

COLUMBIA RIVER JOINT STATE NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 3, 2013

The States of Oregon and Washington met today and extended the ongoing lower river sport fishery beyond the scheduled closure date of April 6. The following reflects the newly adopted season:

<i>2013 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries</i>	
Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
Season	Open through Friday April 12, 2013, <u>except closed</u> Tuesday April 9
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:	Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. 6 fish (hatchery Chinook or hatchery steelhead), of which no more than 2 may be adults and no more than 1 may be an adult Chinook. Release all wild Chinook and wild steelhead. Salmon minimum size is 12 inches All other permanent regulations apply.
Additional regulations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective through June 15, 2013: 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.• Effective through May 15, 2013, 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 through June 15, 2013: 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.• In Washington, on the mainstem Columbia River 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.• Barbless hook requirement remains in effect.• Sand Island slough closure remains in effect (through April 30)	

A Compact hearing is scheduled for 2 PM Monday April 8, 2013 via teleconference to consider mainstem commercial fisheries.