



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



July 1, 2014

Subject: Five Foreign Species of Sturgeon Listed as Endangered

Background: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) recently published a final rule (79 FR 31222) to list five foreign species of sturgeon as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NMFS made a determination that *Acipenser naccarii* (Adriatic sturgeon) and *Acipenser sturio* (European sturgeon) in Western Europe, *Acipenser sinensis* (Chinese sturgeon) in the Yangtse River Basin, and *Acipenser mikadoi* (Sakhalin sturgeon) and *Huso dauricus* (Kaluga sturgeon) in the Amur River Basin/ Sea of Japan/Sea of Okhotsk region should be listed as endangered species.

Action: Effective July 2, 2014, the prohibitions of the ESA apply to these five species of sturgeon, and their parts and products. This includes prohibitions on the import, export, and sale in interstate commerce except with an ESA permit or if the specimen meets the pre-Act or antique criteria under the ESA. It also includes specimens from all sources, including wild and aquaculture.

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