



# FACT SHEET

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## Columbia River Compact / Joint State Action Notice Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

December 13, 2007

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

### 2008 Commercial White Sturgeon Winter Fishery

Season: 6 PM Tuesday January 8 – 6 PM Wednesday January 9 (24 hours)  
6 PM Tuesday January 15 – 6 PM Wednesday January 16 (24 hours)  
6 PM Tuesday January 22 – 6 PM Wednesday January 23 (24 hours)  
6 PM Tuesday January 29 – 6 PM Wednesday January 30 (24 hours)  
6 PM Tuesday February 5 – 6 PM Wednesday February 6 (24 hours)  
6 PM Tuesday February 12 – 6 PM Wednesday February 13 (24 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Gear: 9" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon and adipose fin-clipped salmon.

Sanctuaries: Sandy River sanctuary

Misc: 24 hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

### 2008 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area Above Wauna

Season: Open for retention Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only  
(4 days/week)  
January 1 - July 31, 2008  
and  
October 1 - December 31, 2008

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.: Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations. All sturgeon  
directed angling is prohibited May through July in the sturgeon spawning sanctuary  
from Marker 85 upstream to Bonneville Dam.

### 2008 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for area Below Wauna

Season: Open for retention  
(7 days/week)

January 1- April 30, 2008  
and  
May 10- June 24, 2008 (or until guideline met)

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries.

Misc.: Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations  
42-inch minimum size limit January 1 through April 30  
45-inch minimum size limit May 10 through June 24

- Under permanent rules a treaty Indian commercial setline season occurs annually from noon January 1 to noon January 31. The current size limits for sturgeon caught for tribal subsistence and commercial purposes are 48-60 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools and 45-60 inches in the Bonneville Pool.

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

### 2008 Commercial Mainstem Smelt Fishery

Season: Close ongoing 7-day per week fishery effective January 1, 2008.  
Open Mondays and Thursdays, January 1 through March 31, 2008.  
Open hours are 7 AM to 4 PM.

Area: Zones 1-5

Gear: Gill net, dip nets, or trawls as per permanent regulations.

Misc: 24 hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

### 2008 Washington State Recreational Mainstem Smelt Fishery

Season: Open 7 days a week, 24-hours a day during January 1 through March 31, 2008.

Area: Zones 1-5

Limit: 25 pounds per person

Misc: Concurrent rules with Oregon

### 2008 Washington Commercial Tributary Smelt Fishery

Season: Open Sunday and Wednesday from January 1 through March 31, 2008. Open hours are 6 pm to midnight.

Area: Cowlitz River (downstream of Peterson's Eddy).

Gear: Dip nets.

Misc: 24 hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

### 2008 Washington Recreational Tributary Smelt Fishery

Season: Open Saturdays only from January 1 through March 31, 2008  
Open hours are 6 AM to 10 PM.

Area: Cowlitz River

Daily Limit:

10 pounds per person.

Misc: 24 hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

- The next Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday, January 24, 2008 at the Water Resources Education Center in Vancouver, Washington.

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