
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 3, 2013

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following action:

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 the Oregon and Washington banks **only** from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.

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."

Dates: Open daily Saturday April 6 through Friday April 12, 2013 except closed to salmon and steelhead angling on Tuesday April 9 (6 days).

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

Additional Regulations For All Areas: Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the Columbia River from the mouth upstream to the Oregon Washington border, will be restricted to barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout.

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

Effective through June 15, 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 for Select Areas 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.

Catch limits for jacks remain in effect per each state's permanent regulations. All other permanent regulations remain in effect, including the Sand Island closure.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Monday April 8, 2013 via teleconference to consider non-Indian mainstem commercial salmon seasons.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 3, 2013 Winter Fact Sheet #7 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp