Release of sport-caught sturgeon between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam

Action: The Washington and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife will require anglers to release all sturgeon caught between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam on the Columbia River.

Effective date: 12:01 a.m., June 25, through December 31, 2005.

Species affected: Sturgeon

Location: The Columbia River and tributaries from The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam.

Reason for action: The cutoff date for retention of sturgeon was adopted because Washington and Oregon fish managers estimate that the harvest guideline of 400 fish will be reached by June 25.

Other information: The section of the Columbia River between John Day and McNary Dams will remain open to sturgeon retention. The section of the Columbia River between Bonneville and The Dalles Dam was closed to the retention of sturgeon on June 11. Catch and release angling for sturgeon is still allowed between Bonneville and John Day dams.

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Fishers must have a current Washington fishing license. Check the WDFW 2005/2006 AFishing in Washington@ rules pamphlet or the Fishing section of the WDFW webpage at http://www.wa.gov/wdfw for details on fishing seasons and regulations. Fishing regulations are subject to change. Check the WDFW Fishing hotline for the latest rule information at (360) 902-2500, press 2 for recreational rules. For the Shellfish Rule Change hotline call (360) 796-3215.