
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 21, 2024

The following action was taken:

Mainstem Recreational Fisheries

<i>2024 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery</i>	
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Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
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Season:	Friday March 1 through Friday April 5	36 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	
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Season:	Monday April 1 through Thursday May 2	32 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.	

2024 The Dalles Pool Recreational Sturgeon Fishery

Season:	Saturday, February 24 and Wednesday, February 28	2 days
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam to John Day Dam, and all adjacent tributaries	
Allowable Catch:	Up to 86 white sturgeon	
	Legal size: 43-inch minimum and 54-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 <u>under</u> the fish)	
	Daily bag limit: One fish	
	Annual bag limit: Two fish	

Select Areas Recreational Fisheries

2024 Select Area Recreational Fisheries

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 closed to Chinook retention, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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