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# COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 9, 2023

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The following action was taken:

## Recreational Fisheries

<i>2023 John Day Pool Recreational Sturgeon Fishery</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	Saturday, February 11, Wednesday, February 15, and Saturday, February 18. 3 days
<b>Area:</b>	Mainstem Columbia River from John Day Dam to McNary Dam, and all adjacent tributaries
<b>Allowable Catch:</b>	Up to 21 white sturgeon Legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-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

## Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2023 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery (John Day Pool)</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	Extend the ongoing commercial gillnet fishery through 6 PM Monday February 20 (7 additional days for 19.5 days total)
<b>Area:</b>	The John Day Pool only
<b>Gear:</b>	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
<b>Additional:</b>	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

<i>2023 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery (The Dalles Pool)</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	6 AM Monday February 13 to 6 PM Tuesday February 14 (1.5 days)
<b>Area:</b>	The Dalles Pool only
<b>Gear:</b>	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
<b>Additional:</b>	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 14, 2023 via teleconference to consider Select Area (winter-summer) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A hybrid Joint State Hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 22, 2023 to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries. The meeting will be held at the WDFW Ridgefield office (5525 S. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Ridgefield, Washington 98642), and a teleconference call-in option will be available.