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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### ***Winter Commercial Gillnet Fisheries***

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fishery.

**Season:** 6 AM Thursday February 22 through 6 PM Saturday March 3 (9.5 days)

**Area:** The Dalles Pool only

**Gear:** Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction).

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following modified fishery. Modification in **bold**.

**Season:** 6 AM Thursday February 1 through 6 PM **Saturday March 3** (30.5 days)

**Area:** The John Day Pool only

**Gear:** Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction).

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- **The following rules regarding Sanctuaries, Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:**

**Sanctuaries:** Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to the fisheries above are in effect.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon (all species), sturgeon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.

Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length may be sold if caught during the open period for each pool. Legal-sized sturgeon may also be kept for subsistence purposes.

Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold after the period concludes.

**Washington Reporting Rule:** 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180 except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

## Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries***

- The mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge is currently open under permanent regulations.
- Effective March 1, 2018 (below Bonneville) and March 16, 2018 (above Bonneville) the permanent regulations are modified as follows:

#### Downstream of Bonneville Dam

**Dates:** Open Thursday March 1 – Saturday April 7, 2018.

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

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.

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

#### Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

**Dates:** Friday March 16 – Monday May 7, 2018.

**Area:** Tower Island powerlines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border plus bank angling only between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.

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

- All other permanent regulations in the 2018 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.
- Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Steelhead and Shad Fishery***

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Friday March 16 through Tuesday May 15, 2018, 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.

### ***Select Area Recreational Salmon Fisheries***

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Thursday March 1 through Friday June 15, 2018, 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.

### **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 February 21, 2018 Winter Fact Sheets #3a and #3b at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)