COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 28, 2019

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2019 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Below Wauna

Season: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays May 13 through June 5 11 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth

at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries

Allowable Up to 2,960 white sturgeon

Catch: Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length

(Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape

measure/ruler positioned flat <u>under</u> the fish)

Daily bag limit: One fish Annual bag limit: Two fish

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited

Additional On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon is prohibited after

Regulations: 2 PM, including catch and release.

2019 Select Area Commercial White Sturgeon Retention

Effective April 1, 2019, a maximum of **four** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The **four** white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

2019 Select Area Commercial Fisheries in Blind Slough

Blind Slough Select Area - Modified open hours for Monday and Thursday nights from April 1 through April 12 to **7 PM to 7 AM**.

FUTURE MEETINGS

• A Compact Hearing via teleconference has been scheduled for April 1, 2019 at 1pm to discuss Select Area commercial fisheries in Knappa Slough.