COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 3, 2020

The following action was taken:

2020 Buoy 10 Sport Fishery

Area: From the Buoy 10 line upstream to the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line

Seasons: Effective Saturday, September 5 through Thursday, December 31 the daily bag limit is two adult fish;

- Effective Saturday September 5 and Sunday September 6: retention of chinook and hatchery coho is allowed, 1 may be a Chinook. Release all steelhead and wild coho.
- Effective Monday, September 7 through Tuesday September 22: Up to 2 hatchery coho may be retained. Release all Chinook, wild coho, and all steelhead.
- All other previously adopted regulations apply. Retention of jack salmon prohibited until October 1.

2020 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Above Wauna		
Season:	Saturday September 12 and Saturday September 19 2 days	
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonnev Dam, including the Cowlitz River	ille
Allowable Catch:	Up to 1,140 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)	
Additional	Daily bag limit: One fish	
Regulations:	Annual bag limit: Two fish	
	Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited	

• No action was taken for the estuary recreational white sturgeon fishery.

2020 Treaty Indian Commercial Gillnet Fishery		
Seasons:	The currently scheduled gillnet fishery will be extended by one day and will close at 6:00 PM on Friday September 4. All other regulations will remain	
	the same. The next season will be 6:00 AM September 7 through 6:00 PM September 11 (4.5 days)	
Area:	Zone 6	
Gear:	Set and Drift Gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size	
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes.	
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear. The standard Spring Creek Hatchery Sanctuary is in place.	
Additional:	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 September 9, 2020 to consider recreational salmon fisheries. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor recreational salmonid fisheries and will recommend additional hearings as needed.