
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 13, 2011

Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following actions:

Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery

- Adopted the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam:

Season: Sunday May 15 through Wednesday June 15, 2011.

Area: Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.

The boundary at Beacon Rock is defined as: A line projected from a sign posted on a dock on the Oregon shoreline across to the exposed downstream end of Pierce Island, then across to a sign posted on the Washington shoreline at Beacon Rock.

Catch limit: Retention of sockeye, adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, and adipose fin-clipped steelhead allowed. Sockeye salmon count towards the adult limit regardless of size.

Daily bag limit includes up to two adult salmon/steelhead in combination, but only one may be a Chinook.

Additional regulations:

Effective through June 15, 2011 for the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to OR/WA border, it is unlawful when fishing from vessels which are less than 30 feet in length (substantiated by Coast Guard documentation or Marine Board registration) to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released.

In Washington, on the mainstem Columbia River below Bonneville Dam, anglers may not possess in the field fish mutilated so that size, species or fin clip cannot be determined until the angler has reached their automobile or principle means of land transportation and has completed their daily angling.

Angling for shad is allowed from May 16 – Dec 31 from the Buoy 10 line upstream to Bonneville Dam and year round above Bonneville Dam under permanent rules.

Effective through June 15, 2011, in Oregon and Washington Select Areas the hatchery adult Chinook daily limit will be the same as the adjacent mainstem Columbia River when the mainstem Columbia River is open for adult Chinook retention. When the adjacent mainstem Columbia River is closed for adult Chinook retention, the salmon daily limit will revert to permanent rules.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No future hearings have been scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 13, 2011 Spring Fact Sheet #7 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- Note: Joint Staff Reports, Fact Sheets, and Columbia River Action Notices are also available through the Internet at:
<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>