
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 1, 2020

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

- Adopted the following fisheries:

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates: Tuesday May 5, Thursday May 7, Saturday May 9, and Wednesday May 13, 2020 Four days

Area: Warrior Rock line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

Legal downstream boundary defined as: A line projected from the Warrior Rock lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red USCG buoy #4 then to the piling dolphin on the lower end of Bachelor Island (Warrior Rock line).

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 hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Shad may also be retained.

Additional Regulations: Angling for, and retention of, steelhead, salmon, and shad is prohibited from the Warrior Rock line downstream to Buoy 10.

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

Dates: Tuesday May 5, Thursday May 7, Saturday May 9, and Wednesday May 13, 2020 Four days

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

Catch Limits: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.

Mainstem Columbia River Steelhead Recreational Fishery

- The mainstem Columbia River from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge opens May 16 for hatchery steelhead and hatchery jack Chinook under permanent regulations.
- Effective Saturday May 16, 2020 the permanent regulations are modified as follows (modification in **bold**):

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates: Effective Saturday May 16, 2020

Area: Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the I-5 Bridge.

Catch Limits: **Retention of sockeye is allowed.** The daily bag limit is two adult fish (hatchery steelhead **and sockeye**). All sockeye are considered adults and must be recorded as adults on the combined angling tag.

- Current regulations are available at:
<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>
- All other permanent regulations in the 2020 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.
- Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact/Joint State hearings are currently scheduled. The Joint Staff anticipate a hearing may be needed during the week of May 10 to consider Columbia River recreational salmon fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 1, 2020 Spring Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp