

# COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACTACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 8, 2015

The States met today and extended the ongoing recreational salmon fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam for two additional days (Saturday April 11 and Thursday April 16)

<i>2015 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries</i>	
<b>Downstream of Bonneville Dam</b>	
<b>Season</b>	Open through Saturday April 11 and Thursday April 16, 2015
<b>Area:</b>	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."
<b>Daily Bag</b>	Two adult salmonids per day, but only one may be a Chinook.
<b>Limit:</b>	Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.
<b>Additional Regulations</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Effective through-May 15, 2015, 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.</li><li>• Effective through – June 15, 2015: On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in <b>Deep River</b> 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.</li></ul>	

The area upstream to Bonneville Dam is currently scheduled to remain open through May 6, 2015. The following regulations were adopted that affect that fishery:

<i>2015 Bonneville Pool Recreational Salmon Fishery - Hand cast rule</i>
Effective April 13 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. It is unlawful to use a floating device to set lines for salmon and steelhead.
<i>2015 Above Bonneville Dam Recreational Salmon Fishery - Possession limit rule</i>
Effective April 13 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.

**No future hearings are currently scheduled**