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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 action:

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

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

Season: 6 AM Wednesday February 24 through 6 PM Friday February 26 (2.5 days)

Area: John Day Pool

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction)

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), 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 or kept for subsistence purposes.

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

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

Season: 6 AM Monday March 1 through 6 PM Friday March 5 (4.5 days)

Area: Bonneville Pool

Sanctuaries: Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear are in effect.

Gear: Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction).

Allowable Sales: Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes.

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

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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:**

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-315 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 Dalles Dam is currently open for hatchery salmon and hatchery steelhead under permanent regulations in Oregon and temporary regulations in Washington through February 28, 2021.
- The mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to the Highway 395 Bridge at Pasco, WA is open to steelhead angling and retention through March 15, 2021 under temporary rules.
- Effective March 1, 2021 (below Bonneville Dam) and March 16, 2021 (above Bonneville Dam) the current regulations are modified as follows:

### **Downstream of Bonneville Dam**

Dates: Monday March 1 – Sunday April 4, 2021 35 days

Area Buoy 10 line upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank angling only from Beacon Rock upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline, except salmonid angling from a boat is prohibited in the spring salmonid boat-angling area closure adjacent to the Cowlitz River mouth.

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.

Spring Salmonid Boat-Angling Area Closure: Defined as the area of the mainstem Columbia River between boundary lines as described and includes all of Carrolls Channel (from the upstream end of Cottonwood Island downstream to the Cowlitz and Columbia River confluence).

- Downstream boundary – From a point on the Washington shore projected through Dolphin Marker J (near Shipping Terminal 9), southerly across the Columbia River to the Columbia Park Boat Ramp in Rainier, Oregon.

- Area • Upstream boundary – From a point on the Washington shore projected through Cottonwood Island Dike Light “31”, southerly across the Columbia River to a deadline marker on the Oregon shore.
- Cont.:
- Catch Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Shad may also be retained.
- Limits

### **Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border**

- Dates: Tuesday March 16 – Wednesday May 5, 2021 51 days
- Area: Tower Island power lines (approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border, plus the Oregon and Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.
- Catch Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.
- Limits:

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

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Monday March 1 – Tuesday June 15, 2021, 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 recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is closed to Chinook retention, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

- Current regulations are available at:  
<https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>
- All other permanent regulations in the 2021 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**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday February 24, 2021 via teleconference to consider the non-treaty mainstem research-level commercial smelt fishery.
- The treaty tribes will continue to monitor catches in their winter gillnet fisheries and may request a Compact hearing on Tuesday March 9, 2021 to consider additional periods.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 23, 2021 Winter Fact Sheets #4a & 4b 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)