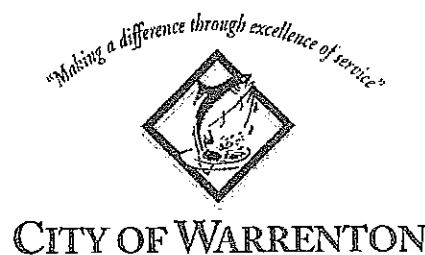


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April 22, 2015

Curt Melcher, Director
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission
4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE
Salem, Or 97302

Dear Mr. Melcher:

The City of Warrenton operates two marinas. Warrenton is home to a commercial fishing fleet and a recreational fishery during the summer months. The elimination of sturgeon retention for both the commercial and recreational fisheries has had a negative impact on our community. Warrenton remains a fishing town, and our location at the mouth of the Columbia River makes us a destination for both recreational and commercial vessels. In 2009, recreational sturgeon season accounted for over \$18,000 in revenues in boat launches, parking fees, and overnight moorage. In 2014, those seasonal revenues had been reduced to \$1,800.

We would encourage a sturgeon retention season if the numbers of sturgeon have significantly increased. It would be logical to do this in concert with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife on May 15th.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Kujala".

Mark Kujala
Mayor, City of Warrenton