
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 10, 2021

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

- Modified the following on-going fishery (modification in **bold**):

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates: Saturday June 12 through Tuesday June 15, 2021 4 days

Area: Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadlines (boat and bank), except salmonid angling from a boat is prohibited in the spring salmonid boat-angling area closure adjacent to the Cowlitz River mouth

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.
- 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.

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

- Adopted the following fishery:

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

Dates: Saturday June 12 through Tuesday June 15, 2021 4 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 Limits: Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead only) per day, both of which may be Chinook but only one may be a steelhead.

Columbia River White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries

Below Wauna Powerlines (Estuary)

- Adopted the following retention fishery:

Season: Saturday June 12, 2021 1 day

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (river mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries

Allowable Catch: Up to 800 white sturgeon.

Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length.
(Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).

The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish (applicable to any/all 2021 retention fisheries).

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Additional Regulations: On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon (including catch and release) is prohibited after 2 PM.



- 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact/Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. A Compact Hearing may be needed during the week of June 21 to consider additional treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 10, 2021 Spring Fact Sheet #4 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp