

**CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
FINAL STATEMENT OF PROPOSED EMERGENCY REGULATORY ACTION**

Emergency Action to Amend Sections 5.80, 27.60, 27.90 and 27.95,
and Add Sections 5.81 and 27.92
Title 14, California Code of Regulations,
Re: Changes to Sturgeon Bag and Size Limit

I. Statement of Facts Constituting the Need for Emergency Regulatory Action

Emergency regulatory action by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) is needed to protect mature female white and green sturgeon that have the potential to spawn in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system during the spring of 2006.

Current regulations allow harvest all year with a daily bag and possession limit of one white or green sturgeon within the size range of 46 to 72 inches; except no sturgeon may be harvested in the North Coast District at any time. Also, current regulations do not distinguish between the two species of sturgeon, white and green.

White sturgeon and green sturgeon are native California sportfishes prized for their large size, flesh, and roe. They are anadromous, long-lived, slow to mature, and individuals spawn intermittently in large rivers during spring. Spawning and rearing habitat for the majority of California's white sturgeon and many of California's green sturgeon is in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system and San Francisco Estuary.

Recent information collected by the Department of Fish and Game (Department), and the known 2-5 year periodicity of individual sturgeon's spawning suggests that fewer than 2,000 female white sturgeon and fewer than twenty-five female green sturgeon will migrate to spawning grounds in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system during the spring of 2006. The majority of sexually mature Sacramento-San Joaquin River female sturgeon are greater than 55 inches in total length and fish up to 72 inches total length are subject to angler harvest. Given this near-record low reproductive potential and potential harvest (totals and rates), the Department believes that the potential harvest of adult white sturgeon and green sturgeon on spawning grounds in 2006 is too great and must immediately be reduced. The proposed amendments include distinguishing between green and white sturgeon and identifying unique bag limits and restrictions for each species.

To address the urgent need to reduce harvest of sturgeon, the Department proposed at the February 2006 meeting that the Commission adopt emergency regulations to reduce the bag limit to zero (0) for the following areas and species:

1. White sturgeon during the months of March through June 2006 in the Sacramento River and its tributaries upstream of the Highway 12 bridge over the Sacramento River at Rio Vista;
2. White sturgeon during the months of March through June 2006 in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries upstream of the Highway 5 bridge over the San Joaquin River;
3. Green sturgeon, statewide in all inland and ocean waters.

The Department believes that without a reduction in sturgeon the harvest, spawning success and future recruitment to the fishery will likely be at record lows and threaten the future survival of the species.

Sacramento-San Joaquin River system adult sturgeon population information from the Department is primarily the result of tagging studies conducted seventeen (17) times beginning in 1954. During the last ten years, tags were applied in 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, and 2005. Data from tagging studies is used to calculate 'absolute' abundance, 'relative' abundance, length- and age-frequency, harvest rate and survival rate. Due to the difficulty of determining sex of sturgeon without laboratory techniques, population information is not stratified by sex.

Since peaking at about 144,000 in 1998, the estimated abundance of California's legal-sized white sturgeon has declined likely due to factors including, but not limited to, poor spawning success, variation in streamflow, passage impediments, entrainment, legal harvest, and illegal harvest. Information developed in November 2005 suggests that the abundance of legal-sized white sturgeon is now at a 50-year low of an estimated 10,000 sturgeon and abundance may not increase substantially during the next 10 years.

Adult green sturgeon absolute abundance is not known but all indications are that numbers are low in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system. During Department tagging studies, the majority of sturgeon captured are white sturgeon; and an average of only one adult green sturgeon has been captured for every 134 adult white sturgeon. Thus, adult green sturgeon abundance is clearly much lower than adult white sturgeon abundance. In addition, recent preliminary genetics information that became available in September 2005 support the notion that numbers are low in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system, indicating that fewer than 20 green sturgeon above Red Bluff Diversion Dam contributed to the production of juveniles in 2003 and 2004.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has proposed listing green sturgeon south of the Eel River (including the Sacramento-San Joaquin River System) as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act and a final ruling is expected by April 2006. The Department did not concur with the proposed listing primarily due to the paucity of supporting data as described in a July 26, 2005 letter from the Department to NMFS regarding the proposed listing. Also in the letter, the Department recognized "...that extant California fishing regulations permit a greater degree of risk to green sturgeon than is necessary to allow the popular sturgeon fishery [to continue]..." and referenced the potential to change the green sturgeon bag limit to zero.

Central Valley sturgeon harvest information has been collected by the Department's Central Valley Salmon and Steelhead Harvest Monitoring Project. Information from this survey is stratified by river mile but not sturgeon species, and includes estimates of total harvest, total released, and total angler-hours during daylight hours. Because many anglers fish for sturgeon at night, these data can reasonably be considered minimums. Surveys conducted by the Department from 1991 through 1999 estimated annual angler harvest ranged from 1,527 to 2,536 sturgeon in the Sacramento River and tributaries from the Carquinez Bridge upstream to Red Bluff. Anglers returned 32% of the tags that were attached to white sturgeon in 2001 and 2002. Calculated white sturgeon harvest rate in 2002 (the most recent data) was 7%. Due to non-reporting of tags the Department believes that the actual harvest rate was higher.

Based on the length frequency distribution of sturgeon captured by the Department in the fall of 2005, a reduction in the maximum size limit that white sturgeon may be taken or possessed would protect a greater percentage of sexually mature female sturgeon in the population, but would also remove a percentage of sturgeon (males and females) within the 46 to 72 inch total length slot limit that are available for angler harvest (Table 1).

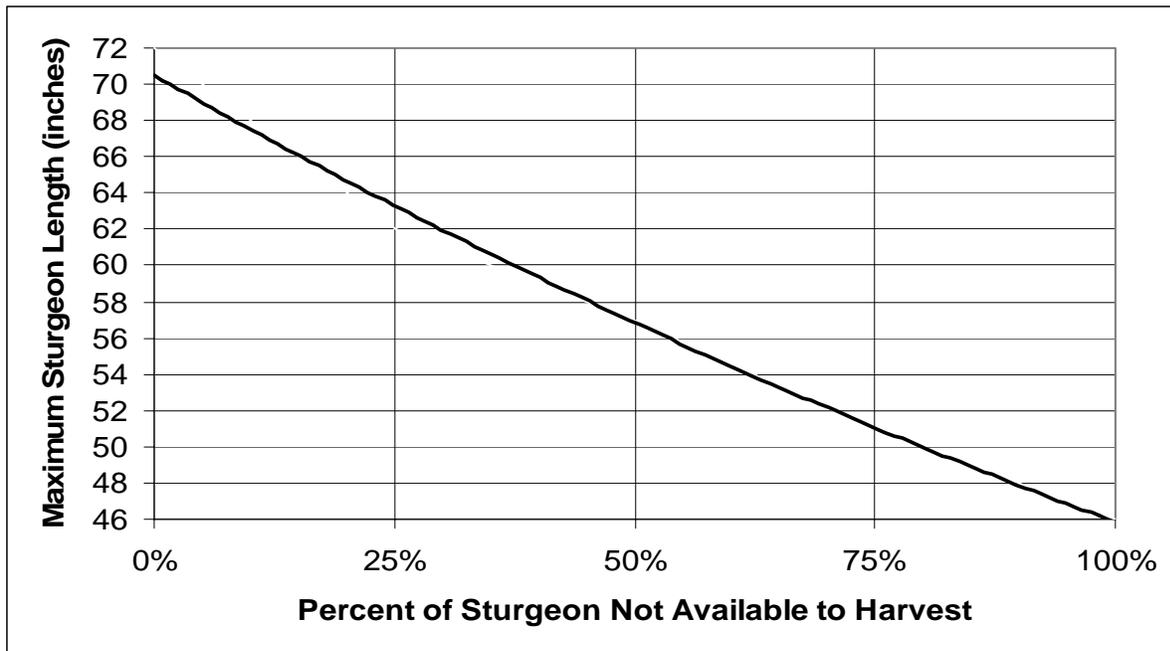


Table 1. Percentage of sturgeon that would not be available to harvest in relation to a reduction in the maximum size limit.

In response to the Department’s recommendation and public testimony received at the February 2006 Commission meeting, the Commission directed the Department to hold public meetings and invite interested parties to establish options for consideration by the Commission and prepare a report of those meetings. On February 3, 2006, the Department issued a press release announcing two public meetings to discuss the current status of California's white and green sturgeon and to solicit ideas from the public on potential protective emergency fishing regulations, as well as regulations that might be implemented on a long-term basis. The two public meetings were subsequently held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at the Veteran’s Hall, 1425 Veteran’s Memorial Circle, Yuba City, from 7 to 9 p.m.; and on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the JFK Library-Joseph Room, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo, 4 to 7 p.m. A summary report of those meetings is attached ([Attachment A](#)).

A total of 142 individuals attended the two meetings. The Department heard and recorded comments from a total of 36 individuals who wished to speak (16 at Yuba City, 20 at Vallejo). A total of 116 comments covering 39 different topics were recorded. The three most common comments received relative to sturgeon protective regulations at both meetings combined were:

1. Favored narrowing or reducing the present slot limit regulation (16 of 116 comments),
2. Favored a maximum limit on the total number of sturgeon per angler allowed during one season (14 of 116 comments),
3. Favored instigation of a “punch card” system (14 of 116 comments).

Comments were recorded at the Yuba City meeting suggesting that if any protective sturgeon actions were taken, such actions should affect all anglers. In addition, participants at the two meetings did not express dissatisfaction with actions recommended for green sturgeon indicating that white sturgeon were the preferred species for harvest. The Department remains concerned about low estimated population numbers of sturgeon and potential legal angler harvest of spawning female sturgeon but only comment number one can be implemented on an emergency basis. In addition, based on comments received at the two public meetings, the public does not support the Department's recommendation for a zero (0) sturgeon bag limit in selected areas. The Department has developed three options for consideration by the Commission:

OPTION 1

Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon year-round in all areas. For white sturgeon, the Department recommends reducing the maximum size limit that may be taken or possessed from 72 inches total length to 56 inches total length. This will protect the majority of sexually mature females and also retain approximately 50% of the sturgeon within the present slot size limit for angler harvest. This is the Department's preferred recommendation to provide protective regulations. These actions will:

- i. Eliminate the legal take of green sturgeon,
- ii. Eliminate the legal take of the majority of sexually mature female white sturgeon in the population, and
- iii. Remove approximately 50% of the all white sturgeon within the 46 to 72 inch total length slot limit from angler harvest.

OPTION 2

Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon year-round in all areas. Zero (0) bag limit for white sturgeon during the months of March through June 2006 in all areas. This alternative would prohibit the take of all green sturgeon, reduce the harvest of white sturgeon, and is considered equitable to all anglers.

OPTION 3

Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon year-round in all areas. Zero (0) bag limit for white sturgeon during the months of March through June 2006 in the Sacramento River and its tributaries upstream of the Highway 12 bridge over the Sacramento River at Rio Vista; and in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries upstream of the Highway 5 bridge over the San Joaquin River. This recommendation was proposed by the Department to the Commission at the February 2006 meeting and would have a lesser effect for reducing potential sturgeon harvest and a lesser economic effect on anglers and other associated businesses than alternative 2. This alternative is not equitable to all sturgeon anglers because of its geographical limits.

These emergency regulations need to be adopted as soon as possible since the normal angling regulation change rulemaking process would not be timely to prevent harvest of spawning white and green sturgeon during 2006.

In addition, minor changes are proposed to clarify the regulations.

II. Alternatives

In view of information currently possessed, no reasonable alternative considered would be more effective in carrying out the purposes for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action.

III. Impact of Regulatory Actions:

The potential for significant statewide adverse economic impacts that might result from the proposed regulatory action has been assessed, and the following initial determinations relative to the required statutory categories have been made:

(a) **Significant Statewide Adverse Economic Impact Directly Affecting Businesses, Including the Ability of California Businesses to Compete with Businesses in Other States:**

Option 1 - No businesses will be impacted by the proposed zero-bag limit on green sturgeon due to the historically low abundance and harvest of green sturgeon. Local small businesses that service California's sportfishing activities in the San Francisco Bay, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River and tributaries may be temporarily impacted by the elimination of white sturgeon harvest between 56 and 72 inches total length. However, the Department is unable to estimate an economic impact because under the proposed regulations anglers will be able to harvest sturgeon between 46 and 56 inches total length, and catch-and-release of sturgeon and recreational harvest of other fishes will still be allowed. This proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Option 2 - No businesses will be impacted by the proposed zero-bag limit on green sturgeon due to the historically low abundance and harvest of green sturgeon. Local small businesses that service California's sportfishing activities in the San Francisco Bay, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River and tributaries, may be temporarily impacted during the months of March through June by the elimination of white sturgeon from harvest. However, the Department is unable to estimate an economic impact because under the proposed regulations catch-and-release of sturgeon and recreational harvest of other fishes will still be allowed. This proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

Option 3 - No businesses will be impacted by the proposed zero-bag limit on green sturgeon due to the historically low abundance and harvest of green sturgeon. Local small businesses that service California's sportfishing activities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River and tributaries may be temporarily impacted by the elimination of white sturgeon from harvest. However, the Department is unable to estimate an economic impact because under the

proposed regulations catch-and-release of sturgeon and recreational harvest of other fishes will still be allowed.

This proposed action will not have a significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

- (b) Impact on the Creation or Elimination of Jobs Within the State, the Creation of New Businesses or the Elimination of Existing Businesses, or the Expansion of Businesses in California: None
- (c) Cost Impacts on a Representative Private Person or Business:

The agency is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- (d) Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None
- (e) Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None
- (f) Programs Mandated on Local Agencies or School Districts: None
- (g) Costs Imposed on Any Local Agency or School District that is Required to be Reimbursed Under Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4: None
- (h) Effect on Housing Costs: None.

IV. Plain English Policy Statement:

It has been determined that the adoption/amendment of these regulations may affect small businesses. The Commission has drafted the regulations in Plain English pursuant to Government Code sections 11342(e) and 11346.2(a) (1).

V. Authority and Reference:

The Fish and Game Commission proposes this emergency action pursuant to the authority vested by Section 240 of the Fish and Game Code and to implement, interpret, or make specific Section 240 of said Code.

VI. Section 240 Finding:

Pursuant to Section 240 of the Fish and Game Code, the Commission made the finding that the adoption of this regulation is necessary for the immediate conservation, preservation or protection of birds, mammals, reptiles, or fish, including, but not limited to, any nests or eggs thereof.

Updated Informative Digest (Plain English Overview)

Emergency regulatory action by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) is needed to protect and increase the number of mature female white sturgeon spawners and to protect and increase the number of green sturgeon that occur in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system.

Current regulations allow the harvest all year of one white or green sturgeon per day within the size range of 46 to 72 inches; except no sturgeon may be harvested in the North Coast District at any time. Also, current regulations do not distinguish between the two species of sturgeon, white and green.

White sturgeon and green sturgeon are native California sportfishes prized for their large size, flesh, and roe. They are anadromous, long-lived, slow to mature, and individuals spawn intermittently. They spawn in large rivers during spring. Spawning habitat and aquatic rearing habitat for most of California's white sturgeon and many of California's green sturgeon is in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system and San Francisco Estuary.

Recent information collected by the Department of Fish and Game (Department), and the known 2-5 year periodicity of individual sturgeon's spawning suggests that fewer than 2,000 female white sturgeon and fewer than twenty-five female green sturgeon will migrate to spawning grounds in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River system during the spring of 2006. The majority of sexually mature Sacramento-San Joaquin River sturgeon are greater than 55 inches in total length and are subject to angler harvest. Based on this near-record low reproductive potential and recent harvest (totals and rates), the Department believes that the potential harvest of adult white sturgeon and green sturgeon on spawning grounds in 2006 is too great and must be reduced. The proposed amendments include distinguishing between green and white sturgeon and identifying unique bag limits and restrictions for each species.

In response to the Department's recommendation and public testimony received at the February 2006 Commission meeting, the Commission directed the Department to hold public meetings and invite interested parties to establish options for consideration by the Commission and prepare a report of those meetings. As a result of the input from these meetings and the urgent need to reduce harvest of sturgeon, the Department proposes three options for the Commission to consider for adoption:

Option 1 - Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon in all areas. For white sturgeon, reduce the maximum size limit that may be taken or possessed from 72 inches total length to 56 inches total length. This action will protect the majority of sexually mature females and also retain approximately 50% of the sturgeon within the present slot size limit for angler harvest.

Option 2 - Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon year-round in all areas; zero (0) bag limit for white sturgeon during the months of March through June 2006 in all areas. This alternative would prohibit the take of all green sturgeon in certain months and would have the greatest effect in reducing potential sturgeon harvest.

Option 3 - Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon year-round in all areas; zero (0) bag limit for white sturgeon during the months of March through June 2006 in the Sacramento River and its tributaries upstream of the Highway 12 bridge over the Sacramento River at Rio Vista; and in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries upstream of the Highway 5 bridge over the San Joaquin River.

Without proposed regulatory action, sturgeon spawning success and future recruitment to the fishery will likely be at record lows and could result in proposals for further restrictions on the fishery in the future. This constitutes an emergency for the conservation, preservation or protection of birds, mammals, reptiles, or fish, including, but not limited to, any nests or eggs thereof.

In addition, minor changes are proposed to clarify the regulations.

The Commission, at its March 2, 2006 meeting, chose Option 1 and adopted the following emergency regulations:

Zero (0) bag limit for green sturgeon year-round in all areas.

For white sturgeon, reduced the maximum size limit that may be taken or possessed from 72 inches total length to 56 inches total length.

Attachment A

Report to the California Fish and Game Commission
On Public Meetings for Emergency Protection of Sturgeon 1/

February 22, 2006

1/ Prepared by California Department of Fish and Game Wildlife; Fisheries, and Enforcement Division; Fisheries Branch, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Report to the California Fish and Game Commission
On Public Meetings for Emergency Protection of Sturgeon

Background

At the February 2, 2006 meeting in Sacramento of the California Fish and Game Commission (Commission), the Department of Fish and Game (Department) proposed that the Commission adopt emergency regulations as part of a plan to encourage the recovery of California's sturgeon spawning populations. The proposed emergency regulations recommended reducing the bag limit to zero (0) for the following areas and species:

1. White sturgeon during the Months of March through June 2006 in the Sacramento River and its tributaries upstream from the Highway 12 bridge over the Sacramento River at Rio Vista;
2. White sturgeon during the Months of March through June 2006 in the San Joaquin River and its tributaries upstream from the Highway 5 bridge over the San Joaquin River;
3. Green sturgeon statewide in all inland and ocean waters.

In response to the Department's recommendation, the Commission directed the Department to hold public meetings and invite interested parties to establish options for consideration by the Commission and prepare a report of those meetings ([Attachment a](#)).

On February 3, 2006, the Department issued a press release ([Attachment b](#)) announcing two public meetings to discuss the current status of California's white and green sturgeon and to solicit ideas from the public on potential protective fishing emergency regulations, as well as regulations that might be implemented on a long-term basis.

The two public meetings were subsequently held on Wednesday, February 8, 2006, at the Veteran's Hall, 1425 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, from 7 to 9 p.m.; and on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the JFK Library-Joseph Room, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo, 4 to 7 p.m. ([Attachment c](#)). Department personnel in attendance included individuals representing Fisheries and Enforcement Branch and Regional staffs.

Speaker cards were handed out at the door at the start of the meetings and time was provided for questions relative to sturgeon life history and management prior to receiving comments from attendees.

Summary

A total of 142 individuals attended the two meetings (66 at Yuba City, 76 at Vallejo). The Department heard and recorded comments from a total of 36 individuals who wished to speak (16 at Yuba City, 20 at Vallejo). A total of 116 comments covering 39 different topics were recorded ([Table 1](#)).

The three most common comments received relative to sturgeon protective regulations at both meetings combined were:

1. Favored narrowing or reducing the present slot limit regulation (16 of 116 comments)
2. Favored a maximum limit on the total number of sturgeon per angler allowed during one season (14 of 116 comments)
3. Instigate a “punch card” system (14 of 116 comments)

The most common comments received at the Yuba City meeting were:

1. Favored maximum season limits (9 of 58)
2. Instigate a “punch card” system (8 of 58)
3. Narrowed or reduced slot limit (8 of 58)

The most common comments received at the Vallejo meeting were similar to the Yuba City meeting:

1. Narrowed or reduced slot limit (7 of 59)
2. Instigate a “punch card” system (6 of 59)
3. Favored maximum season limits (5 of 59)

Comments were recorded at the Yuba City meeting suggesting that if any protective sturgeon actions were taken, such actions should affect all anglers.

Comments should not be considered representative of the entire group or an unbiased sampling of the attendees since many individuals did not comment, or if a comment was already noted may not have repeated the comment. No comment was received at either meeting in support of the Department’s proposed emergency regulation.

The Department concluded that the meetings were helpful in engaging the public and providing a local opportunity to provide comments for sturgeon protection. Many comments were received that cannot be implemented on an emergency basis but were noted and will be included as part of the Department’s overall considerations for statewide sturgeon management.

Department efforts to educate anglers about sturgeon management issues were reinforced and angler comments received at the public meetings provided impetus for public meetings as part of regular angling regulation change process during 2006.

Table 1. Summary of comments received at two public meetings relative to sturgeon protective regulations.

Comment Received	Location and number of comments received		
	Yuba City	Vallejo	Total
Favors narrowed or reduced slot limit	8	7	15
Favors maximum season limits	9	5	14
Favors punch card system	8	6	14
Favors funding sturgeon hatchery	2	4	6
Favors increased penalties for poaching	2	4	6
Favors closure of all areas for sturgeon fishing if there is going to be a closure	5	0	5
Favors better education of anglers on handling of sturgeon	2	2	4
Not in favor of closing all locations to sturgeon fishing	1	3	4
Not in favor of night closure	1	3	4
Favors more money for enforcement	1	2	3
Favors seasonal closures for spawning areas	1	2	3
Not in favor of closing river sections	3	0	3
Favors a better Cal Tip system	0	2	2
Favors barbless hooks	1	1	2
Favors changes to sturgeon management to work like Oregon and Washington	1	1	2
Favors more funding to get better statistics & info	2	0	2
Favors night closures	1	1	2
Favors protecting the fishery	0	2	2
Favors punch card if no extra cost to angler	2	0	2
Favors using anglers to help gather data	0	2	2
Favors a program for bait stores to help submit data	0	1	1
Favors a sturgeon stamp	0	1	1
Favors angler surveys by students	1	0	1
Favors area specific quotas	1	0	1
Favors charging a fee for sturgeon and striped bass derbies	0	1	1
Favors closing party boats, guides, and commercial fishing for sturgeon fishing	1	0	1
Favors getting better data before decisions are made	0	1	1
Favors marking oversize females for easier identification	0	1	1
Favors punch card if money goes directly towards enforcement	1	0	1
Favors punch card if money goes directly towards helping sturgeon	1	0	1
Favors reassigning wardens to spawning areas	0	1	1
Favors reduced slot limit in the Bay	1	0	1
Favors regulation against bringing oversize sturgeon out of the water	0	1	1
Favors stocking sturgeon in more lakes	0	1	1
Favors sturgeon tag with money going to a sturgeon hatchery	0	1	1
Favors zero bag limit on female sturgeon	0	1	1
Favors zero limit on green sturgeon	1	0	1
Not in favor of closing the Bay	0	1	1
Not in favor of day closures	0	1	1
Total comments	58	59	116

Attachment a

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

DATE: February 14, 2006

TO: Ryan Broddrick, Director

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: Department Request For Commission Consideration And Possible Adoption Of Emergency Action To Amend Sections 5.80, 27.60 And 27.90, And Add Sections 5.81 And 27.92, Title 14, CCR, Re: Reduction Of Sturgeon Bag Limits In The Sacramento-San Joaquin River System.

The Commission, at its February 2, 2006 meeting in Sacramento, directed the Department to hold public meetings and to invite interested parties to establish options for consideration by the Commission before proceeding with the emergency action. The Commission looks forward to receiving the Department's report from these public meetings.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

John Carlson, Jr.

cc: Deputy Director Mastrup
Fisheries Programs Branch
Sandy Morey, Manager, Sacramento Valley – Central Sierra Region

Attachment b

News Release: For Immediate Release

Feb. 3, 2006

DFG will Hold Public Meetings Feb. 8 and Feb. 16 to Solicit Feedback on Sturgeon Protections

Contact: Steve Martarano, Office of Communications, (916) 654-5866
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The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) announced today two public meetings to discuss the current status of California's anadromous white and green sturgeon. The meetings are to solicit ideas from the public on potential protective fishing emergency regulations, as well as regulations that might be implemented on a long-term basis.

Last month DFG proposed that the California Fish and Game Commission adopt emergency regulations as part of a plan to encourage the recovery of California's sturgeon spawning populations. The regulations DFG suggested would limit white sturgeon harvest in the Sacramento-San Joaquin river system and green sturgeon harvest in inland and ocean waters. The Commission considered DFG's proposal on Feb. 2 and requested that DFG collect additional feedback from the public before considering additional alternatives for emergency protection of sturgeon.

The public meetings are as follows:

Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Veteran's Hall, 1425 Veteran's Memorial Circle, Yuba City, 7 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, Feb. 16 – JFK Library-Joseph Room, 505 Santa Clara St., Vallejo, 4 to 7 p.m.

Attachment c

California Department of Fish and Game
STURGEON PROTECTION PUBLIC MEETING
7-9 PM February 8, 2006
Veteran's Hall, 1425 Veterans Hall Memorial Circle, Yuba City

Agenda

- 7:00 PM Introduction and Purpose - Larry Week, Acting Chief, Fisheries Branch
- 7:15 PM Sturgeon life-history, management, abundance, harvest, current regulations - PowerPoint Presentation - Marty Gingras, Central Valley Bay Delta Branch
- 7:30 PM Public Comment Period - Please complete a blue comment card to make a comment.
- 8:30 PM Open Discussion Period
- 9:00 PM End

California Department of Fish and Game
STURGEON PROTECTION PUBLIC MEETING
4-7 PM February 16, 2006
JFK Library – Joseph Room, 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo

Agenda

- 4:00 PM Introduction and Purpose - Larry Week, Acting Chief, Fisheries Branch
- 4:15 PM Sturgeon life-history, management, abundance, harvest, current regulations - PowerPoint Presentation - Marty Gingras, Central Valley Bay Delta Branch
- 4:30 PM Public Comment Period - Please complete a yellow comment card to make a comment.
- 5:30 PM Open Discussion Period
- 7:00 PM End