
COLUMBIA RIVER JOINT STATE NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 17, 2009

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS RESUME:

Recreational sturgeon fisheries will resume as scheduled under permanent regulations. The Compact may consider modifications to the seasons at the February 18 hearing, when additional Commission guidance is available. The fishery structure is as follows:

2010 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area <u>Above</u> Wauna	
Time:	Open for retention Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only (3 days/week) January 1 – until further notice
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries, and the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel.
Misc.:	38-inch fork length minimum and 54-inch fork length maximum size limit. Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations.

2010 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area <u>Below</u> Wauna	
Time:	Open for retention 7 days/week January 1 – until further notice
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries.
Misc.:	38-inch fork length minimum and 54-inch fork length maximum size limit Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations

2010 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area <u>Above</u> Bonneville Dam	
Time:	Open for retention 7 days/week January 1 – until pool specific guideline is met
Area:	Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam,
Misc.:	38-54 inches in Bonneville Pool 43-54 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools

- A Compact/Joint State Hearing is tentatively scheduled for February 18, to consider the following issues and fisheries:
 - ✓ March-December 2010 mainstem Columbia recreational sturgeon fisheries.
 - ✓ 2010 non-Indian commercial white sturgeon fisheries protocol.
 - ✓ 2010 recreational spring salmon seasons.
 - ✓ 2010 Select Area winter-summer commercial fisheries.
 - ✓ 2010 non-Indian commercial winter/spring commercial salmon fishing plan.