

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: Spring Fact Sheet #2
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<i>Fisheries under Consideration:</i>	Recreational fisheries above Wauna powerlines
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- Since February 2010, ODFW has been monitoring a large winter sturgeon aggregation in the shallow slough at Rooster Rock State Park between Sand Island and the Oregon shore.
- The site has attracted hundreds of anglers, particularly in recent weeks. Angler catch rates have been high in this area, and total catch from the site is substantial.
- Preliminary estimates indicate that a total of 1,300 white sturgeon will have been caught above Wauna in the month of April. Oregon staff is estimating that about 1,200 of those were likely harvested in this site.
- Oregon State Police has been patrolling the area regularly to enforce compliance.
- With 1,300 white sturgeon harvested in April, the total above Wauna catch for 2010 would be about 1,700 fish, or 35% of the 4,835 guideline. This cumulative catch is typically not achieved until the end of May. Approximately 50% of the guideline (2,400 fish) is typically needed for the October-December timeframe, which leaves approximately 700 fish for May-July.

Staff Recommendation
Effective Thursday, April 29, through Saturday, July 31, 2010, prohibit angling for all species from a line between the upstream end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline, downstream to a line between the lower end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline.

- ✓ The retention season in the mainstem Columbia River upstream of Wauna is scheduled to continue through July 31 (except for the May-August sanctuary closure upstream of Skamania Island), close for August and September, and re-open from October–December.

Future Hearings

- No future hearings are recommended at this time.