

COLUMBIA RIVER COMPACT ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

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THE FOLLOWING SEASONS WERE SET:

<i>2016 Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery</i>	
Downstream of Bonneville Dam	
Season:	Tuesday March 1 through Saturday April 9, <u>except closed</u> March 29 and April 5 (Tuesdays) 38 retention days
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.
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:	Wednesday March 16 through Friday May 6 52 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, 2016, 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.	
<i>2016 Select Area Recreational Fisheries</i>	
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 Deep River (Wahkiakum County) will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits. On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is <u>closed</u> to Chinook retention, the permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Deep River apply.	

A Compact is scheduled for February 11 to discuss treaty fisheries

A Joint State hearing is scheduled for April 7 to discuss the lower Columbia sport fishery