
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 22, 2023

The following action was taken:

Mainstem Recreational Fisheries

<i>2023 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery</i>	
Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
Season:	Wednesday March 1 through Friday April 7 38 retention 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.
Daily Bag Limit:	Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook. Shad may also be retained. All other permanent regulations apply.
Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border	
Season:	Saturday April 1 through Saturday May 6 36 retention 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.
Daily Bag Limit:	Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook. All other permanent regulations apply.

Select Area Recreational Fisheries

<i>2023 Select Area Recreational Fisheries</i>
Effective March 1 – June 15: 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 <u>closed</u> to Chinook retention, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

Treaty Commercial Fisheries

<i>2023 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Setline Fishery (Bonneville Pool)</i>	
Season:	6 AM Monday, February 27 through 6 PM Wednesday March 1 (2.5 days)
Area:	Bonneville Pool only
Gear:	Standard setline gear including no more than 100 single-point hooks per setline and a minimum hook size of 9/0
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed areas applicable to setline gear
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

<i>2023 Treaty Indian Winter Season Commercial Setline Fishery (The Dalles Pool)</i>	
Season:	6 AM Monday March 6 to 6 PM Thursday March 9 (3.5 days)
Area:	The Dalles Pool only
Gear:	Standard setline gear including no more than 100 single-point hooks per setline and a minimum hook size of 9/0
Sanctuaries:	Closed areas include standard closed areas applicable to setline gear
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. Joint staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as needed.