

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT: Spring Fact Sheet #3
Columbia River Compact/Joint State Hearing
April 28, 2010

Fisheries under consideration: Recreational fishery for sturgeon in The Dalles Pool

- Recreational fisheries closed to sturgeon retention February 21 in Bonneville Pool and March 1 in John Day Pool.
- The 2010 guideline for the recreational fishery in The Dalles Pool is 300 white sturgeon.
- An estimated 264 white sturgeon (88% of guideline) were harvested January 1 through April 25 in The Dalles Pool (Table 1).
- Approximately 70% of the harvest so far this year occurred from January 1 through April 18. The remaining 30% (78 fish) came the week of April 19-25. No fish have been observed in-sample since April 25.
- Harvest has averaged 36 fish per week during the past three weeks. If this trend continues, the guideline could be met as early as May 2.

Table 1. Estimated and projected harvest for The Dalles Pool, 2010.

Month/Week	Catch per trip	Estimated harvest	Cumulative harvest
January	0.10	87	87
February	0.03	34	121
March	0.03	32	153
April 1-25	0.15	111	264
Projected harvest:			
April 26 – May 2		36	300

Joint Staff Recommendation – Zone 6 Recreational Sturgeon Fisheries

Close The Dalles Pool sturgeon recreational fishery to retention effective 12:01 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2010.

- All fishing for sturgeon is prohibited from May through July in the sturgeon spawning sanctuary that runs from John Day Dam 2.4 miles downstream to the Rufus grain elevator.

Future Meetings

- No future hearings are scheduled at this time.