Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 30, 2017

Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook Fisheries

<u>Extended</u> the ongoing recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam. Extension in **bold**.

Area:

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

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

Except no angling is allowed within a closure area near the mouth of the Lewis River. This closure area is defined as: A line from a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island through USCG buoy Red #4 to the Oregon shore, downstream to a line from the lower (north) end of Sauvie Island across the Columbia River to the downstream range marker (0.7 miles downstream of the Lewis River) and continuing along the wing jetty to the Washington shore.

Dates: Open Wednesday March 1 through Monday April 10, 2017.

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

Additional Regulations:

Effective Thursday March 16 through Monday May 15, 2017, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead from Buoy 10 to the Highway 395 Bridge and shad from Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam only during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

Effective Wednesday March 1 through Thursday June 15, 2017, 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.

 All other permanent regulations in the 2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the March 30, 2017 Winter Fact Sheet #10 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp