

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 30, 2017

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE Extended:

Changes are in bold.

<i>2017 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery</i>	
Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
Season:	Wednesday March 1 through Monday April 10
Area:	Buoy 10 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. <u>Except</u> no angling is allowed within a closure area near the mouth of the Lewis River. This closure area is defined as: A line from a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island through USCG buoy Red #4 to the Oregon shore, downstream to a line from the lower (north) end of Sauvie Island across the Columbia River to the downstream range marker (0.7 miles downstream of the Lewis River) and continuing along the wing jetty to the Washington shore.
Daily Bag Limit:	Two adult salmonids per day, but only one may be a Chinook. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.
Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border	
Season:	Thursday March 16 through Friday May 5 51 retention days
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.
Daily Bag Limit:	Two adult salmonids per day, but only one may be a Chinook. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.
Possession limit	Effective March 16 through June 15: When the mainstem Columbia River from the Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to the Washington/Oregon state line is open to fishing for hatchery spring Chinook, <u>upstream of the Dalles Dam</u> the possession limit will allow up to four adult Chinook salmon in fresh form. Anglers aboard a boat may only possess one daily limit of salmon in fresh form
Hand-Cast Rule:	Effective March 16 through June 15: When the mainstem Columbia River from the Tower Island Powerlines (located approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) downstream to Bonneville Dam is open to fishing from the Washington bank for hatchery spring Chinook, only hand-casted lines may be used in Bonneville Pool. It is unlawful to use a floating device to set lines for salmon and steelhead.

<i>Retention of Hatchery Steelhead and Shad During Recreational Spring Chinook Fisheries</i>
Effective March 16 – May 15, 2017, the Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead from Buoy 10 to the Highway 395 Bridge and shad from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam ONLY during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

No hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will recommend additional hearings as needed.