
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 1, 2022

The following actions were taken:

<i>2022 Mainstem Commercial Smelt Fishery</i>	
Season:	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (5 AM to 5 PM) from March 2 through March 18 (8 periods)
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:	<p>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.</p> <p>24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315.</p> <p>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.</p>

<i>2022 Zone 6 Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries</i>	
Bonneville Pool	
Season:	Wednesdays, March 9 and March 16, 2022 (2 retention days)
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam to The Dalles Dam, and all adjacent tributaries
Allowable Catch:	<p>Up to 675 white sturgeon</p> <p>Legal size: 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length</p> <p>(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)</p> <p>Daily bag limit: One fish</p> <p>Annual bag limit: Two fish</p>

The Dalles Pool

Season:	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays March 2–30 (13 retention 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 <u>under</u> the fish) Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State Hearing is scheduled for 2 PM March 30, 2022 to consider the Estuary recreational white sturgeon fishery.
- The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.