

**2008 Columbia River Sturgeon Season/Rules**  
**UPDATED MAY 28, 2008**

BUOY 10 UPSTREAM TO WAUNA POWERLINES (including Youngs Bay and all adjacent Washington tributaries): Effective Saturday May 10 through Tuesday June 24, 2008 this section of the Columbia River is open seven days per week to the retention of sturgeon. The daily bag limit is one fish between 45 and 60 inches in length and the annual limit is five fish. The use of more than one single point barbless hook is prohibited.

The Compact adopted the following rules at the December 13 Joint State Hearing for the sturgeon sport fishery below Wauna power lines (RM 40) downstream to Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay and all adjacent Washington tributaries for 2008:

- Allow the retention of white sturgeon seven days per week during Saturday May 10, 2008 through Tuesday June 24, 2008 (or until catch guideline is reached) with a 45-inch minimum size and a 60-inch maximum size limit in effect.
- Prohibit the retention of sturgeon seven days per week during Wednesday June 25, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Catch and release angling is allowed during all retention closures.
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Daily and annual catch limits listed in the 2008 Oregon Sport Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

**Update June 29, 2008**

**Sturgeon sport fishery extended on the Columbia River estuary**

**Action:** White sturgeon retention in the Columbia River estuary will be allowed for three additional periods; July 10-12, July 17-19, and July 26-27:

- July 10 - July 12 (Thursday-Saturday) - White sturgeon retention allowed daily.
- July 13 - July 16 - Sturgeon retention prohibited.
- July 17 - July 19 (Thursday-Saturday) - White sturgeon retention allowed daily.
- July 20 - July 25 - Sturgeon retention prohibited.
- July 26 - July 27 (Saturday-Sunday) - White sturgeon retention allowed daily.
- July 28 - Dec 31 - Sturgeon retention prohibited.

**Effective dates:** July 10-12, 2008; July 17-19, 2008; and July 26-27, 2008.

**WAUNA POWERLINES UPSTREAM TO BONNEVILLE DAM** (including all adjacent Washington tributaries and the Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls including the Multnomah Channel): This section of the Columbia River is currently open to the retention of sturgeon on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The daily bag limit is one fish between 42 and 60 inches in length and the annual limit is five fish. The use of more than one single point barbless hook is prohibited. All sturgeon angling is prohibited from Marker 85 upstream to Bonneville Dam during May 1 through July 31 to protect spawning sturgeon.

The Compact adopted the following rules at the December 13 Joint State Hearing for the sturgeon sport fishery above Wauna power lines (RM 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, including all adjacent Washington tributaries, and the lower Willamette River (including the Multnomah Channel) upstream to Willamette Falls for 2008:

- Allow the retention of white sturgeon four days per week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during January 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 and October 1 through December 31, 2008.
- Prohibit the retention of sturgeon three days per week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during January 1-July 31, 2008 and October 1 through December 31, 2008 and seven days per week during August 1 through September 30, 2008.
- Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited as per permanent regulations.
- Daily and annual catch limits listed in the 2008 Oregon Sport Regulations pamphlet remain in effect.

**BONNEVILLE DAM UPSTREAM TO THE DALLES DAM:**

Effective January 1, 2008 this section of the Columbia River is open to the retention of sturgeon seven days per week until the catch guideline is reached with a daily bag limit of one fish between 42 and 60 inches in length and an annual limit of five fish. The annual catch guideline for the Bonneville pool is 700 fish.

**THE DALLES DAM UPSTREAM TO JOHN DAY DAM:**

Effective 12:01 AM Saturday March 15 through December 31, 2008 the retention of sturgeon in The Dalles pool and tributaries is prohibited because the catch guideline of 100 fish has been met. Catch and release angling is allowed during the retention prohibition; however, all sturgeon angling is prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from the west end of the grain silo located near Rufus upstream to John Day Dam during May 1 through July 31, 2008 to protect spawning sturgeon. Catch and release in this sanctuary re-opens August 1.

**JOHN DAY DAM UPSTREAM TO MCNARY DAM:**

Effective 12:01 AM Wednesday, March 26 through December 31, 2008 the retention of sturgeon in the John Day pool and tributaries is prohibited because the catch guideline of 165 fish has been met. Catch and release angling is allowed during the retention prohibition; however, all sturgeon angling is prohibited from the highway 82 bridge (Hwy 395) upstream to McNary Dam from May 1 through July 31 to protect oversize spawning sturgeon. Catch and release in this sanctuary re-opens August 1.

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These rules are subject to inseason changes. Please check the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Web site for the latest updates at [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us)

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