
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 22, 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

- Adopted the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam:

Season: Saturday May 26 through Sunday May 27, 2012 (2 days).

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."

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, but only one may be a Chinook.

Additional Regulations: 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, 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 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/Joint State Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday May 29, 2012 at 3:00 PM to consider non-Indian 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 May 22, 2012 Spring Fact Sheet #8 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp