

## WHITE STURGEON - STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP LOWER COLUMBIA & LOWER SNAKE RIVER IMPOUNDMENTS

### **What:**

- Two-day facilitated technical workshop designed to:
  1. Provide a forum to share information about various entities' plans for future mid-Columbia white sturgeon conservation, restoration, management, and mitigation activities.
  2. Initiate a strategic planning process by identifying potential goals and objectives, strategies, needs, opportunities and constraints for further consideration.
  3. Identify next steps to further strategic planning efforts and refine concepts identified at this initial workshop.
- Focus: impounded white sturgeon in the Columbia River between Bonneville and Priest Rapids dams, and the Snake River downstream from Lower Granite Dam.
- Organized by: the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife Authority.

**When:** December 1, 10 AM – 5 PM  
December 2, 8 AM – 4 PM

**Where:** River Lodge, Boardman, Oregon <http://www.riverlodgeandgrill.com/>  
Room reservations: (888) 988-2009 (space is limited)

### **Who:**

- Individuals from fish management agencies, Tribes, and other involved agencies with technical and scientific expertise and interest in white sturgeon are invited to participate.
- Other regional experts on white sturgeon conservation, restoration, and management are also encouraged to attend and participate.
- The workshop will be facilitated by Alison Squier of Ziji Creative Resources.

### **Why:**

- A variety of governmental, Tribal and public entities are currently involved in partially-overlapping planning efforts to guide sturgeon management and mitigation programs throughout the region.
- The workshop will bring these entities together to better inform all participants about the nature of various efforts, to help identify opportunities for complementary planning, and to support those efforts through the initiation and implementation of a regional strategic planning process.
- A report of proceedings will be issued following the workshop to summarize information gathered through the workshop and to help guide future coordinated strategic planning efforts.

Please RSVP before November 18 to:  
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## Agenda Overview

### ***December 1 – Review Existing Programs and Plans (by entity)***

- Workshop overview and desired outcomes
- Brief presentations by management entity providing an overview of their existing programs and plans:
  - Who is involved
  - What have they done
  - What are they doing
  - What are they planning
  - What are existing opportunities
  - What are existing constraints on implementing activities
  - What is their vision for the future
- Facilitated work session #1: Synthesis of various programs and plans
  - Identify common and divergent goals and objectives
  - Identify similar or duplicative efforts
  - Identify constraints and opportunities
  - Lessons learned
  - Critical issues and needs

### ***December 2 – Work Sessions to Identify Potential Goals, Objectives, Strategies, Needs, and Next Steps***

- Facilitated work session #2: Identification of potential goals and objectives (conservation, mitigation, use, ecosystem, etc.)
- Facilitated work session #3: Identification of potential strategies (e.g., habitat restoration, passage, water management, fishery management, hatcheries, adaptive management and monitoring and evaluation, research, coordination)
- Facilitated work session #4: Identification of needs (including potential actions)
- Next steps (who, what, when and how)