COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 23, 2021

The following action was taken:

2021 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Below Wauna Powerlines			
Season:	Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays May 10 through June 5 12 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 Regulations:	On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon is prohibited after 2 PM, including catch and release.		

2021 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Above Wauna Powerlines			
Season:	Saturday September 11 and Saturday September 18	2 days	
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River		
Allowable Catch:	Up to 1,230 white sturgeon		
	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		

FUTURE MEETINGS

• A Compact hearing may be needed on Tuesday March 30 to consider Select Area commercial fisheries. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.