

**OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
JOINT STAFF REPORT - ZONE 6 SPORT STURGEON FACT SHEET No. 2**

**Joint State Hearing  
July 17, 2007**

***Purpose:*** To consider modifying the sport fishing season for sturgeon in Bonneville Pool.

- The Bonneville Pool opened for retention of sturgeon January 1, 2007 with a maximum harvest guideline of 700 fish.
- The estimated catch through July 15 for Bonneville Pool (Table 1) is 536 white sturgeon kept (77% of guideline).
- Harvest peaked at 93 fish the week of June 18-24 and has since averaged 73 fish per week the past three weeks.
- The 700 fish guideline is expected to be reach by Monday, July 30, based on projections using the previous 3-week average harvest rate and effort estimate.

***Table 1. Estimated and projected harvest for Bonneville Pool, 2007.***

Month/Week	CPUE	Harvest estimate	Cumulative harvest
January	0.02	13	13
February	0.01	6	19
March	0.02	24	43
April	0.01	9	52
May	0.04	45	97
June	0.14	276	373
July 1-15	0.14	163	536
Projected harvest:			
July 16-30		163	699

- The Dalles Pool closed to retention effective March 29 with an estimated catch of 102 sturgeon (102% of the 100 fish guideline). The John Day Pool closed to retention effective June 11 with an estimated catch of 157 white sturgeon (95% of the 165 fish guideline).

***Joint Staff Recommendation***

- The Joint Staff recommends retention of sturgeon in Bonneville Pool be prohibited effective 11:59 PM Sunday, July 29, 2007.

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife  
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