

COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 25, 2022

The following actions were taken:

2022 Bonneville Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

Effective 11:59 PM Saturday, January 29 the retention of sturgeon is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam (Bonneville Pool), and all adjacent tributaries.

2022 The Dalles Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

Season: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays January 29 – February 28 14 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam, and all adjacent tributaries

Allowable Catch: Up to 190 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 under the fish)

Daily bag limit: One fish

Annual bag limit: Two fish

2022 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery

Season: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (5 AM to 5 PM) January 26 through February 28. 15 days

Area: Zones 1-3

Gear: Gillnet only. Mesh size may not exceed two inches stretch measure. Nets may not exceed 1,500 feet in length along the cork line.

Allowable Sales: Smelt

Misc. Regulations: Multiple net rule in effect. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting more than 24 hours.

<i>2022 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Tuesday February 1 to 6 PM Saturday February 5 (4.5 days)
Area:	The Dalles Pool only
Gear:	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
Allowable Sales:	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.
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.

<i>2022 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Gillnet Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Tuesday February 1 to 6 PM Saturday February 12 (11.5 days)
Area:	The John Day Pool only
Gear:	Gillnets with no minimum mesh size restriction
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to gillnet gear
Allowable Sales:	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.
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.

<i>2022 Treaty Indian Winter Platform and Hook and Line Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Tuesday February 1 to 6 PM Saturday March 19
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop Nets, Dip Nets, Hook and Line
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed standard dam and river mouth areas applicable to platform and hook and line gear
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools 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 Pool of an open gillnet 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 220-352-315 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 9, 2022 to consider treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 15, 2022 to consider Select Area (winter-summer) and treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM February 23, 2022 to consider mainstem Columbia River recreational spring Chinook fisheries.