Fisheries under consideration: Recreational sturgeon above Wauna

Recreational Mainstem White Sturgeon Fishery above Wauna Powerlines
- The 2011 retention season above Wauna was scheduled to be open three days a week (Thu-Sat) during January 1-July 31 and October 8-December 31 (38-54 inch fork length). Through July, anglers kept 784 white sturgeon from 16,806 angler trips.
- Kept catch to date is 23% of the 2011 catch guideline for this area of 3,410 fish.
- Harvest during the January-July timeframe was less than recent years which is partially influenced by the Sand Island Slough closure (January-April)

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<td>Above Wauna</td>
<td>Jan 1 – July 31</td>
<td>91</td>
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- Projected catch for October 8 through December 31 is 1,800 – 1,900 fish, which would provide about 700-800 fish for additional opportunity in the first part of October.
- Harvest in recent years during October through December has been:
  - 2,368 in 2010 (Thursday – Saturday retention)
  - 2,447 in 2009 (Thursday – Saturday retention)
  - 4,103 in 2008 (Thursday – Sunday retention)
  - 4,439 in 2007 (7-day per week retention)
  - 2009-2010 average = 2,408
  - 2008-2010 average = 2,973

FISHERY RECOMMENDATION

Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery above Wauna Powerlines
The Joint Staff recommends adding the following three days to the currently adopted retention fishery:
- Saturday, October 1; Thursday, October 6; and Friday, October 7
• The proposed fishery is expected to harvest most of the fish remaining on the guideline.
• The resulting season structure would replicate 2009-2010 retention seasons.
• Staff will continue to monitor the fishery and recommend further action if needed.

FUTURE HEARINGS

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday September 22, 2011 via teleconference to review treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial fisheries.