

Sport Fishing Regulation Updates - *Last updated July 23, 2013*

Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for all zones. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time and to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

NORTHWEST ZONE

Please note: Most recent updates are shown in **bold red text**.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the following tributaries of the Columbia will be restricted to barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout:

- Youngs River from confluence with Youngs Bay upstream to markers at confluence with Klaskanine River.
- Lewis and Clark River from Hwy 101 bridge upstream to Alternate Hwy 101 bridge.
- Walluski River from confluence with Youngs Bay upstream to Hwy 202 bridge.
- Gnat Creek from railroad bridge upstream to Aldrich Point Road.
- Knappa/Blind Slough select areas.

Three Rivers

Open for adipose fin-clipped spring chinook, adipose fin-clipped summer steelhead and cutthroat trout through July 15.

All regulations listed in the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations will remain in place through the end the season. This includes the recent anti-snagging gear restrictions that prohibit leaders longer than 36 inches, and limit anglers to a single point hook with a gap 3/8-inch or less.

Trask River

The 'hatchery hole' – the section of the Trask River located 200 feet above and 900 feet below its confluence with Gold Creek – will remain open to fishing through July 15.

Bag limits, guidelines and closed areas remain the same and are described in the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

SOUTHWEST ZONE: There are no special regulations at this time.

WILLAMETTE ZONE

Clackamas River

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013, barbless hooks will be required from the mouth to the 99E Bridge when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout.

Sandy River

Effective February 28, 2013 angling for sturgeon, including catch and release, is prohibited in the Sandy River.

Willamette River, Mouth to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013, barbless hooks will be required from the mouth to Willamette Falls, including the Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River, when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout.

Salmon and Steelhead

- This area is open to retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon the entire year under permanent rules.
- Bank angling is prohibited from the east shore of the Willamette River the entire year at the "Oregon City Wall" defined as the area beginning west of Highway 99E, at the northern-most extent of the parking area near the intersection of 8th Street and Highway 99E in Oregon City, approximately 290 feet downstream of the Oregon City/West Linn bridge (Hwy 43) and extending upstream approximately 1715 feet to the retaining wall extending into the Willamette River at the NW corner of the Blue Heron Paper Mill.

Sturgeon

Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls including the Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River

Sturgeon retention is closed, except for the following retention seasons:

- Retention allowed Thursday through Saturday, July 11-13 and Thursday through Saturday, July 18-20 and Thursday through Sunday, July 25-28 from I-205 Bridge downstream to mouth including Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River.
- Daily bag limit is 1 white sturgeon, 38-54 inches FORK LENGTH. The annual bag limit is two legal white sturgeon total for all zones statewide

Catch and release angling may continue during retention closures, except for the following permanent rules:

- Angling for sturgeon, including catch-and-release, is prohibited seven days per week during May 1 through August 31 from Willamette Falls downstream to the I-205 Bridge.
 - Bank angling is prohibited from the east shore of the Willamette River the entire year at the “Oregon City Wall” defined as the area beginning west of Highway 99E, at the northern-most extent of the parking area near the intersection of 8th Street and Highway 99E in Oregon City, approximately 290 feet downstream of the Oregon City/West Linn bridge (Hwy 43) and extending upstream approximately 1715 feet to the retaining wall extending into the Willamette River at the NW corner of the Blue Heron Paper Mill.
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CENTRAL ZONE

Please note: Most recent updates are shown in **bold red text**.

Deschutes River

- **Open for Chinook salmon from Aug. 1 to Oct. 31 from the mouth at the I-84 bridge upstream to Sherars Falls.**
 - **The daily bag limit is two adult chinook and five jacks (jacks chinook are 15 to 24 inches long).**
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SOUTHEAST ZONE

There are currently no special regulations for this zone.

NORTHEAST ZONE

Please note: Most recent updates are shown in **bold red text**.

Imnaha River

- **Jack chinook season closes at dusk on Friday, July 19.**
- **Beginning July 8, harvest will be limited to fin-clipped jack chinook only, with a daily limit of five. Jack chinook are salmon between 15 and 24-inches long.**

- **Anglers do not need to record jacks on the combined angling tag, but they cannot continue fishing for jacks once they have caught their daily limit of two adult chinook.**
- **All non-adipose fin-clipped (wild) chinook must be released unharmed.**

Lookingglass Creek

- **Closed to spring chinook jacks as of June 21.**

Wallowa Lake

- Beginning May 24, 2013 the daily bag limit for kokanee will increase from 10 to 20 fish.
 - Only five kokanee over 12-inches long may be kept.
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SNAKE ZONE

Please note: Most recent updates are shown in **bold red text**.

Snake River

- **Closes to chinook at sundown on Sunday, July 21.**
- **Opens for spring chinook Saturday, May 4. The fishery will remain open until a notice of closure is announced.**
- **Open to sport fishing seven days a week from Dug Bar Boat Ramp to the deadline below Hells Canyon Dam.**
- **The daily bag limit is four adipose fin-clipped spring chinook salmon (adult and jacks) per day, no more than one can be an adult salmon more than 24-inches long. Anglers must stop fishing for salmon for the day when they have kept four jack salmon (equal to or less than 24-inches long) or one adult salmon, whichever comes first.**

Only barbless hooks may be used. Anglers are reminded to consult the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations for other applicable regulations.

COLUMBIA ZONE

Please note: Most recent updates are shown in **bold red text**.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the Columbia River, and select tributaries (listed under regulation updates for Northwest Zone and Willamette Zone) will be restricted to barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout.

Salmon Steelhead and Shad

Fall Season (August 1-December 31)

All Permanent Regulations apply unless noted otherwise. See 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

Columbia River Mainstem, Buoy 10 upstream to Tongue Point/ Rocky Point (Buoy 10 line upstream to a line projected from Rocky Point on the WA shore through red buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point).

- Retention of adult adipose fin-clipped coho (>16") and adipose fin-clipped steelhead allowed August 1-December 31, 2013.
- Retention of adult (>24") Chinook allowed August 1-September 1, 2013 (or until guideline) and October 1-December 31, 2013.
- The combined daily bag limit is two adults, only one of which may be an adult Chinook. Jacks may not be retained between August 1 and September 30.

Columbia River Mainstem, Tongue Point/ Rocky Point upstream to Bonneville Dam (a line projected from Rocky Point on the WA shore through red buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point upstream to Bonneville Dam)

Retention of adipose fin-clipped coho and adipose fin-clipped steelhead allowed August 1-December 31, 2013.

Open to retention of Chinook:

- August 1 - September 12, 2013 (or until guideline) and October 1-December 31, 2013 from Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to a line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore to red buoy #4 to a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island. During September 6-12, only adipose fin-clipped Chinook may be retained.
- August 1 – December 31, 2013 (or until guideline) from a line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore to red buoy #4 to a marker on the lower end of Bachelor Island, upstream to Bonneville Dam.

The combined daily bag limit is two adults, only one of which may be a chinook and five jack salmon

Sturgeon

All Permanent Regulations apply unless noted otherwise. See 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

- The annual bag limit is two legal white sturgeon total for all zones statewide.
- The retention of green sturgeon is prohibited at all times.
- Anglers are limited to the use of one single-point barbless hook while angling for white sturgeon.
- It is unlawful to use lamprey for bait.
- In all areas, catch-and-release sturgeon angling is allowed during non-retention periods, unless otherwise indicated.
- The lower Willamette River (including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River) sturgeon regulation updates can be found under the Willamette Zone (above).

Columbia River Mainstem, Buoy 10 upstream to Wauna Powerlines (mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay; and all adjacent Washington tributaries)

- Retention of white sturgeon is prohibited effective 12:01 AM Friday, June 21, 2013 for the remainder of the year.

Columbia River Mainstem, Wauna Powerlines (RM 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam (including all adjacent Washington tributaries)

- Currently scheduled to re-open to retention of white sturgeon on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from October 19 - December 31, 2013.
- Daily bag limit is 1 white sturgeon, 38-54 inches FORK LENGTH.
- Angling for sturgeon is prohibited from May 1-August 31 from Bonneville Dam downstream nine miles to a line crossing the Columbia River from Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore, westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington Shore upstream to Fir Point.
- Effective February 1 - April 30 angling is prohibited for all species in the area from a line between the upstream end of Sand Island (near Rooster Rock) and a marker on the Oregon shoreline, downstream to a line between the lower end of Sand Island and a marker on the Oregon shoreline.
- The Sandy River is closed to sturgeon retention.

Columbia River Reservoirs, between Bonneville Dam and McNary Dam

Sturgeon creel sampling summaries and catch estimates from Bonneville, The Dalles, and John Day reservoirs can be found at WDFW's Southwest Washington Fishing Reports.

Bonneville Reservoir (Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam)

Retention of white sturgeon prohibited effective 12:01 AM Saturday, June 22, 2013 for the remainder of the year.

The Dalles Reservoir (The Dalles Dam upstream to John Day Dam)

Effective January 1, 2013, this section of the Columbia River is open to retention of white sturgeon seven days per week until the catch guideline of 300 legal white sturgeon has been met. The daily bag limit is one sturgeon between 43 – 54 inches fork length.

John Day Reservoir (John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam)

Retention of white sturgeon prohibited effective 12:01 AM Saturday, June 29, 2013 for the remainder of the year.

McNary Dam upstream to the Oregon/Washington Border

Effective January 1 – 31, 2013, retention of white sturgeon prohibited in this section of the Columbia River.

Effective February 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013, this section of the Columbia River will be open to retention of white sturgeon seven days per week. The daily bag limit is one sturgeon between 43 – 54 inches fork length.

MARINE ZONE

The cabezon season is open July 1 through Sept. 30. The daily bag limit is one cabezon, which counts as part of the marine fish daily bag limit of seven.

Prohibitions at Oregon's marine reserves at Redfish Rocks and Otter Rock are in effect as of Jan. 1, 2012. Fishing, crabbing, clamming, hunting and gathering seaweed are all prohibited. Beach walking, surfing, bird watching, diving and other non-extractive uses continue to be allowed.