
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 11, 2018

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2018 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Below Wauna</i>	
Season:	Monday May 14, Wednesday May 16, Saturday May 19, (10 days) Monday May 21, Wednesday May 23, Saturday May 26, Monday May 28, Wednesday May 30, Saturday June 2, and Monday June 4, 2018
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries
Allowable Catch:	Up to 2,960 white sturgeon. Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length (Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat <u>under</u> the fish). Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited
Additional Regulations:	On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon is prohibited after 2 PM, including catch and release.

<i>2018 Bonneville Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
Season:	Friday June 15, 2018 (1 retention day)
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.
Sanctuary:	Angling for sturgeon prohibited during May through July from The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8 miles to a line from the east (upstream) dock at the Port of The Dalles boat ramp straight across to a marker on the Washington shore.
Allowable Catch:	White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.

<i>2018 The Dalles Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
Season:	Friday June 15, 2018 (1 retention day)
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam, including adjacent tributaries.
Sanctuary:	Angling for sturgeon prohibited during May through July from John Day Dam downstream 2.4 miles to a line crossing the Columbia at a right angle to the thread of the river from the west end of the grain silo at Rufus, Oregon.
Allowable Catch:	White sturgeon between 43-inches and 54-inches fork length.

<i>2018 Select Area Commercial White Sturgeon Retention</i>
Effective April 19, 2018, a maximum of two white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The two white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- The Joint Staff has not set additional Compact hearings at this time. Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.