
COLUMBIA RIVER ACTION NOTICE

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 20, 2025

The following actions were taken:

Non-Treaty Recreational

2025 Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook Fishery		
Downstream of Bonneville Dam		
Season:	Friday May 23 – Thursday June 12	21 retention days
Area:	Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Beacon Rock plus only the Oregon and Washington banks 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 Adult Bag Limit:	Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook. All other permanent regulations apply.	
Bonneville Dam to Oregon/ Washington state line		
Season:	Thursday May 22 – Sunday June 15	25 retention days
Area:	Tower Island power lines (approximately six miles below the Dalles Dam) upstream to the Oregon/Washington border, plus only the Oregon and Washington banks from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines.	
Daily Adult Bag Limit:	Two adult hatchery salmonids (Chinook or steelhead) per day, but only one may be a Chinook. All other permanent regulations apply.	

Non-Treaty Commercial

2025 Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Commercial Fishery

Modify the hours for the previously-adopted spring-season fishing periods for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough as follows:

6 PM Thursday May 22 to 9 AM Friday May 23 (15 hours)
6 PM Monday May 26 to 9 AM Tuesday May 27 (15 hours)
6 PM Tuesday May 27 to 9 AM Wednesday May 28 (15 hours)
6 PM Wednesday May 28 to 9 AM Thursday May 29 (15 hours)
6 PM Thursday May 29 to 9 AM Friday May 30 (15 hours)
6 PM Monday June 2 to 9 AM Tuesday June 3 (15 hours)
6 PM Tuesday June 3 to 9 AM Wednesday June 4 (15 hours)
6 PM Wednesday June 4 to 9 AM Thursday June 5 (15 hours)
6 PM Thursday June 5 to 9 AM Friday June 6 (15 hours)
6 PM Monday June 9 to 9 AM Tuesday June 10 (15 hours)
6 PM Tuesday June 10 to 9 AM Wednesday June 11 (15 hours)
6 PM Wednesday June 11 to 9 AM Thursday June 12 (15 hours)
6 PM Thursday June 12 to 9 AM Friday June 13 (15 hours)

All other previously adopted regulations for these fisheries remain in effect.

2025 Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery

Modify the hours for the previously-adopted spring-season fishing periods for Tongue Point and South Channel as follows:

6 PM Thursday May 22 to 9 AM Friday May 23 (15 hours)
6 PM Monday May 26 to 9 AM Tuesday May 27 (15 hours)
6 PM Tuesday May 27 to 9 AM Wednesday May 28 (15 hours)
6 PM Wednesday May 28 to 9 AM Thursday May 29 (15 hours)
6 PM Thursday May 29 to 9 AM Friday May 30 (15 hours)
6 PM Monday June 2 to 9 AM Tuesday June 3 (15 hours)
6 PM Tuesday June 3 to 9 AM Wednesday June 4 (15 hours)
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6 PM Thursday June 5 to 9 AM Friday June 6 (15 hours)
6 PM Monday June 9 to 9 AM Tuesday June 10 (15 hours)
6 PM Tuesday June 10 to 9 AM Wednesday June 11 (15 hours)
6 PM Wednesday June 11 to 9 AM Thursday June 12 (15 hours)
6 PM Thursday June 12 to 9 AM Friday June 13 (15 hours)

All other previously adopted regulations for these fisheries remain in effect.

Treaty Commercial

<i>2025 Treaty Indian Spring Season Research Commercial Fishery (The John Day Pool)</i>	
Season:	6:00 AM Thursday May 22 through 6:00 PM Saturday June 14 (22.5 days)
Area:	The following areas in the John Day Pool: Railroad Island slough (45.72504, -120.69580)- only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks. Paterson Slough (45.70664, -120.46430)- only the slough side to the north of Hwy 14. Sundale slough (45.72008, -120.31364)- only the slough side waters up from the railroad tracks. Jones Canyon slough (45.71576, -121.24522)- only the slough south of the railroad tracks. Willow Creek slough (45.79306, -120.01470)- only waters south of the eastbound lanes of I-84. Alderdale slough (45.83741, -119.92876)- only waters north of Hwy 14.
Gear:	Gillnets Only.
Sanctuaries	These areas do not include any standard closed areas applicable to gillnet gear.
Allowed Sales	Yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, carp, and northern pikeminnow may be sold. These species may be sold after the permit fishing period concludes. All other species including salmon, steelhead and sturgeon must be released.
Additional	24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. Multiple net rule is in effect. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact/Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will monitor fisheries and recommend additional hearings as necessary.