

Columbia River White Sturgeon www.fishingchartersoregon.com



Sturgeon fishing is available along the entire length of the Columbia River from Astoria Oregon/Ilwaco Washington to Bonneville Dam at Cascade Locks/North Bonneville.

White Sturgeon

The Columbia River is home to the largest population of great white sturgeon in the world. The mighty Columbia River offers top quality angling opportunity for sturgeon throughout the year. In May the baitfish begin entering the lower Columbia River with the tides, and by June the Sturgeon fishing is red hot in the Astoria/Ilwaco area.

The lower river is one of the more popular areas as good numbers of keeper size sturgeon caught here each year. The area below Bonneville Dam is also a top spot to hook up with keeper and oversize fish.

Oversized Sturgeon (May - August)

Put your muscles to the test. Experience the thrill of fighting a prehistoric sturgeon from 7–14 feet in length and 100 to over 400 pounds. It's hard to imagine just how big and strong these fish are until you have experienced the thrill of winning the battle. You'll defiantly want to bring your camera along to capture this incredible fish on film along with some of the most spectacular scenery in North America, the Columbia River Gorge. It's Incredible!

Keeper Sturgeon (Year-Round)

This trip almost always provides tons of action and is always non stop fun. Keeper Sturgeon range from 42" to 60" though numerous fish are caught under and over that size. Its not uncommon for some clients catch and release over 20 fish a day. These fish provide a tasty white meat that is light on fishy smell. Sturgeon are one of the best eating west coast species. Just ask around. It is also excellent smoked and typically retails for around \$14.00 or more per pound.

Season information as of 2/28/10:

BUOY 10 UPSTREAM TO WAUNA POWERLINES: This section of the Columbia is currently open to the retention of sturgeon seven days per week. The daily limit is one sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches (fork length). **The retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.**

The following modifications were adopted for the 2010 mainstem Columbia River sturgeon fishery from Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay and all adjacent Washington tributaries. The modifications include:

- ◆ **Allow the retention of sturgeon seven days per week during January 1 through Friday April 30, 2010 with a 38 – 54 inch fork length.**
- ◆ **Prohibit the retention of sturgeon seven days per week during Saturday May 1, 2010 through Friday May 21, 2010.**
- ◆ **Allow the retention of sturgeon seven days per week during Saturday May 22, 2010 through Saturday June 26, 2010 (or until harvest guideline is reached) with a 41 – 54 inch fork length in effect.**
- ◆ **Prohibit the retention of sturgeon seven days per week during Sunday June 27, 2010 through Friday December 31, 2010.**
- ◆ **Catch and release of sturgeon may continue during retention closures.**

WAUNA POWERLINES UPSTREAM TO BONNEVILLE DAM: Effective January 1-Saturday July 31, this section of the Columbia River is open to the retention of sturgeon on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays with a daily bag limit of one sturgeon between 38 and 54 inches (fork length) and an annual limit of five fish. **The retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.**

The following modifications were adopted for the 2010 mainstem Columbia River Sturgeon fishery from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, including all adjacent Washington tributaries. The modifications include:

- ◆ **Allow the retention of sturgeon three days per week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and prohibit the retention of sturgeon four days per week on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday beginning January 1, 2010 through Saturday July 31, 2010.**
- ◆ **Prohibit the retention of sturgeon seven days per week during Sunday August 1-Thursday September 30, 2010.**
- ◆ **Allow the retention of sturgeon three days per week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and prohibit the retention of sturgeon four days per week on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday beginning Friday October 1, 2010 through Friday December 31, 2010.**
- ◆ **Catch and release of sturgeon may continue during sturgeon retention closures.**

BONNEVILLE DAM UPSTREAM TO THE DALLES DAM:

Effective 12:01 AM Sunday February 21, 2010 this section of the Columbia River is closed to the retention of sturgeon because the catch guideline of 1,400 fish has been met. Catch and release is allowed during the retention closure.

THE DALLES DAM UPSTREAM TO JOHN DAY DAM:

The Columbia River between The Dalles Dam and John Day Dam (The Dalles Pool) is open for the retention of sturgeon seven days per week with a daily limit of one sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches (fork length) and an annual limit of five fish until the respective guideline of 300 fish is reached.

JOHN DAY DAM UPSTREAM TO MCNARY DAM:

The John Day Pool is currently open to the retention of sturgeon between 43 and 54 inches fork length. Effective March 1, 2010 this section of the Columbia will close to the retention of sturgeon because the catch guideline of 165 will have been met.

Charter boats



Sturgeon trips are offered at Astoria, Oregon and Ilwaco, Washington on both large and small charter boats (4-6 and 8-14 persons). Cost: \$115.00 to \$135.00 per person 7-8 hr trip. Charter boats have a head (bathroom) on board. (All prices subject to change)

Guide boats



Trips are also provided from the lower Columbia River at Astoria / Ilwaco to Cascade Locks (Bonneville Dam) on smaller private guide boats (2-6 persons). Cost: \$150.00 per person 7-8 hr trip. Guided trips are a bit more private and personal than the larger boats can provide. Guide boats have a porta-pottie on board and will at times take clients in to facilities on shore as needed. Private trips also available. (All prices subject to change).

All equipment is provided on both Guided and Charter trips. You will need to bring something to eat and drink. Daily fishing licenses are available onboard most vessels or at charter office.

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After we receive your deposit we will send you a confirmation by e-mail that will contain; all contact information for the guide/charter along with a map and driving directions from your location to the meeting location.

Information on nearby lodging and fish processing can also be provided by request.

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