

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: Noon, Friday, January 1 through Noon, Sunday, January 31 2021.

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. However, legal size sturgeon taken with legal subsistence gears (hoop nets or hook and line) may be sold during commercial periods. 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.

COVID-19 Safety Reminders

The CTUIR Fish and Wildlife Commission encourages you to safely practice your treaty rights with consideration for COVID-19, including the following:

CTUIR Standards

1. Exercising treaty hunting, fishing and gathering rights is exempt from any travel restriction unless explicitly identified; Incident Command (IC) recommended that those traveling to exercising treaty rights outside any IC issued travel limit radius, please self-isolate for 72 hours upon your return.
2. Practice social distancing of 6 feet whenever possible;
3. Face coverings will be required outside in places where people cannot keep a distance of more than 6 feet from others. Stay home if you are sick;
4. Keep groups comprised of no more than six (6) direct family members, from no more than two (2) households; and
5. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;


- 6. Clean your tools, equipment and/or gear with sanitizer, particularly if/when you have to share.
- 7. Fish with direct family members with which you reside if possible.

Additional information:

There's been a CTUIR COVID-19 Resource website established @ <https://www.ctuircovid.info/> and CRITFC has a website for tribal fisher to reference @ <https://www.critfc.org/safe-fishers-safe-fisheries> and <https://www.critfc.org/blog/fishery/covid-safe-harvest-sales-workshop>.

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:

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