

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 8, 2017

Commercial sales of fish landed in the following Treaty fisheries is allowed:

<i>2017 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season	6 AM Monday December 11 to 6 PM Saturday December 30
Area	John Day 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 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day 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 may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area 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 220-352-180 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.

<i>2017 Treaty Fishery –Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line</i>	
Season:	6 AM Monday, Dec 11 through 6:00 PM Saturday December 30.
Area:	John Day Pool only
Gear:	Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes or sold only if caught during hours and days open to commercial setline fishing. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries in place for this gear type.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-180 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff will recommend additional hearings as needed.