

COLUMBIA RIVER JOINT STATE NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 26, 2012

THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2012 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries</i>	
Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
Season	Thursday March 1 through Friday April 6, 2012, <u>except closed</u> March 20, March 27, April 3 (Tuesdays)
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 boundary defined as: "A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse 1) 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 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:	Friday March 16 through Wednesday May 2, 2012
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 Chinook or steelhead per day or one of each. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.
Additional regulations for both fisheries above:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• For the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to OR/WA border, effective February 15 through June 15, 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 March 1-May 15, 2012, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad **ONLY** during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

Effective March 1 – June 15, 2012: On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in 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, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Deep River apply.

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2012 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Above Wauna</i>		
Season:	January 1 - July 31 and October 20 – December 31, 2012 Retention allowed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only	3 days/ week
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, and all adjacent Washington tributaries, EXCLUDING the lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River).	
Sanctuary:	Closed to angling for sturgeon from May 1 to August 31 from Bonneville Dam downstream to a line crossing the Columbia River from Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore through the upstream exposed end of Skamania Island, continuing in a straight line to a marker on the Washington shore.	
Fork Length:	38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum FL	
Miscellaneous Regulations	Effective February 1 thru April 30, 2012, angling for all species is prohibited from a line between the upstream end of Sand Island (near Rooster Rock) and a marker on the Oregon shoreline, downstream to a line between the lower end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline.	

<i>2012 Sturgeon Recreational Fishery for Below Wauna</i>		
Season:	January 1 – April 30 and May 12 – July 8, 2012	(7 days/week) 179 retention days
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries	
Fork Length:	38-54 inches FL through April 30; 41- 54 inches FL thereafter	

In addition, the state of Oregon announced the Willamette River sturgeon season:

<i>2012 Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery for Lower Willamette River</i>		
Season:	Open for retention: Friday February 18 and Saturday February 19 Friday February 24 and Saturday February 25	
Area:	The Willamette River, downstream from the Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River	
Miscellaneous Regulations	38-inch minimum 54-inch maximum fork length The harvest guideline is 1,728-2,022 fish. A review of the fishery is planned to follow the first two retention days to ensure harvest is tracking as expected	

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2012 Winter Commercial White Sturgeon Fishery</i>		
Season	6 PM Monday January 30 – 6 PM Tuesday January 31, 2012	(24 hours)
	6 PM Wednesday February 1 – 6 PM Thursday February 2, 2012	(24 hours)
	6 PM Monday February 6 – 6 PM Tuesday February 7, 2012	(24 hours)
Area:	Mainstem Columbia River, Zones 1-5.	
Gear:	Drift gillnet. 9" minimum and 9 ¾" maximum mesh size restrictions. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required	
Allowable Sales:	White sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length) and adipose fin-clipped salmon. A maximum of 10 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open.	
Sanctuaries:	Sandy River sanctuary.	
Miscellaneous:	24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.	

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

2012 Treaty Indian Winter Gillnet Commercial Fishery	
Area:	Zone 6 (Bonneville Dam upstream to McNary Dam) (SMCRA 1F, 1G and 1H)
Season:	12:00 p.m. February 1 until 6:00 p.m. March 21, 2012
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and under-size sturgeon is required. Sale of platform or hook-and-line-caught fish is allowed during open commercial seasons.
Gear:	Gill nets (no mesh restriction on gillnets), hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Sanctuaries:	River mouth sanctuaries (WAC 220-32-058) remain in effect except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (sub-section 5) of WAC 220-32-058
Miscellaneous:	<u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington wholesale dealers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.
2012 Treaty Indian Platform Hook and Line below Bonneville Dam	
Season	12:00 p.m. February 1 until further notice
Area:	Below Bonneville Dam, as prescribed in tribal MOUs/MOAs
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Bank fishing only.
Allowable Sales:	Sales allowed concurrent with Zone 6 Platform hook and line sales and as allowed in accordance with each state/tribe MOU/MOA. Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch. Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes. Sales may not occur on USACE property.
Miscellaneous:	Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card. <u>24-hour quick reporting</u> required for Washington wholesale dealers, pursuant to WAC 220-69-240.

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough.
- Oregon State waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge.

<i>2012 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Sunday and Thursday nights from February 12 through March 16 (10 nights). Sunday nights from March 18 through April 2 (3 nights) Open hours are from 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours)
Spring Season:	Thursday night April 19, Tuesday night April 24, and Monday and Thursday nights from April 26 through June 15 (17 nights). Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Winter season: Blind Slough area only Spring season: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open. From April 30 through June 15, the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).
Gear:	Winter season: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction Spring season: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on headline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the headline is allowed. Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect. 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway 4 Bridge.

<i>2012 Deep River Select Area</i>	
Winter Season:	Sunday and Thursday nights from February 12 through March 16 (10 nights), and Sunday nights from March 18 through April 2 (3 nights). Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours)
Spring Season:	Thursday night April 19, Tuesday night April 24, and Monday and Thursday nights from April 26 through June 15 (17 nights). Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	Deep River fishing area extends from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge (all concurrent water).
Gear:	7-inch minimum mesh size restriction during the winter season and a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction during the spring seasons. Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets cannot be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-20-015 (1)). It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department WAC 220-20-010 (17). Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Lighted buoys required.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by WDFW staff. During the winter season fishers are required to call 360-795-0319 to confirm the place and time of sampling. In the spring season a sampling station will be established at WDFW's Oneida Road boat ramp, about 0.5 miles upstream of the lower Deep River area boundary (USCG navigation marker #16). 24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

- All waters in the Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.

<i>2012 Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area</i>	
Spring Season:	Monday and Thursday nights from April 26 through June 15 (15 nights). Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours).
Area:	<p>The spring season Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southernmost) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to Mott Island (new spring lower deadline), a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.</p> <p>The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.</p>
Gear:	<p>In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 250 fathoms, and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.</p> <p>In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size, maximum net length of 100 fathoms, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.</p>
Allowable Sales:	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).
Miscellaneous Regulations:	<p>During April 26 through May 11, transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful (except while in transit to ODFW sampling station) until ODFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. A sampling station will be established at the MERTS dock in the Tongue Point fishing area. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.</p> <p>Fishers will be able to confirm the location of the sampling station by calling 971-230-8247.</p> <p>Beginning May 14, fishers are required to call 971-230-8247 and leave a message including name, catch, and where and when the fish will be sold.</p> <p>Other permanent regulations including rules related to lighted buoys remain in effect.</p> <p>24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers</p>

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The State of OREGON took the following action:

- All waters in Youngs Bay are Oregon State waters.
- The entire Youngs Bay Select Area is open to either Oregon or Washington fishers who possess valid licenses (fishing and boat) issued by either state. Per permanent rule, all landings from Youngs Bay must be delivered to an Oregon licensed buyer.

<i>2012 Youngs Bay Select Area -</i>	
Winter Season:	<p><u>Entire bay:</u> Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights from February 12 through March 9 (12 nights) Open hours are from noon to 6 AM (18 hours). Sunday March 11: Open hours are from 6 PM to midnight (6 hours) Thursday March 15 – Friday March 16: Open hours are from 10 PM to 4 AM (6 hours)</p> <p><u>Upstream of Old Youngs Bay Bridge:</u> Sundays March 18 and March 25: Open hours are from 6 PM to midnight (6 hours)</p>
Spring Season:	<p><u>Entire bay:</u> Thursday April 19: Open hours are from 6 PM to midnight (6 hours)</p> <p>Tuesday and Thursday nights April 24 and April 26 (2 nights) Open hours are from 6 PM to 6AM (12 hours) Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday nights April 29 – May 11 (6 nights) Open hours are from 6 PM – noon (18 hours)</p> <p>Monday - Friday May 14 - June 15 (20 days) Open hours are from noon Monday to noon Friday (4 days)</p>
Summer Season:	<p><u>Entire bay:</u> Wednesdays through Fridays from June 20 to July 27 (12 days). Open hours are from 6 AM Wednesday to 6 AM Friday (48 hours)</p>
Area:	<p><u>February 12 through March 16 and April 19 through July 27:</u> Entire Youngs Bay fishing area: defined as the waters of Youngs Bay from the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers; except for those waters which are closed southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River).</p> <p><u>March 18 and March 25</u> Old Youngs Bay Bridge upstream to the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.</p>
Gear:	<p>A 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction during the winter season and a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction during the spring and summer seasons. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.</p>
Allowable Sales:	<p>Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of 2 white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).</p>
Miscellaneous Regulations:	<p>Other permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.</p>

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