

Sturgeon fishing closes today on lower Columbia River

Fishery managers from Oregon and Washington decided, June 28, to close the white sturgeon season in the lower Columbia River estuary on July 5, four days earlier than previously scheduled.

The closure applies to the Columbia River from its mouth at Buoy 10 upstream approximately 40 miles to the Wauna power lines.

Oregon and Washington departments of fish and wildlife based their action on creel survey data that indicated catch rates have improved significantly. Anglers were projected to achieve their annual harvest guideline of 4,160 white sturgeon by July 2 and 4,400 by July 4. As of June 24, 2,820 white sturgeon had been harvested, with catch rates during June exceeding 100 white sturgeon per day.

"We have a little flexibility in the way that we allocate the remaining sturgeon guideline and allowing families to get out and enjoy the resource over the Fourth of July is an appropriate use of that flexibility," said Steve Williams, deputy administrator of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW)

Fish Division. Sturgeon fishing in the estuary is currently open seven days a week with a daily bag limit of one fish with a fork length of 41 to 54 inches.

Sturgeon retention remains open from Wauna power lines upstream to Bonneville Dam three days a week (Thu.-Sat.) through July 31 and is scheduled to reopen October 20 through December 31. Above Bonneville, sturgeon retention is closed, except between The Dalles and John Day dams, which is open seven days a week.

WOU Honor Roll

Western Oregon University has announced that Kelsii Jo Dana of Banks has been named to their 4.0 GPA Honor Roll. Ashlee Joleen Croissant and Tyler John Grant, both from Banks, earned a place on the school's Honor Roll in the 3.5 - 3.99 GPA category.

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Banks High School Honor Roll announced

The following students were named to the Banks High School academic Honor Roll for the 2nd Semester 2011-2012. * denotes 4.00 GPA.

Freshmen – Valerie Acosta, Kindel Bailey*, Mckinzey Banks-Greene, Bailey Barber, Riley Bonham, Avery Cackler*, Ryan Chave*, Kaitlyn Duyck*, Sarah Ellsworth, Lindsey Epifano, Jeffry Fellas, Keenan Johnson*, Scott Krieger, Benjamin Larsen, Ericka Lepschat, Savannah Lorenz, Katie Lyda*, Elizabeth Monroe, Jesus Narvaez, Coryn Nelson, Holden Partain, Collin Purinton, Hayley Purinton, Kortni Ragsdale, Devyn Renne, Evan Reynolds, Jakob Sandhagen, Victoria Schmidlin*, Brianna Shelton, Caitlin Sherburne, Dallin Shurts, Emily Smith*, Tiffany Snyder, Madison Soper, Abigail Sprute*, Oteka Todd*, Hannah VanDomelen, Emily Vandehey, Haven Waters, Ryan Weaver, Jason White*, and Johannah Wren.

Juniors – Jessica Beatty*, Thomas Blatner*, Matthew Borchers*, Ariel Brown, Addison Browning*, Emily Cackler*, Chanse Cauley, Alexis Chung*, Ariana Daskalakis*, Chelsea Duthorn*, Jordan Duyck*, Samantha Duyck*, Ashley Edwards, Stefani Evers, Louis Fowler*, Riley Gerlinger, Kayla Hardie*, Samantha Haren*, Maddison Kellas, Dallis Kendall, Alaura King*, Gavin Lee, Haley Lipowski, Jacob Lorenz, Christopher Munjar*, Makayla Murry*, Sarah Oravec, Aubrey Rue, Jace Rue, Tucker Sahnaw*, Kiana Shurts*, Michaela Shurts*, Wyatt St. Marie, Riley Underhill, Kaylin VanDomelen*, and Laura White*.

Seniors – Odalis Avendano*, Sierra Bloomer, Jessica Bonnett*, Kajsa Bradley*, Franklin

Evers, Desiree Forcier, Jami Haren*, Emma Heesacker, Amy Hilger, Amaar Iqbal*, Conner Kuehl, Garrett Markham, Adrianna Moore-Denslinger, Tabatha Murdock*, Conner Reed*, Kaitlyn Selfaison*, Sierra Smither, Jessica Stark, Aaron Streblov*, Logan Wilmoth, and Davie Wren.

Browning, Chelsie Bunn, Maggi Castellanos, Alexandra Chave*, Jason Clink, Kaitlyn Cole, Kyle Douglas*, Eric Evers, Mitchell Evers*, Andrew Fornataro, Marla Gooding*, Abigail Hardie, Alexander Heath*, Cheyanne Heesacker*, Tyler Heesacker, Bonnie Helm*, Jennifer Hilger, Alan Jordan, Natalie Larsen, Joshua Lenz, Elisa Lorenz, Daniel Louie*, Savannah Lyda*, Melissa Masters*, Kaitlin McGinnis, Emily Meeuwssen, Molly Miller, Robyn Miller, Johanna Mrosek, Zinaida Polushkin*, Amanda Reaser, Kelsee Schoenky, Kyle Selfaison*, Joshua Sladden, Alexis Smith, Austin Soper, Keith Spiering*, Jacob Stone, Morgan Stone*, Kendra Thompkins, Ashley Vandecovering, and Devin Wyckoff*.

Sophomores – Hazel Avendano Gomez, Stefan Bradley*, Annika Bratton, Kyrie Coberley, Skylar Copley, Holly Dotson, Lauren Draves*, Nickolas

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