June 29, 2004

THE FOLLOWING COLUMBIA RIVER SEASON WAS MODIFIED:

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife met today and approved the following rule change for the Columbia River sturgeon sport fishery below Wauna.

Columbia River Sport Sturgeon Fishery (Below Wauna)

Sturgeon retention in the Columbia River and all Washington tributaries from the Wauna power lines (near Cathlamet) downstream to the mouth, including Youngs Bay, will be **prohibited** effective 12:01 am, Sunday, July 4. Catch and release fishing will be allowed throughout the remainder of the year.

Other information

The area from the Wauna power lines near Cathlamet, upstream to Beacon Rock (just below Bonneville Dam) remains open to sturgeon retention on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, through July 31. Catch and release only fishing is allowed on other days of the week.

Sturgeon retention will be prohibited August 1 through September 30 for the Columbia River and all adjacent Washington tributaries upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls.

The Columbia River from the Wauna power lines upstream to Bonneville Dam reopens to sturgeon retention on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays effective October 1 through December 31. Catch and release only fishing will be allowed on other days of the week.

*No other joint state sport meetings are scheduled at this time.*