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FILING CAPTION: Close Recreational Spring Salmon/Steelhead Season Fishery in the Columbia River upstream of Bonneville Dam

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

This amended rule is needed to prohibit angling for and retention of salmon/steelhead in the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery between Bonneville Dam and the Oregon/Washington state line (upstream of McNary Dam).

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

There is not adequate time to go through normal rulemaking proceedings to modify these rules in a timely manner by the specified date and time.

Fisheries are managed to provide treaty, recreational, and commercial fishing opportunities while meeting species- or stock-specific allocations and remaining within Endangered Species Act guidelines.

Failure to adopt this rule could cause serious prejudice to the public interest in that non-Treaty fisheries would further skew from Commission guidance regarding allocation of allowed ESA-impacts to listed upriver spring/summer Chinook populations potentially hindering the ability to reopen some fisheries later in the season and comport with Commission intent for management of these fisheries.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

1. Columbia River Fishery Notice, dated April 29, 2024.

A copy of the rules and the other documents relied upon for this rulemaking [the above document(s)] are available from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Fish Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, Oregon 97302-1142. Contact Steve Emerson at 503-947-6233 or [steven.c.emerson@odfw.oregon.gov](mailto:steven.c.emerson@odfw.oregon.gov) to view by appointment between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., on normal working days, Monday through Friday.

AMEND: 635-023-0125

SUSPEND: Temporary 635-023-0125 from DFW 25-2024

RULE TITLE: Spring Sport Fishery

RULE SUMMARY: This amended rule closes the mainstem Columbia River salmon/steelhead recreational fishery upstream of Bonneville Dam.

RULE TEXT:

The current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations provide requirements for the Columbia River Zone. However, additional regulations may be adopted in this rule division from time to time, and, to the extent of any inconsistency, they supersede the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations.

(1) The Columbia River spring recreational fishery area boundaries include the following:

(a) Beacon Rock line projects from 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.

(b) Tower Island power lines (approximately six miles below The Dalles Dam).

(2) Effective March 1 through April 11, in the lower Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline, angling for and retention of salmon, steelhead, and shad is allowed with the following regulations:

(a) The daily adult Salmon and Steelhead bag limit is two hatchery fish.

(b) No more than one adult hatchery Chinook salmon may be retained per day.

(c) All chum, coho, wild Chinook, and wild steelhead must be released.

(d) Angling from a boat is not allowed from the Beacon Rock line upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline.

(e) The closed portions of the Columbia River listed on pages 74 and 75 of the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations remain in effect.

(f) Restrictions on angling hours for game fish listed on page 19 of the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations remain in effect.

(3) Effective April 1 through 11:59 p.m. April 29, in the Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the OR/WA border (upstream of McNary Dam), angling for and retention of salmon and steelhead is allowed with the following regulations:

(a) The daily adult Salmon and Steelhead bag limit is two hatchery fish.

(b) No more than one adult hatchery Chinook salmon may be retained per day.

(c) All chum, coho, wild Chinook, and wild steelhead must be released.

(d) Angling from a boat is not allowed from Bonneville Dam upstream to the Tower Island power lines.

(e) The closed portions of the Columbia River listed on pages 74 and 75 of the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations remain in effect.

(4) Effective March 1 through June 15, the recreational adult salmon and steelhead bag limit in applicable Select Areas will be as follows:

(a) On days when the Columbia River mainstem recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam is open to the retention of Chinook salmon, the bag limit is the same as the mainstem Columbia River bag limit; and

(b) On days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam is closed to the retention of Chinook salmon, the permanent bag limit regulations apply.

(5) All other permanent rules for the Columbia River Zone, as stated in the current annual Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, remain in effect.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 496.138, ORS 496.146

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 496.162