Oregon and Washington adopt 2007 Columbia River sturgeon sport fishing season

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The states of Oregon and Washington adopted 2007 Columbia River sturgeon sport fishing regulations yesterday during a Columbia River Compact meeting.

â€œThe Columbia River sturgeon population is stable based on recent stock surveys, so fishery managers adopted a season similar to last year,â€• said John North, ODFW Columbia River fisheries program manager.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2007 the following rules will be in effect in addition to the permanent rules printed in the 2007 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

Additional modifications to the Columbia River sturgeon recreational fishery above Wauna Powerlines will be considered for adoption at the Compactâ€™s Jan. 25 meeting.

Effective Jan. 1, 2007, retention of green sturgeon is prohibited in Columbia River recreational fisheries. Green sturgeon were listed for protection under the federal Endangered Species Act during summer 2006.

Above Wauna Powerlines

(Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna Powerlines at river mile 40, upstream to Bonneville Dam and the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls including Multnomah Channel)

Jan. 1 â€“ July 31: Open to retention of white sturgeon Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Aug. 1 â€“ Sept. 30: Closed to retention of sturgeon, but open for catch and release.

Oct. 1 â€“ Dec. 31: Open to retention of white sturgeon Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.
Below Wauna Powerlines:

(Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna Powerlines at river mile 40 downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10.)

Jan. 1 â€“ April 30: Open to retention of white sturgeon seven days per week. Minimum 42-inch size limit.

May 1 â€“ 11: Closed to sturgeon retention but open for catch and release.

May 12 â€“ July 4: Open to retention of white sturgeon seven days per week. Minimum 45-inch size limit.

July 5 â€“ Dec. 31: Closed to sturgeon retention but open for catch and release.

Above Bonneville Dam

As described in 2007 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, open for sturgeon retention Jan. 1 until quota is reached. Catch and release may continue after quota reached.

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