
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 30, 2012

Joint State Action

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

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border Recreational Fisheries

- Extended the ongoing recreational salmonid fishery above Bonneville Dam:

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 **only** between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

Dates: Thursday May 3 through Sunday May 6, 2012 (4 days)

Catch Limits: Two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook **or** steelhead per day or one of each.

Additional Regulations For All Areas: 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.

Catch limits for jacks remain in effect per each state's permanent regulations.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the "2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet" remain in effect.

- Adopted the following hook regulation for Bonneville Pool recreational fisheries:

Effective May 16 – July 31, 2012, **only** single-point hooks are allowed when angling at Cascade Locks in the area between the boat ramp at the lower end of the locks upstream to the east (upstream) end of the lock wall.

- Adopted the following recreational sturgeon fishery in the Bonneville Pool:

Season: Friday June 15 through Saturday June 16, 2012 2 days
Friday June 22 through Saturday June 23, 2012 2 days

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

Allowable Catch: White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.

- Modified the following recreational sturgeon fishery in the John Day Pool:

Effective 12:01 AM Monday May 21, 2012 the retention of sturgeon will be prohibited in the mainstem Columbia River from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing was adopted for 2 PM Monday, May 7, 2012 via teleconference to review stock status and ongoing fisheries.
- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday June 13, 2012 at The River Street Room, 12 River Street, Cathlamet, Washington regarding Treaty Indian and non-Indian commercial summer seasons.
- A Compact hearing is also scheduled for 10 AM Thursday July 26, 2012 at The River Street Room, 12 River Street, Cathlamet, Washington regarding non-Indian commercial fall seasons.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 30, 2012 Spring Fact Sheet #5 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp