

## Sturgeon catch and release only in The Dalles Reservoir begins March 28

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Clackamas, Oregon - Based on recent catches, sturgeon retention will close at midnight, Wednesday, March 28 on the Columbia River, from The Dalles Dam to the John Day Dam. The retention closure remains in effect through the end of the year. This stretch of the river is managed for a recreational harvest guideline of 100 white sturgeon. Sturgeon retention in tributaries of The Dalles Pool also closes starting at midnight March 28. Catch-and-release angling for sturgeon in this stretch of the Columbia is allowed throughout the remainder of the year, except during May 1 through July 31, when sturgeon angling is prohibited from the west end of the grain silo located near Rufus upstream to John Day Dam, to protect oversize spawning sturgeon. Catch-and-release sturgeon angling in this sanctuary area re-opens August 1. All other permanent angling regulations described in the "2007 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet" remain in effect. Anglers are encouraged to call (971) 673-6000 for updates on Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial and Sport fisheries.

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