

# **WHITE STURGEON**

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

### **LOWER COLUMBIA AND LOWER SNAKE RIVER IMPOUNDMENTS**

**ORGANIZED BY THE COLUMBIA RIVER INTER-TRIBAL FISH COMMISSION, OREGON  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE,  
AND COLUMBIA BASIN FISH AND WILDLIFE AUTHORITY**

**DECEMBER 1, 2009 (10 AM TO 5 PM) AND  
DECEMBER 2, 2009 (8 AM TO 4 PM)**

**Workshop Location: River Lodge and Grill  
6 Marine Drive, Boardman, OR 97818  
<http://www.riverlodgeandgrill.com/>**

## **WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES**

- 1. Launch strategic planning process for white sturgeon in the lower mid-Columbia River and lower Snake River impoundments.**
- 2. Promote regional information sharing and dialog.**
- 3. Identify potential vision, goals, objectives, and strategies for consideration in future strategic planning efforts.**
- 4. Identify next steps, timeline, and interested active participants.**

# **AGENDA TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2009**

## **WHITE STURGEON – STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together a diverse group of talented, interested, and interesting individuals, representing a range of disciplines and organizational affiliations, with specific knowledge related to white sturgeon populations and their habitats – to collectively initiate and lay the groundwork for a rigorous dialog and planning process that will culminate in development of a regionally-endorsed strategic plan for white sturgeon in the lower mid-Columbia River and lower Snake River impoundments. This workshop is the first step in launching a longer-term strategic planning effort.

### **10:00 AM PART I. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND WORKSHOP OVERVIEW**

- Welcome and overview of workshop purpose and desired outcomes (Ray Beamesderfer, Cramer Fish Sciences – 5 min).
- Review agenda and meeting objectives (Alison Squier, Ziji Creative Resources – 5 min).
- Participant introductions (All participants – 20 min).

### **10:30 AM PART II. STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTEXT**

- Overview of population status of white sturgeon in lower Columbia and lower Snake River impoundments, factors limiting self-sustaining wild populations, general introduction to range of programs and activities (Ray Beamesderfer – 30 min).
- Snapshots of existing programs and plans:
  - Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission programs and plans (Blaine Parker – 15 min)
  - Fish and Wildlife Department lower Columbia River programs (Brad James, WDFW – 15 min)
  - Fish and Wildlife Department upper Columbia River program (Jason McLellan, WDFW – 15 min)
  - Yakama Tribe Programs and Hatchery Plans (Bob Rose & Donella Miller, Informal – 10 min)
  - PUD Programs (Informal)

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## STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTEXT (CONTINUED)

- Additional context considerations:
  - Opportunity for participants to speak briefly regarding other programs, plans, and contextual issues (Informal – 20 min)

## 12:30 PM LUNCH (WORKING LUNCH ON SITE)

## 1:00 PM STRATEGIC PLANNING CONTEXT (CONTINUED)

- State of current white sturgeon genetics information (Paul Anders, Cramer Fish Sciences – 20 min).
- Introduce the elephant corral and the importance of discussing elephants (Alison Squier – 5 min).
- The emperor has no clothes: sturgeon conflicts we must not speak of... (Tucker Jones and Tom Rien, ODFW – 15 min).

## 1:40 PM PART III. WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?

- Facilitated group discussion to identify commonalities, divergences, and potential areas of conflict, and opportunities among various regional plans and programs (Facilitated discussion – 30 min).

## 2:10 PM BREAK (20 MIN)

## 2:30 PART IV. EXPLORE A SHARED REGIONAL VISION FOR WHITE STURGEON

- Work session to explore and develop potential vision(s) for white sturgeon in the lower Columbia River and lower Snake River impoundments (Facilitated session – 120 min).
- Wrap-up work session (Alison Squier – 15 min).

## 4:45 PM WRAP-UP FIRST DAY

- Review relationship of day's activities to following day's agenda and preparation for Wednesday working sessions (Alison Squier – 15 min).

## 5:00 PM ADJOURN

# **AGENDA WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2009**

## **WHITE STURGEON – STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

### **8:00 AM WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND REVIEW AGENDA**

- Welcome, introductions and review agenda for day (Alison Squier and Participants – 15 min).
- Review relationship of workshop to next steps and content of recovery strategy (Ray Beamesderfer – 15 min).

### **8:30 AM PART V. IDENTIFY POTENTIAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- Work session to identify and discuss potential goals and objectives. Confirm definition of goals and objectives, develop range of potential goals and objectives, and review participant responses to identified goals and objectives (facilitated session – 90 min).

### **10:00 AM BREAK (20 MIN)**

### **10:20 AM PART VI. IDENTIFY POTENTIAL STRATEGIES**

- Work session to identify and discuss potential strategies. Confirm definition of strategies, develop range of strategies, discuss participant responses to identified strategies (facilitated session – 100 min).

### **NOON LUNCH (WORKING LUNCH ON SITE)**

### **12:30 PM PART VII. IN A PERFECT WORLD – MONITORING AND EVALUATION, ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT, AND RESEARCH**

- Work session to identify and explore the best approaches to monitoring and evaluation and development of an effective adaptive management plan, and to identify preliminary list of critical uncertainties and research needs (facilitated session – 90 min).

### **2:00 PM BREAK (20 MIN)**

### **2:20 PM PART VIII. BACK TO THE ELEPHANTS, TOPICS THAT FALL BY THE WAYSIDE, AND OTHER MUSINGS**

- Group discussion (facilitated discussion 40 min):
  - Review items in the elephant corral
  - Opportunity for participants to introduce ideas that have not emerged during work sessions but should be considered in development of strategic plan
  - Reflections on process and outputs

# **AGENDA – DECEMBER 2, 2009 (CONTINUED)**

## **3:00 PM PART IX. NEXT STEPS**

- **Identify and discuss next steps (Ray Beamesderfer and Alison Squier 45 min):**
  - **Workshop proceedings**
  - **Development of white sturgeon strategic planning working group and identification of willing active participants**
  - **Discussion of initial draft milestones and timeline for working group**
  - **Second workshop**
  - **Discussion of any additional next steps**

## **3:50 PM WRAP-UP**

- **Workshop organizer's reflections and thank you to participants (10 min).**

## **4:00 PM ADJOURN**