



# CONFEDERATED TRIBES of the CHEHALIS RESERVATION

## Fish & Wildlife Program



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Photo by Rick Swart - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

The Chehalis Tribe's Fish & Wildlife Program is assisting the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) with a study to track White Sturgeon movement in the Chehalis River.

Sturgeon will be tagged using an acoustic tag which is surgically implanted into the fish's abdomen. These tags are very expensive and we ask if anyone catches a sturgeon to please notify Fisheries staff so we can scan the fish to recover the tags to be used again.



Sturgeon throughout the West Coast are experiencing declines in populations like what we are seeing with our Spring Chinook. Tracking movements will help inform managers where spawning adults may be seeking refuge. Currently spawning populations have not been identified in the Chehalis River, but this study may prove otherwise.



We will be tagging fish through May and tracking their movements via acoustic (sound) receivers and buoys pictured above. Receivers are either tethered to trees with cables or fully submerged in the water. Their location will be marked with orange buoys. Receivers will be in place year-round.

Please do not disturb the equipment as it has calibration settings that are very sensitive. Cameras are also being deployed to monitor the equipment.

If you have any questions, concerns, or see anyone disturbing the receivers please reach out to the Fisheries Staff via phone or email  
**(360)709-1857 or [tlivingoodschott@chehalisribe.org](mailto:tlivingoodschott@chehalisribe.org)**