
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 1, 2011

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Spring Season Tribal Fisheries

- Adopted the following fishing seasons from 6 AM to 8 PM daily:
 - Season: Monday June 6, 2011 through Wednesday June 8, 2011
Monday June 13, 2011 through Wednesday June 15, 2011
 - Area: Downstream of Bonneville Dam under individual tribal Memorandum of Agreements.
 - Gear: Hook-and-line only for these fishing periods. One pole per fisher only.
 - Allowable Sales: Chinook, steelhead, sockeye, coho, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.
Sturgeon may not be retained.
Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.
 - Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:
 - a. Fax transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
 - b. E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
 - c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

Joint State Action

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

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:** Friday June 3 through Wednesday June 15, 2011 (13 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.

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

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Thursday June 9, 2011 to consider treaty Indian and non-Indian summer Chinook commercial fisheries. The location of the Compact hearing has not been determined.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 1, 2011 Spring Fact Sheet #10 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>