

# Revised Proposal from WDFW on the Number of Juvenile White Sturgeon to Release in 2015

## 2015 White Sturgeon Stocking Agreement (Rocky Reach Project Area):

- I. Chelan PUD currently has 40 half-sibling families available for stocking.
- II. Based off available half-sibling families in the hatchery, the RRF agrees (through unanimous vote) to stock 6,500 age-1 juvenile white sturgeon into the Rocky Reach Project Area in 2015 provided:
  - i.  $\geq 18$  half-sibling families are available at the time of release.
  - ii. Half-sibling equalization is reflected in the release to the greatest extent possible.
- III. If  $< 18$  half-sibling families are available at the time of release, a reduced and pro-rated release strategy will be employed.
  - i. For example: If 10 half-siblings are available then the 2015 release would be 3,610 age-1 juvenile white sturgeon ( $6,500/18$  half-sibling families = 361 fish/half-sibling family; 361 fish/half-sibling family X 10 half-sibling families = 3,610 stocking rate)
- IV. This white sturgeon stocking agreement only affects release year 2015 and does not have any bearing on future releases.