



Cameron Black with Gone Catchin' Guide Service cleans a freshly caught sturgeon near the East Mooring Basin in Astoria.

Sturgeon a hit on the Columbia River

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They may look like something from the Jurassic period, but they must be fun to catch because fishermen have been out in droves on the Columbia River lately trying to haul in sturgeon. Several charter fishing vessels recently pulled in to the East Mooring Basin in Astoria with their catch, sending clients home with bags full of sturgeon filets after careful inspections by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.



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A charter vessel arrives at the dock at the East Mooring Basin after fishing for sturgeon.



Natalie Scheibel, Columbia River management project assistant with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, inspects a sturgeon onboard a fishing boat.



Natalie Scheibel, far right, project assistant with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, talks with fishermen John Gaut and Bob Collier about their catch of the day.



Cameron Black filets a sturgeon for a client at the cleaning station near the East Mooring Basin.