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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 22, 2023

## Compact Action

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

### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### ***Zone 6 Commercial Setline Fisheries***

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fishery:  
Season: 6 AM Monday February 27 through 6 PM Wednesday March 1 (2.5 days)  
Area: Bonneville Pool  
Allowable Sales: 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.
- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fishery:  
Season: 6 AM Monday March 6 through 6 PM Thursday March 9 (3.5 days)  
Area: The Dalles Pool  
Allowable Sales: 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.

The following regulations apply to all Treaty Indian fisheries referenced above:

- Sanctuaries: Standard closed areas applicable to setline gear are in effect.
- Gear: Standard setline gear including no more than 100 single-point hooks per setline and a minimum hook size of 9/0
- 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 Recreational Spring Chinook Fisheries***

- Permanent regulations regarding salmon and steelhead fisheries are currently in effect for the mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to The Dalles Dam.
- The mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to the OR/WA border is closed to steelhead angling and retention through March 31, 2023 under temporary rules.
- Effective March 1, 2023 (downstream of Bonneville Dam) and April 1, 2023 (upstream of Bonneville Dam) the current regulations are modified as follows:

#### **Downstream of Bonneville Dam**

Dates:	Wednesday March 1 through Friday April 7, 2023 (38 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.  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.

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

Dates:	Saturday April 1 through Saturday May 6, 2023 (36 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, only one of which may be a Chinook.

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

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:  
Effective Wednesday March 1 – Thursday June 15, 2023, 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.

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- Current regulations are available at: <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>.
  - All other permanent regulations in the 2023 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.
  - Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.
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## **Future Meetings**

- No Compact or Joint State hearings are currently scheduled. Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and schedule additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 22, 2023, Winter Fact Sheets No. 6a & 6b 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).