

Lower Columbia River

Below are highlights of the major Columbia River salmon fisheries this year. More details will be in the 2017-18 Washington Sport Fishing Rules pamphlet, which will be available in late June.

The Buoy 10 salmon fishery will be open from Aug. 1 through Sept. 4 (Labor Day) with a daily limit of two salmon, only one of which can be a chinook. From Sept. 5 through Sept. 30, anglers will have a daily limit of two hatchery coho, but must release all chinook. From Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, the fishery will be open for chinook and hatchery coho, with a daily limit of two adult salmon.

The summer season on the mainstem Columbia River from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge will be open from June 16 through July 31 for hatchery summer chinook and sockeye. The daily limit will be two adult salmonids (chinook and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped). All sockeye are considered adults in the daily limit.

During fall fisheries, anglers fishing from the same boat may continue fishing for salmon until all anglers have reached their daily limits in the following areas:

- The mainstem Columbia River from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to the Lewis River will be open from Aug. 1 through Dec. 31. Anglers will be allowed to retain one adult chinook as part of their two-fish daily limit from Aug. 1 through Sept. 14. During Sept. 8 through Sept. 14, adult chinook retention is restricted to hatchery chinook only. From Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, anglers can retain two adult chinook daily.
- The Lewis River upstream to the Hwy. 395 Bridge at Pasco will be open Aug. 1 through Dec. 31 for chinook and hatchery coho, with a daily limit of two adult salmon.

Columbia River anglers are reminded that retention of sockeye and chum salmon is prohibited during the fall season.

Washington and Oregon fishery managers are still working to finalize steelhead fishing options for 2017. WDFW will announce those fisheries in the coming weeks.