



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 18, 2008

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2009 Commercial White Sturgeon Winter Fishery

Season:	6 PM Tuesday January 6 – 6 PM Wednesday January 7, 2009 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday January 13 – 6 PM Wednesday January 14, 2009 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday January 20 – 6 PM Wednesday January 21, 2009 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday January 27 – 6 PM Wednesday January 28, 2009 (24 hours) 6 PM Tuesday February 3 – 6 PM Wednesday February 4, 2009 (24 hours) 6 PM Thursday February 5 – noon Friday February 6, 2009 (18 hours) 6 PM Tuesday February 10 – 6 PM Wednesday February 11, 2009 (24 hours) 6 PM Thursday February 12 – noon Friday February 13, 2009 (18 hours)
Area:	Zones 1-5
Gear:	9" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.
Allowable Sales:	White sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length) and adipose fin-clipped salmon.
Sanctuaries:	Sandy River sanctuary
Misc:	24 hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

THE FOLLOWING REGULATION WAS ADOPTED:

Columbia River Non-Indian Commercial White Sturgeon Fork Length

Replace the current measurement standard of total length with a fork length measurement standard (measure white sturgeon from the tip of the nose to the fork in the tail) for Columbia River non-Indian commercial fisheries.

Legal-size measurement based on fork length is 43-54 inches.

- Under permanent rules a treaty Indian commercial setline season occurs annually from noon January 1 to noon January 31. The current size limits for sturgeon caught for tribal subsistence and commercial purposes are 48-60

inches total length in The Dalles and John Day pools and 42-60 inches total length in the Bonneville Pool

- The next Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Clackamas County Historical Society in Oregon City, Oregon.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2009 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area above Wauna

Season: Open for retention Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays only
(3 days/week)

January 1 - July 31, 2009

and

October 1 - December 31, 2009

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 minimum fork length and 54-inch fork length maximum size limit.

Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations.

All sturgeon directed angling is prohibited May through July in the sturgeon spawning sanctuary from Marker 85 upstream to Bonneville Dam.

2009 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area below Wauna

Season: Open for retention 7 days/week

January 1- April 30, 2009

and

May 9- June 28, 2009

and

July 2 - 5, 2009 (or until guideline met)

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

Misc.: 54-inch fork length maximum size limit
38-inch fork length minimum size limit January 1 through April 30
41-inch fork length minimum size limit after May 8

Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations.

- The next Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Clackamas County Historical Society in Oregon City, Oregon.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2009 Commercial Mainstem Columbia River Smelt Fishery

Season: Close ongoing 7-day per week fishery effective January 1, 2009.
Open Mondays and Thursdays, January 1 through March 31, 2009.
Open hours are 7 AM to 2 PM.

Area: Zones 1-5

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

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

2009 Washington State Recreational Mainstem Columbia River Smelt Fishery

Season: Open 7 days a week, 24-hours a day during January 1 through March 31, 2009.

Area: Mouth to Bonneville Dam

Limit: 25 pounds per person

Misc: Concurrent rules with Oregon

- A fishery checkpoint is scheduled for mid-February.
- The next Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Clackamas County Historical Society in Oregon City, Oregon.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2009 Washington Commercial Tributary Smelt Fishery

Season: Open Sundays and Wednesdays from January 1 through March 31, 2009.
Open hours are 6 pm to midnight.

Area: Cowlitz River only (downstream of Peterson's Eddy).

Gear: Dip nets.

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

2009 Washington Recreational Tributary Smelt Fishery

Season: Open Saturdays only from January 1 through March 31, 2009
Open hours are 6 AM to 10 PM.

Area: Cowlitz River only

Daily Limit: 10 pounds per person.

- A fishery checkpoint is scheduled for mid-February.
- The next Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, January 29, 2009 at the Clackamas County Historical Society in Oregon City, Oregon.

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