

COLUMBIA RIVER JOINT STATE NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 6, 2011

At a Joint State hearing the States reviewed the sport fishery below Bonneville Dam and took the following action:

2011 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery	
Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
Dates	Friday April 8 through Friday April 15, 2011
Area	Buoy 10 upstream to Rooster Rock – Bank and boat angling allowed Rooster Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam – BANK ANGLING ONLY
Catch limit below Bonneville Dam:	Daily salmonid limit is 6 fish (hatchery Chinook or hatchery steelhead), of which no more than 2 may be adults and no more than one may be an adult Chinook. Release all wild Chinook. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.

The on-going sport fishery upstream of Bonneville Dam remains in place (no action taken)

Bonneville Dam upstream to Oregon/Washington Border	
Date:	Scheduled to remain open through Sunday April 24, 2011
Area:	Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 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 limit above Bonneville Dam:	Daily salmonid limit is 6 fish (hatchery Chinook or hatchery steelhead), of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook salmon or hatchery steelhead or one of each. Release all wild Chinook. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.
Additional regulations for both fisheries:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective through June 15, for the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to OR/WA border, it is unlawful when fishing from vessels which are less than 30 feet in length (substantiated by Coast Guard documentation or Marine Board registration) to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released.• In Washington, on the mainstem Columbia River below Bonneville Dam, anglers may not possess in the field fish mutilated so that size, species or fin clip cannot be determined until the angler has reached their automobile or principle means of land transportation and has completed their daily angling.• Effective through May 15, 2011, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad ONLY during days and seasons open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook• Effective through June 15, 2011, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of adult Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Select Areas (Deep River) will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits. On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations apply.	

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 14 via teleconference