
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 12, 2012

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

- Extended the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam:

Area: Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline.

Legal upstream boundary defined as: "A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse 1) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock."

Season: Saturday April 14 through Sunday, April 22, 2012, except closed to salmon and steelhead angling on Tuesday April 17, 2012 (8 days).

Catch Limits: Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only **one** of which may be a Chinook.

Additional Regulations: Effective through June 15, 2012 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.

Effective through May 15, 2012, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad **only** during days and seasons open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

Effective through June 15, 2012, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits. On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is **closed** to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations apply.

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

All other permanent regulations remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing was adopted for 1 PM Monday April 16, 2012 via teleconference to consider non-Treaty commercial fisheries.
- A Joint State hearing was adopted for 1 PM Thursday April 19, 2012 via teleconference to review the recreational spring Chinook fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 12, 2012 Spring Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp