

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT: 16TDA02 Sturgeon mortality in The Dalles north fishladder**

A single adult White Sturgeon mortality was observed in lower end of The Dalles north fishladder on Jan 22, 2016. It was laying against one of the lower ladder weirs. It had a noticeable wound rear and dorsal, possibly a sea lion bite. Cause of death is unknown. There have been several recent sea lion sightings near dam.

Unusually large numbers of sturgeon (several too large to handle) were found in this ladder during annual dewatering early December. The ladder was immediately returned to service without maintenance to prevent undue stress or mortalities. Information is provided below:

- A. Species – White Sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*)
- B. Origin – Unknown
- C. Length – Approximately 7 ft.
- D. Marks and tags – None visible
- E. Marks and Injuries found on carcass – Potential bite wound
- F. Cause and Time of Death – Unknown
- G. Future and Preventative Measures – None



Sincerely,  
The Dalles Project Fisheries