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Sandra Fixsen

From: ODFW Commission
Sent: Friday, February 19, 2010 4:48 PM
To: Sandra Fixsen
Subject: FW: new sturgeon rules

I believe this is for the Commission packet. -- Teri Kucera

From: Sturgeon Frank [mailto:fishguid@spiritone.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2010 2:21 PM
To: ODFW Commission
Subject: new sturgeon rules

first i want you to know that iam a fishing guide and have fished for sturgeon almost fifty years.you are about to make some major changes in the sturgeon regulations.you have done this several time in the last twenty years.you still have been loosing sturgeon numbers on the columbia river.twenty years ago most of the keeper sturgeon were caught from longview to bonneville dam,now most are caught near astoria on the columbia river.the one exception is the willamette river in the winter months.while the sturgeon on the willamette river are columbia fish they did not just leave the columbia and move into the willamette the last few years,as they have been in the willamette in the winter in big numbers since i was a kid and iam almost sixty.it is only the last few year that the fishermen have found out how many sturgeon are in the willamette and moved there from the columbia as the netting has left very few fish in the columbia in the winter months.you have lots of pressure on the willamette now, lots of fish and no nets,very few fisherman on the columbia in the winter, very few sturgeon,nets.do the math.you will not get any more sturgeon in the columbia by reducing the catch on the willamette you will just loose the only good keeper fishery left in the portland area.why dont you put nets in the willamette for a few seasons and see what happens,not.also there is talk of moveing the sturgeon deadline on the columbia downriver from marker 85.this will be the third time you have moved the deadline in the bonneville area.seventyfive percent of the harvest on the columbia is near astoria but all the restrictions are being put on the fisherman near portland where only twentyfive of the harvest is and most of the fisherman are.you should be doing all you can to keep sturgeon fishing open where most of the fishermen live and not make them have to travel to astoria to have a chance to harvest a sturgeon.

please do not move the deadline down below marker 85

please do not give washington our willamette river sturgeon

thank you sturgeon frank

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From: ODFW Info
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 9:37 AM
To: Sandra Fixsen
Subject: FW:

From: CHARLES PATTERSON [mailto:kiddeb@embarqmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 22, 2010 9:13 AM
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Subject:

I would just like to comment on the early closing of Sturgeon season on the Columbia river. I really think there is a better way to make sure us fishermen can enjoy fishing for longer than a few weeks and keep plenty of sturgeon in the river.

It seems to me that if you narrowed the length that we can keep sturgeon and lowered the number of keeper sturgeons for the year that would allow the season to be open longer. Keeping the fishermen happy and the boats on the water thus helping the economy. Also raise the fee for salmon and sturgeon tags. But closing the season so early seems very harsh. We haven't even had a chance to fish for the sturgeon.

Debbie Patterson