July 7, 2009

Joint State staff met today to discuss sturgeon sport fisheries in the area below Wauna. The results are listed below.

**BELOW WAUNA (ESTUARY) STURGEON SPORT FISHERY**

| Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries. |
| Season: Friday July 10 – Sunday July 12 (3 days)  
Friday July 17 – Sunday July 19 (3 days) |
| Size limit: 41-inch fork length minimum and 54-inch fork length maximum size limit |
| Additional Regulations: Retention of green sturgeon prohibited as per permanent regulations |

**Future Hearings:**
- A Joint State hearing is tentatively set for Tuesday July 21 to review catch rates in the estuary recreational white sturgeon fishery and consider additional fishing opportunity.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for July 29 at 10:00 AM at the Seafood Consumer Center, located at 2021 Marine Drive, Suite 200, Astoria, Oregon.

**WDFW's website:**
http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/

**ODFW's website:**
http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/QSCRP/CRM/index.asp