

## 2020 Spring Chinook mainstem Columbia River Test Fishery

Mainstem Columbia River Tangle Net test fishing is conducted each spring on the lower Columbia River in Catch Areas 1B and 1C (Zones 2 and 3) to evaluate the current run in regards to timing, stock composition, mark rate and other biological data, and to provide a long-term dataset. This test fishery provides additional information to fishery managers which aides in the in-season management of the recreational spring Chinook fishery.

Steelhead, wild Chinook and sturgeon are released immediately or are placed in a recovery box to aid in collection of biological data then released after the fish recovers. Adipose-clipped Chinook are sold by the agency to offset costs of conducting the test fishery (RCW 77.12.451). Upon request some upriver Chinook may be retained by Columbia River Treaty tribal members to meet immediate ceremonial needs. If a mortality occurs for a non-retainable fish it is donated to a local food bank.

**DUE TO COVID-19 SPRING CHINOOK MAINSTEM COLUMBIA RIVER TEST FISHERY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### 2020 Spring Chinook Observation Preliminary Summary

Month	Date	# of Drifts	Adult Chinook				Chinook/ Drift	Chinook/ Steelhead	Steelhead/ Drift	Steelhead			Sturgeon	
			Total Handle	Total Release	Mark Rate	% Upriver				Total Handle	Total Release	Mark Rate	Total Handle	Total Release
Mar	16	10	1	0	100%	0%	0.1	0.3	0.4	4	4	25%	2	2
Mar	22,23	14	3	1	67%	33%	0.2	0.8	0.3	4	3	50%	0	0

March 16 - 1 adipose-clipped Chinook sold by agency.

March 22,23 - 2 adipose-clipped Chinook (1 upriver, 1 lower river) retained by Treaty tribe. 1 adipose-clipped steelhead donated to food bank.