



COMMERCIAL STURGEON SETLINE FISHERY EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Code of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Fish and Wildlife Commission has the authority to establish regulations for Umatilla ceremonial, subsistence, and commercial fisheries. Pursuant to that authority, the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopted the following regulations.

Setline Fishery Dates: 7AM, Monday, January 1 through Noon, Sunday, January 31 2024.

Area: All of Zone 6

Restrictions: All standard dam sanctuaries remain in effect, but river mouth sanctuaries are not in place for setline fisheries.

Gear: Commercial sturgeon fishing may be conducted with setlines only. Hook Size must be 9/0 or larger. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-Hooks.

Allowable Sales: Sales are restricted to Sturgeon only. Salmon and steelhead may not be sold but may be retained for subsistence. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville pool may also be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon must be delivered to the buyer “in the round”, that is fins, guts, scutes, and gills intact.

Note: The delivery in the round regulation is to provide an opportunity to obtain weight and age information for management. At the point of sale, sturgeon may be “dressed” (guts, scutes, fins, etc. may be removed) even if a sampler is not available to obtain the information. The sale of sturgeon eggs is allowed for legally caught sturgeon after delivery “in the round.”

Winter season gillnet regulations will be set by the tribes later in January.

If you have any fishing enforcement problems or need assistance or information, day or night, contact the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fisheries Enforcement Office, 4270 Westcliff Drive, Hood River, Oregon. Phone: (541)-386-6363 or toll-free (800)-487-FISH (3474). **Please consult your tribal Fish and Wildlife Committee for additional details on tribal regulations. PLEASE WEAR YOUR LIFE JACKETS FOR SAFETY and avoid overloaded boats.**

Fish & Wildlife approval:

Chair Fish & Wildlife Commission

12/29/23

Date

Member Fish & Wildlife Commission

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Date