

Press release*Astana, September 18, 2026***Responsible environmental stewardship: Main Waterline LLP releases more than 26,000 sturgeon fry into the Kigash River**

To replenish fish stocks in the Caspian Sea basin and its coastal areas, Main Waterline LLP (MW), a subsidiary of KazTransOil JSC, has released 26,307 sturgeon fry into the Kigash River.

The stocking was carried out in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan On the Protection, Reproduction and Use of Wildlife¹ and is aimed at maintaining fish populations and the ecological balance of the water system in the Caspian region.

Each fry weighed between 15 and 20 grams and had a high capacity to survive in its natural habitat. Before release, the fish underwent veterinary inspection to ensure they were free of infectious and parasitic diseases. On site, specialists also carried out acclimatization procedures to prepare the fry for conditions in the receiving water body.

This is not the first year that KazTransOil’s subsidiary has stocked the Kigash River with fish. In 2024, MW released more than 23,600 beluga fry into the river, followed by more than 52,000 fish in 2025. Thus, over the three-year period, more than 100,000 juvenile sturgeon fish were released to replenish the fish population of the Caspian Sea region.

Fish stocking is a complex, multi-stage process that begins with obtaining and incubating eggs, followed by raising healthy fish and releasing them into their natural habitat. The initiative was carried out by MW jointly with the Atyrau Sturgeon Fish Hatchery, the Zhaiyk-Caspian Interregional Basin Inspectorate of Fisheries of the Fisheries Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Research and Production Center for Fisheries, and the Atyrau branch of Qazaq Balyk, the Republican Association of Fisheries and Aquaculture Enterprises.

«Every year, thousands of fry released by KazTransOil, through the efforts of Main Waterline, into the Caspian basin contribute to preserving the unique fish fauna of the Caspian Sea. These fish grow and migrate, helping to sustain populations of the unique Caspian sturgeon and other valuable fish species. Such annual initiatives contribute to increasing populations of sturgeon, beluga, stellate sturgeon and other fish species while supporting the ecological balance of the Caspian Sea,» said Adilbek Musin, Chief Specialist of the Kurmangazy District Fisheries Inspectorate of the Zhaiyk-Caspian Interregional Basin Inspectorate of Fisheries, at the launch ceremony.

The Kigash River is an important source of fresh water for several water-stressed areas of the Atyrau and Mangystau regions. Water from the river is supplied through the Astrakhan–Mangyshlak main water pipeline to meet the needs of municipal and drinking water supply, agricultural producers and industry.

Joint efforts by Kazakhstan’s national crude oil pipeline operator and government agencies to stock the river with fish help maintain populations of valuable species, support their natural reproduction and preserve the region’s natural resources. Such initiatives form

part of the systematic work carried out by KazTransOil and its subsidiaries to promote responsible use of natural resources and demonstrate the Company’s commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainable development.

KazTransOil JSC is Kazakhstan's national oil pipeline operator and a member of the KazMunayGas group of companies. The Company operates a diversified network of more than 5,200 kilometres of main oil pipelines and provides operation and maintenance services for third-party pipeline systems with a total length exceeding 5,000 kilometres.

KazTransOil JSC owns a 100% interest in the charter capital of Main Waterline LLP, the owner of the Astrakhan–Mangyshlak Main Water Pipeline.

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