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The FRSA is supportive of measures required to protect all fish species including sturgeon. We view closures as an absolute last resort & if instituted must apply to all sectors. It is our understanding there has been very significant compliance by the Guiding community in respecting designated spawning areas for sturgeon. We do not know if other sectors such as First nations have also complied as netting has been demonstrated as a very significant mortality for juvenile sturgeon.

We are aware that these requests for voluntary compliance in specific areas above the Harrison confluence is not necessarily common knowledge to the non guided community. We suggest more education & signage is required. Organizations such as the FVAGA and BCFDF can assist in spreading the word. Demonstrated stewardship by concerned organizations and individuals is much preferable to regulated closures.

We respectfully suggest that further discussion & consultation with all sectors is required on the closure proposal & out of water handling. The FRSA certainly is willing to offer our support & input toward protecting these precious fish.

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