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# COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT/JOINT STATE ACTION NOTICE

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Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 23, 2011

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<i>Treaty Indian Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery</i>		
Season	6 AM Monday June 27 to 6 PM Thursday June 30, 2011	(3.5 days)
Area	SMCRA 1F, 1G, 1H (Zone 6)	
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.	
Gear:	<u>Floating gill nets only</u> . No diver gillnets are allowed. No mesh restriction.	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence.	
	Legal sized sturgeon may be sold or retained for subsistence, (This includes sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools and from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool).	
	Sales of fish caught during open gillnet periods are allowed after the end of the open period, as long as the fish were landed during the open period.	
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting rule is in effect for Washington buyers. Commercial buyers may only purchase sturgeon in the round	

- Sales of legal-size sturgeon landed from platform hook and line fisheries in the mainstem Columbia River above Bonneville Dam will be allowed if caught during the open gillnet period (concurrent sales).

## FUTURE MEETINGS

A Compact hearing *may* be announced for the morning of June 28, dependant on the status of ongoing commercial (treaty and non-Indian) fisheries.

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Wednesday July 13 via teleconference. Staff will provide an update on the recreational sturgeon fishery below Wauna powerlines.

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM July 28 at the Holiday Inn (204 West Marine Dr.) in Astoria, Oregon. Agenda items include August mainstem (Treaty and non-Treaty) and fall Select Area commercial fisheries

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At a Joint State hearing today, the states reviewed sturgeon sport fisheries in the Columbia River. The states extended the ongoing sturgeon sport fishery in the area below Wauna powerlines, and re-opened Bonneville Pool.

The following tables reflect today's action, *and* summarize the seasons currently in place below Bonneville Dam.

<i>2011 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area <u>Below</u> Wauna (Estuary)</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	Open for retention daily May 14 through July 31, 2011
<b>Area:</b>	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries.
<b>Allowable Catch</b>	White Sturgeon. 41-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length size limit. Retention of green sturgeon prohibited.
<i>2011 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area <u>Above</u> Wauna (Gorge)</i>	
<b>Season:</b>	Open for retention Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only (3 days/week) January 1 - July 31, and October 8 – December 31, 2011
<b>Area:</b>	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries, EXCLUDING the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel) and the Gilbert River. Closed to angling for sturgeon from May 1 to August 31 from Bonneville Dam downstream to a line crossing the Columbia River from Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore through the upstream exposed end of Skamania Island, continuing in a straight line to a marker on the Washington shore.
<b>Allowable Catch:</b>	White Sturgeon. 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length size limit. Retention of green sturgeon prohibited.

<i>2011 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery – Bonneville Pool</i>	
Open for white sturgeon retention on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from June 30 through July 9	
<b>Season</b>	June 30 – July 2 and July 7 – July 9, 2011
<b>Area:</b>	Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent Washington tributaries.
<b>Allowable Catch:</b>	White sturgeon. 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length size limit.

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