,1B,1C,1D,1E)
Gear:	9" minimum (and 9 ¾" maximum) mesh size restriction.
Allowable Sales:	White sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length) and adipose fin-clipped salmon.  A maximum of 15 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open  Season maximum for white sturgeon harvest is 600 fish.
Sanctuaries:	Sandy River
Misc:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

- Under permanent regulations, a treaty Indian commercial setline season occurs annually from noon January 1 to noon January 31 and a treaty Indian commercial gillnet season occurs annually from noon February 1 through 6:00 p.m. March 21.
- A Compact/Joint State Hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 18, to consider the following issues and fisheries:
  - March-December 2010 mainstem Columbia recreational sturgeon fisheries.
  - 2010 non-Indian commercial white sturgeon fisheries protocol.
  - 2010 recreational spring salmon seasons.
  - 2010 Select Area winter-summer commercial fisheries.
  - 2010 non-Indian commercial winter/spring commercial salmon fishing plan.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS RESUME:

Recreational sturgeon fisheries will resume as scheduled under permanent regulations. The Compact may

consider modifications to the seasons at the February 18 hearing, when additional Commission guidance is available. The fishery structure is as follows:

### 2010 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area above Wauna

Time: Open for retention Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only  
(3 days/week)  
January 1 - until further notice

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries, and the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel.

Misc.: 38-inch fork length minimum and 54-inch fork length maximum size limit.

Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations.

### 2010 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area below Wauna

Time: Open for retention 7 days/week  
January 1 - until further notice

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

Misc.: 38-inch fork length minimum and 54-inch fork length maximum size limit

Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations.

### 2010 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area above Bonneville Dame

Time: Open for retention 7 days/week  
January 1 - until pool specific guideline is met

Area: Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam

Misc.: 38-54 inches in Bonneville Pool  
43-54 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

### 2010 Columbia River (Level One) Commercial Smelt Fishery

Time: Close ongoing 7-day per week fishery effective January 1, 2010.  
Open Mondays and Thursdays January 1 through March 31, 2010.  
Open hours are 7 AM to 2 PM ( 7-hr fishing periods).

Area: Zones 1-5 (SMCRA 1A,1B,1C,1D,1E)

Gear: Gill net, dip nets, or trawls as per permanent regulations (WAC 220-33-040).

Misc: 24 hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

### 2010 Columbia River (Level One) Recreational Smelt Fishery

Time: Open 7 days a week, 24-hours a day effective January 1 through March 31, 2010.

Area: Columbia River Mouth to Bonneville Dam

Daily Limit: 10 pounds per person

Limit: Concurrent rules with Oregon

- Washington State staff will hold a public meeting in January to discuss tributary smelt fisheries (sport and commercial) in Washington.
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