

## Columbia River White Sturgeon



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Sturgeon fishing is available along the entire length of the Columbia River from Astoria/Ilwaco to Bonneville Dam at Cascade Locks/North Bonneville. Limited fishing is also above the dam in the Bonneville and John Day Pools. A & B Pro Guides refers clients to the top guides in these areas.

### **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 tippically retails for around \$14.00 or more per pound.

**Season information:** <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/news/2004/releases/247.asp>

### 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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