
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 25, 2011

Joint State Action

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

Lower Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery

- Modified the recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam to allow **boat angling** from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam as follows:

Season: Friday May 27 through Wednesday June 15, 2011.

Area: Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.

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, 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.

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery

- Extended the recreational fishery above Bonneville Dam as follows:

Area: From the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border plus the Oregon **and** Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

Dates: Saturday May 28 through Thursday June 2, 2011 (6 days)

Catch Limits: 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.

- The following regulation applies to both fisheries above:

Additional Regulation: 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.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the "2011 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet" remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Joint State Hearings have been scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed. Dependant on spring Chinook passage during the upcoming week and fishery catch rates, a hearing may be scheduled next week to further review recreational fisheries above Bonneville Dam.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 25, 2011 Spring Fact Sheet #9 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>