

## Creel Survey

July 21, 2014

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### Salmon/Steelhead

Like last year, anglers will be allowed to retain up to six adult hatchery coho on all tributaries to the lower Columbia River with hatchery programs. Those rivers include the Cispus, Cowlitz, Deep, Elochoman, Grays (including West Fork), Kalama, Klickitat, Lewis (including North Fork), Toutle (including Green and North Fork), Tilton, and Washougal rivers plus Lake Scanewa (Cowlitz Falls Reservoir).

Chinook retention is limited to marked hatchery fish on those river systems, except on the Deep and Klickitat rivers where unmarked chinook can also be retained. Wild Chinook may be retained on the Lewis River (including North Fork) beginning October 1.

**Grays (including West Fork) and Elochoman rivers** – Open to fishing for fall salmon beginning August 1. Hatchery fall Chinook and hatchery coho may be retained. In addition Chinook with a clipped ventral fin may also be kept on the Grays River (including West Fork). Night closure, anti-snagging rule, and stationary gear restrictions will be in effect.

**Green, Kalama, Toutle (including North Fork), and Washougal rivers** – Open to fishing for salmon beginning August 1. Hatchery fall Chinook and hatchery coho may be retained.

**Cowlitz River** – 6 boat anglers kept 1 adult spring Chinook and 6 summer run steelhead. 21 bank anglers kept 1 summer run steelhead and released 4 spring Chinook mini jacks.

Last week Tacoma Power recovered 595 summer-run steelhead, 132 spring Chinook adults, 78 jacks, 138 mini-jacks and one cutthroat trout during five days of operations at the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery separator.

During the past week Tacoma Power employees released 58 spring Chinook adults and 77 jacks into the Cispus River above the mouth of Yellow Jacket Creek, 134 spring Chinook mini-jacks into Riffe Lake at Mossyrock Park, and recycled 200 summer-run steelhead and one sockeye salmon downstream to the Interstate-5 boat launch.

River flows at Mayfield Dam are approximately 2,970 cubic feet per second on Monday, July 14. Water visibility is twelve feet.

**From the boundary markers at the mouth to 400 feet or posted markers below the barrier dam:** Effective August 1, the salmon daily limit is 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release all salmon except hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

**Kalama River** – Open to fishing for fall salmon beginning August 1. The salmon daily limit is 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release all salmon except hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho.

**Lewis River (including North Fork)** – Open to fishing for salmon beginning August 1. The salmon daily limit is 6 fish of which no more than 2 may be adult Chinook. Release all salmon except hatchery Chinook and hatchery coho. Wild Chinook may be retained beginning October 1.

**Wind River** – Effort is light. No report on angling success. Beginning August 1, anti-snagging rule will be in effect. Release wild Chinook and wild coho.

**Drano Lake** – 8 boat anglers kept 3 summer run steelhead and released 2. Eleven boats observed here last Sunday morning.

Beginning August 1, any Chinook or coho may be retained. Anti-snagging rule will be in effect. **New:** Up to 3 adult salmon may be retained.

**Klickitat River** – 4 bank anglers had no catch. River was turbid during last week’s hot weather.

Beginning August 1, any Chinook or coho may be retained. From Fisher Hill Bridge downstream, anti-snagging rule will be in effect. **New:** Up to 3 adult Chinook may be retained.

**Buoy 10** – Will be open for Chinook and hatchery coho August 1-September 1. Anglers will have a two-salmonid daily limit, only one of which may be a Chinook. Through August 29, any Chinook (marked or unmarked) may be kept. From August 30-September 1, Chinook must be adipose or left ventral fin clipped to be retained.

From September 2-30, anglers will have a daily limit of up to 3 hatchery coho but must release Chinook.

**From Buoy 10 upstream to the Oregon/Washington border:** **New:** Each angler aboard a vessel may deploy recreational salmon/steelhead gear until the daily salmonid limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved.

**Boat anglers should be aware of Oregon’s new sport fishing closure at the mouth of Young’s Bay that runs from Aug.1 through Sept.15 (see attached map).**

**Lower Columbia below Bonneville Dam** – Last week we sampled 1,727 salmonid anglers (including 209 boats) with 15 adult and 11 jack summer Chinook, 7 sockeye, and 550 steelhead.

6 (40%) of the adult Chinook, 259 (47%) of the steelhead, and all the sockeye were kept.

**The mainstem Columbia River from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to Bonneville Dam:** Fishing for Chinook and hatchery coho will open but sockeye will close beginning August 1.

**From the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line:** Anglers will be allowed to retain one adult Chinook as part of their two adult salmonid daily limit. Wild Chinook must be released between September 7-14 and all Chinook must be released in that same section September 15-30.

**From the Warrior Rock light line upstream to the Steamboat Landing Dock in Washougal:** . **New:** Anglers may retain up to 2 adult Chinook per day. **See attached map for Warrior Rock and Steamboat Dock boundary lines.**

**From the Steamboat Landing Dock upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge in Pasco:** **New:** Up to 3 adult Chinook may be retained per day.

**Camas Slough** – Open to fishing for salmon beginning August 1. Hatchery fall Chinook and hatchery coho may be retained. Anglers may fish with two poles with a Two-Pole Endorsement. **New:** Each angler aboard a vessel may deploy recreational salmon/steelhead gear until the daily salmonid limit for all anglers aboard has been achieved.

**Bonneville Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some summer Chinook while boat anglers are catching summer run steelhead.

Effective August 1, night closure will be in effect for salmon and steelhead through mid-October.

**The Dalles Pool** – Bank anglers are catching some summer Chinook and summer run steelhead.

**Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam** – Anti-snagging rule will be in effect for salmon and steelhead from August through mid-October.

**Bonneville Dam to Hwy. 395 at Pasco** – Effective August 1, any Chinook, adipose fin clipped or not, may be retained. Release all sockeye. Wild coho must be released from the Hood River Bridge downstream.

## **Sturgeon**

**Lower Columbia mainstem from Marker 82 downstream** – Boat anglers from Vancouver to Longview are releasing some legals.

**Bonneville Pool** – Now catch-and-release only through the end of the year. During last week's two day retention season, boat anglers averaged a legal per about every 6 rods. No legals were sampled from the bank anglers interviewed.

**The Dalles Pool** – Light effort and catch. Effective August 1, all sturgeon must be released through the end of the year.

## **Walleye and Bass**

**Lower Columbia mainstem below Bonneville Dam** – Boat anglers in the Woodland area are catching some walleye.

**Bonneville Pool** – Boat anglers averaged just under 2 bass released per rod.

## **Trout**

**Lake Merwin** – Planted with 2,338 rainbows averaging 1.25 pounds each and 1,548 nearly 7 pounders on July 14. No report on angling success.

Monthly Sturgeon Harvest estimates:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Totals:	%	As of	Guidelines:
Bonneville <sup>1</sup>	163	27	51	---	---	391	278			910	82.7%	Jul 20	1,100
The Dalles	12	0	35	24	0	28				99	33.0%	Jun 30	300
John Day <sup>2</sup>	10	14	133	110	161	37				465	93.0%	Jun 30	500

<sup>1</sup> Due to the short season in Bonneville Pool, we will be providing weekly harvest estimates. We will continue to provide harvest estimates for the other pools on a monthly basis. Bonneville Pool was closed to retention January 20-31 and February 18-23.

<sup>2</sup> The sturgeon fishery in The Dalles Pool will close to retention effective August 1.

<sup>3</sup> The sturgeon fishery in John Day Pool closed to retention effective June 14.

Harvest estimates are calculated monthly. All in-season estimates are preliminary.

Current month sampled sturgeon kept:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Bonneville	58	14	13	---	---	66	60			211	Jul 20
The Dalles	4	0	12	3	0	4	3			26	Jul 20
John Day	3	5	42	18	18	5				91	Jul 20

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

## WDFW Mid-Columbia River mainstem sport sampling summary <sup>1</sup>

July 14 - 20, 2014

The following table is a summary of numbers of fish observed by samplers.

Samplers generally observe from 10% - 25% of total harvest.

Sturgeon														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Subs	Leg Rel	Leg Kept	Over-size	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Combined Leg Kept
Bonneville Pool	22	17				26	49	138	338		24	10	185	211
The Dalles Pool	4	1				4			1				22	26
John Day Pool						19							72	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>18</b>				<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>339</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>328</b>
Salmonids														
	Bank Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Wild Kept	Wild Rel	Hat Kept	Hat Rel	2014 Cum Leg Kept	Jacks Kept Week Cum
Bonneville Pool	9		1	1		1		16		5	1		2	3
Chinook			1	1		1								1
Coho										5	1			
Steelhead													2	
Sockeye														2
The Dalles Pool	5		1	1		80							51	131
Chinook			1			78							46	124
Coho														
Steelhead				1		2							5	7
Sockeye														
John Day Pool						42							45	87
Chinook						42							41	83
Coho														
Steelhead													4	4
Sockeye														
Walleye														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool														
The Dalles Pool						7							500	507
John Day Pool													401	401
Bass														
Reservoir	Bank Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	Boats	Boat Anglers	Rel	Leg Kept			2014 Cum Leg Kept	
Bonneville Pool						1	10	24	41				15	16
The Dalles Pool						4							98	102
John Day Pool						15							90	105

<sup>1</sup> Quantities include both Washington and Oregon samples.

		Sturgeon	Salmonids	Walleye	Bass
Bonneville	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	109%	235%	none	327%
	Catch Per Unit Effort	2.43	0.28	none	1.71
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	0.15	0.06	none	none
The Dalles	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	32%	150%	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	0.50	0.40	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	0.20	none	none
John Day	Effort (as a % of 6-week average)	none	none	none	none
	Catch Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none
	Harvest Per Unit Effort	none	none	none	none

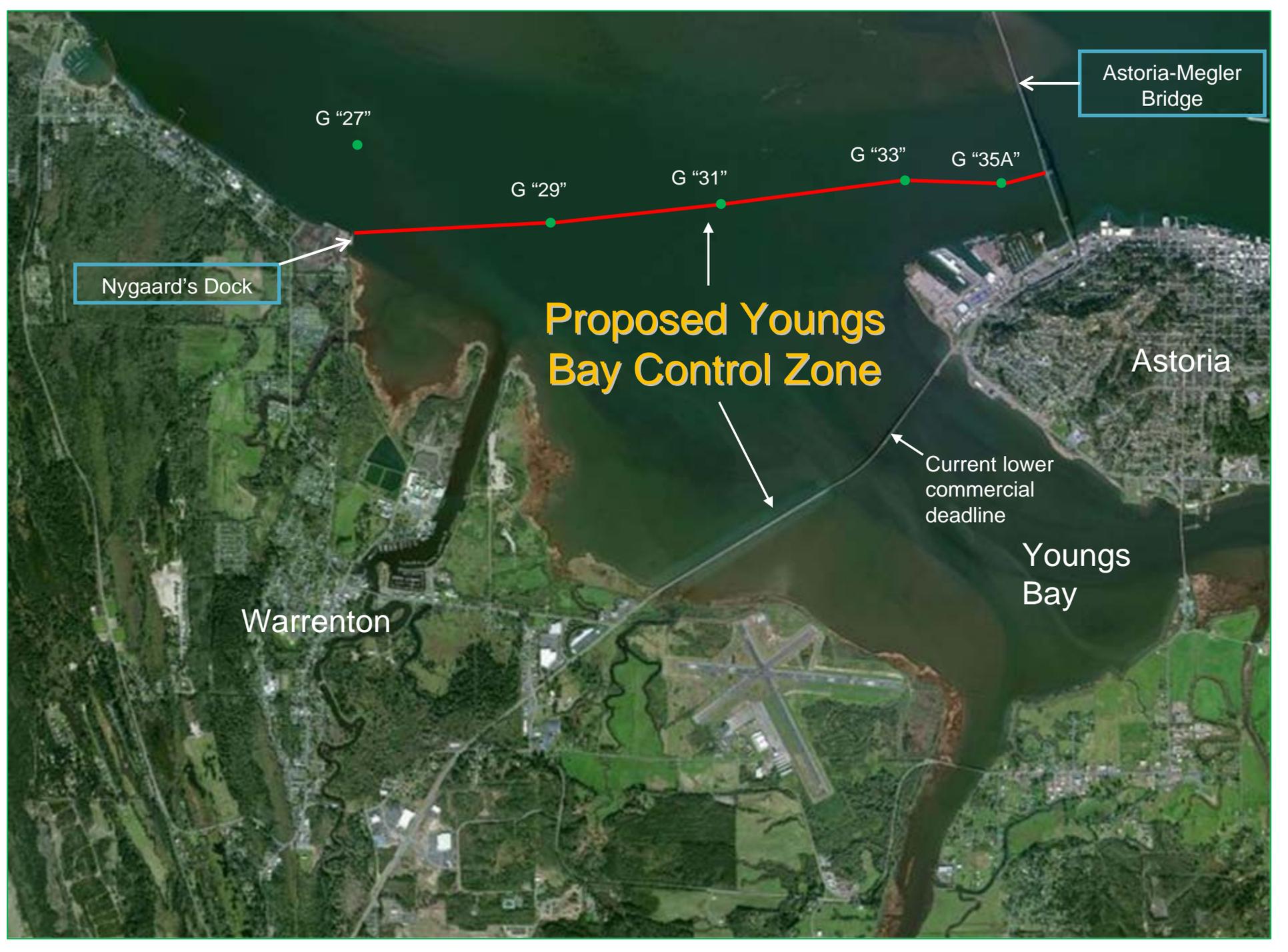
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Month/Week	Salmonid										# Boats	Boat Anglers	Chinook				Steelhead		Sockeye		Other
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.			Kept Adults	Jacks	Released Adults	Jacks	Steelhead Kept	Rel.	Sockeye Kept	Rel.	
Bonneville	1	203	2	3	4	0	35	80	0	0											
Camas/Washougal	2	35	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0		
	3	93	0	0	0	1	12	12	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
	4	117	0	0	0	0	7	8	1	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0		
Woodland	5	89	0	0	0	0	9	14	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	0		
Kalama	6	253	1	2	1	0	15	30	1	0	0	0	1	26	12	0	0	0	0		
Cowlitz	7																				
Longview	8	309	1	0	0	1	43	36	0	0	0	0	0	25	30	1	0	0	0		
Cathlamet	9	100	0	0	0	1	16	9	0	0	0	0	2	30	10	0	0	0	0		
private boats/bank charter	10	31	1	0	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	25	23	1	0	0	0		
<b>Total</b>		<b>1230</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>				<b>114</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

	Sturgeon										# Boats	Boat Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Sublegals Rel.	Legals Rel.	Oversize Rel.	Legals Kept										
Bonneville	1					CLOSED										CLOSED
Camas/Washougal	2					CLOSED	1	2	4	0	0	CLOSED				
	3					CLOSED	1	2	3	1	0	CLOSED				
Vancouver	4					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Woodland	5					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Kalama	6					CLOSED	3	10	21	4	3	CLOSED				
Cowlitz	7					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Longview	8					CLOSED	3	3	8	4	0	CLOSED				
Cathlamet	9					CLOSED						CLOSED				
	10					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Deep River + Knappton boats	10					CLOSED						CLOSED				
Cathlamet	10					CLOSED						CLOSED				
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>				

	Shad				# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.				
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5							
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Walleye				# Boats	Boat Anglers	Kept	Rel.
	Sec.	Bank Anglers	Kept	Rel.				
Bonneville	1							
Camas/Washougal	2							
	3							
Vancouver	4							
Woodland	5				2	5	7	0
Kalama	6							
Cowlitz	7							
Longview	8							
Cathlamet	9							
Chinook/Elochoman	10							
<b>Total</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>



Astoria-Megler Bridge

G "27"

G "29"

G "31"

G "33"

G "35A"

Nygaard's Dock

Proposed Youngs Bay Control Zone

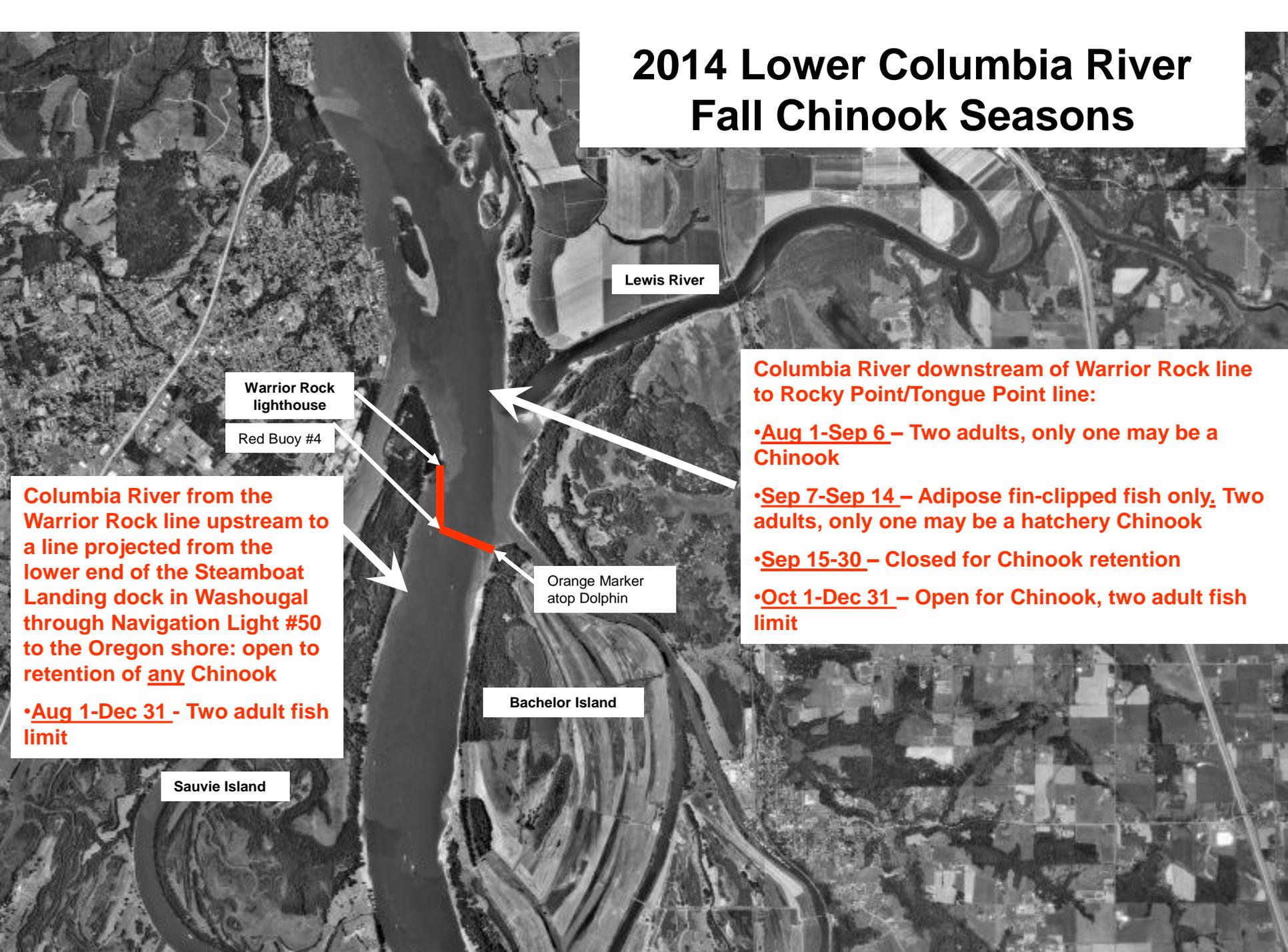
Astoria

Current lower commercial deadline

Youngs Bay

Warrenton

# 2014 Lower Columbia River Fall Chinook Seasons



Lewis River

Warrior Rock  
lighthouse

Red Buoy #4

Orange Marker  
atop Dolphin

Bachelor Island

Sauvie Island

Columbia River from the  
Warrior Rock line upstream to  
a line projected from the  
lower end of the Steamboat  
Landing dock in Washougal  
through Navigation Light #50  
to the Oregon shore: open to  
retention of any Chinook

•Aug 1-Dec 31 - Two adult fish  
limit

Columbia River downstream of Warrior Rock line  
to Rocky Point/Tongue Point line:

•Aug 1-Sep 6 – Two adults, only one may be a  
Chinook

•Sep 7-Sep 14 – Adipose fin-clipped fish only. Two  
adults, only one may be a hatchery Chinook

•Sep 15-30 – Closed for Chinook retention

•Oct 1-Dec 31 – Open for Chinook, two adult fish  
limit

# 2014 Lower Columbia River Fall Chinook Seasons

15th Street - Washougal River Road Exit

Steamboat Landing Dock

Nav. Light #50

Oregon Shore

Columbia River from the lower end of the Steamboat Landing Dock in Washougal through Nav. Light #50 to Oregon shore upstream to Bonneville Dam: open to retention of any Chinook

•Aug 1-Dec 31 – Up to three adults, not more than two hatchery coho or hatchery steelhead in any combination

Columbia River from the Warrior Rock line upstream to the lower end of the Steamboat Landing Dock in Washougal through Nav. Light #50 to Oregon shore: open to retention of any Chinook

•Aug 1-Dec 31 - Two adult fish limit

