Economic Impact Analysis
White Sturgeon Report Card and Tagging Requirements

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

This modification will have no 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 because the amended provisions do not limit or expand the ability of people to fish for white sturgeon in inland and ocean waters, but simply amends the method of recording data on an existing sturgeon tag.

The proposed change to create punch dates on white sturgeon tags are also similar to existing punch style tags for other species and therefore, no impacts are expected to the State’s overall sport fishing businesses.

Benefits of the Regulation:

Benefits to the Environment: Sustainable Management of Sturgeon Fishing.

The requirement to punch out the date when a white sturgeon is taken will assist both Law enforcement and fisheries management. This will facilitate the enforcement of daily and annual bag limits and prevent the possibility of some people to record the date and later erase the date in an effort to re-use the tag. It also aligns with other department tag cards that use the punch method to record the data.

Health and Welfare of California Residents

The Commission anticipates non-monetary benefits to the health and welfare of California residents. Maintaining sustainable populations of white sturgeon in California will benefit the residents of the state by providing continued recreational angling opportunities.

Benefits to Worker Safety. Transitioning a written sturgeon tag to a punched sturgeon tag to record data will have no impact on any aspect of worker safety.