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## Stevens Marine Joins Fisherman's Marine & Outdoor For The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgeon Derby

**Tigard, OR** – Fisherman's Marine & Outdoor, Inc., a large Portland-area sporting goods retailer, and Stevens Marine, Inc., a large Portland-area dealer of fishing boats, have teamed-up to host Fishermen's Marine & Outdoor's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgeon Derby to be held March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003 on the Columbia River.

“This tournament started 11 years ago with 5 boats”, commented Fisherman's Marine Outdoor's President, Dan Grogan. “This year we expect to field about 150 boats and about 450 anglers”, he continued.

“Fisherman's Sturgeon Derby is a showcase event”, stated Paul Mayer, President of Stevens Marine. “It's a well-run non-profit event, with broad-based participation and a format that allows everyone who participates to leave with something. We especially like the fact that Fisherman's, and now Stevens Marine, donates all of the proceeds to the benefit of local fisheries.”

For 2003, Fisherman's Marine & Outdoor and Stevens Marine join forces in the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgeon Derby. Buzz Ramsey of Luhr Jensen will be the Master of Ceremonies. Buzz is a member of the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, has met with the President of the United States and is deeply involved in regional fisheries issues.

In addition to the tournament, is a big awards banquet following the tournament to be held at the Kliever Memorial Armory near the launch site. Tony Roma's will cater the banquet.

The entry fee is \$58 per person, (3 person teams), which includes: dinner, T-shirt, sturgeon stick and “goodies” bag. The awards banquet will also feature a couple of low cost / high value auctions, the proceeds from those auctions will be directed to the N.W. Sportfishing Industry Association.

It's Portland's most popular fishing tournament and the largest of its kind on the west coast. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Sturgeon Derby is a credit to the local sportfishing community and all who participate to support local fisheries.

Awards will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams for greatest combined weight and individuals based on single biggest keeper.