

**Press release***Astana, August 1, 2025***KazTransOil JSC continues to contribute to the conservation of biodiversity: more than 52 thousand sturgeon fry were released into the Kigash River**

Following the principles of responsible nature management, Main Waterline LLP, 100% of which belongs to KazTransOil JSC, has stocked the Kigash River with fish. In order to preserve the biological diversity of the Caspian Sea and its coastal zone, 52,160 sturgeon fry, including beluga, ship sturgeon, sterlet and stellate sturgeon, were released into the river. The replenishment of fish resources of the Kigash River was carried out in accordance with the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan "On the Protection, Reproduction and Use of Wildlife".

The total weight of the released fry was more than 1,565 kilograms. Each fry weighs about 30 grams and is an already grown, viable individual with a high probability of survival in the natural environment.

Stocking of fish plays an important role in preserving the biodiversity of the river, which is the most important source of fresh water for a number of districts of the Atyrau and Mangistau regions. Water from Kigash is supplied via the Astrakhan-Mangyshlak main water pipeline and is used for domestic and drinking water supply of the population, agricultural producers, and industrial needs.

KazTransOil JSC has been carrying out fish stocking activities for several years. In 2024, more than 23,600 beluga fry were released into Kigash.

Stocking of fish is a labor-intensive process that includes several stages: from obtaining and incubating eggs to growing healthy individuals and populating the river. This targeted, painstaking work is aimed at maintaining the ecological balance and the reproduction of rare and valuable fish species.

Financing of all stages of fish stocking works is carried out at the expense of Main Waterline LLP.

The event demonstrates the commitment of KazTransOil JSC to the principles of environmental responsibility and sustainable development. Work on fish stocking of the Kigash River will be continued in 2026.

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*KazTransOil JSC owns 100% of the share in the authorized capital of Main Waterline LLP, the owner of the Astrakhan-Mangyshlak main water pipeline.*

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