



# FACT SHEET

WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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

March 30, 2006

### THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASON WAS MODIFIED:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife met today and approved the following rule changes for the Columbia River sturgeon sport fishery between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam.

#### Columbia River Sport Sturgeon Fishery (The Dalles Pool)

Sturgeon retention in the Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam will be prohibited effective 12:01am, Saturday, April 8.

All fishing for sturgeon will be prohibited from the grain silo complex at Rufus upstream to John Day Dam (designated a sturgeon spawning sanctuary) from May through July.

Catch and release fishing will be allowed downstream of the sanctuary throughout the year and throughout the reservoir prior to May and from August through December.

#### Other information

The Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam and from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam remains open to retention of sturgeon until harvest guidelines are reached. The Columbia River from McNary Dam downstream to the HWY-82 (HWY-395) bridge will be closed to all sturgeon fishing from May through July.

No other joint state sport meetings are scheduled at this time.

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