

## ZONE 6 SPORT STURGEON FACT SHEET

**March 11, 2008**

**Purpose:** To consider modifications to the sport fishing seasons for sturgeon in The Dalles Reservoir.

We estimate 104 white sturgeon were harvested from The Dalles Reservoir from January 1 through March 9, 2008 (Table 1). Harvest was estimated by applying harvest per hour of effort to estimated total effort. 13.5 percent of the estimated 104 sturgeon harvest was sampled in the creel.

Table 1. Sample data, estimated, and projected harvest for The Dalles Reservoir, 2004.

Month/Week	Monthly or weekly sample rate	Average weekly # of fish in-sample	Monthly or weekly harvest estimate	Cumulative harvest
January	0.37	0.7	29	29
February	0.29	0.7	25	54
Mar 1-9	0.25	6.2	50	104
Feb 1-Mar 9 average/week	0.28	2.0	14	
Mar 10-14			10	114

Table 2. Estimated white sturgeon harvest during 2008 sport fisheries, by reservoir.

	Bonneville Reservoir	The Dalles reservoir	John Day Reservoir
Harvest guideline	700	100	165
Estimated harvest	65	104	n/a <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Creel sampling has only been ongoing since February 28. First estimate will be made after March.

Treaty commercial harvest in Zone 6 has been closed in all three pools. Guideline was exceeded in Bonneville (190%), and nearly met in the other two pools. Tickets are still being processed.

Staff recommends closure effective 12:01 am Saturday, March 15, 2008. This will allow 48 hours to notify the public and post signs.