



**Sandy River Chapter**

**October 2021**


*The Association of NW Steelheaders Anglers is dedicated to enhancing and protecting fisheries and their habitats for today and the future.*

***Based on the best information currently available the Chapter Board has decided to cancel this years Tillamook Crab/Fish along and our October 2021 Chapter Meeting***

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### ***New Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group***

We invite you to visit the new Sandy River Chapter Facebook Group at “**Sandy River Chapter NW Steelheaders**” - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/451895135882897> . Our previous Facebook page did not permit posting by anyone but the Administrator. The move to a “Group” is for public viewing, meaning anyone can visit, like, and follow. As set up, being a “joined” member only adds the ability to post to the site.

Even as a non-joined visitor you can suggest postings through “Messenger” (  Logo in upper right section of home page) at any time and we will review your input for publishing.

We are trying to initially keep those with “joined” membership to this Facebook group to current ANWS members. This is due to the difficulty in managing large numbers of participants, and our need to ensure joiners follow the rules and regulations of the Sandy River Chapter and the ANWS related to fishing conservation.

If you are not already a member of the ANWS consider joining for as little as \$30.00 per year. We would be happy to have you as a member and you can join the Association of NW Steelheaders at : <https://nwsteelheaders.org/get-involved/membership/> . Any further questions, please ask.

Note: There will be redundancies between the Chapter Newsletter and our Facebook Group page in our attempt to share items to followers of both. Due to limited space in our Newsletter there may also be more posts on the Facebook group page than in the Newsletter.

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# **Bill Monroe Outdoors is at The Columbia River.**

September 9 at 5:26 PM · [Vancouver, WA](#) ·

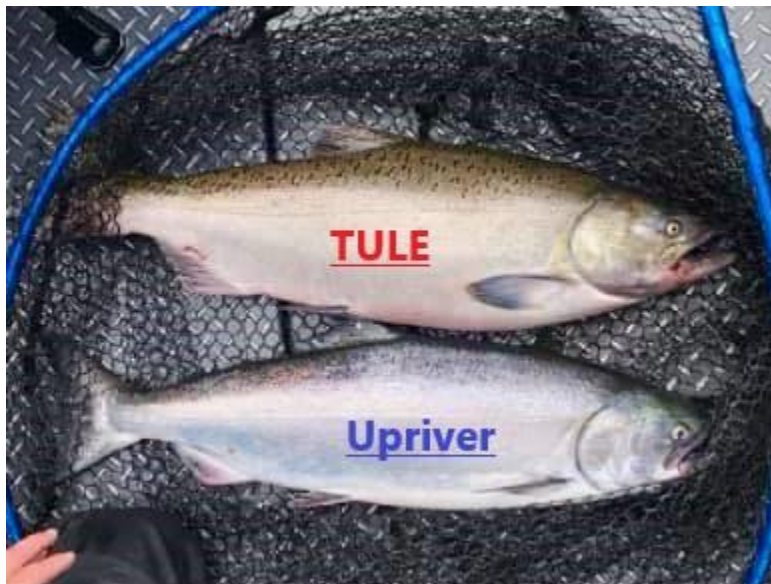
Columbia River REOPENING Warrior Rock to Bonneville ASAP! So..... I dunno WHO needs to hear this, but we CANNOT afford a SINGLE LRH (TULE) Chinook mortality. Basically- do NOT bring in a heavily spotted Chinook to the dock. Keep it IN the water and release it!! You'll shut this fishery down in a HEARTBEAT!

"Hopefully we get through the next couple weeks and the Tule Salmon get to where they're going and off the Columbia. Here's a couple guidelines for figuring out what you just caught.

1. Overall color- Since we're in Mid-September most of our Tule Salmon should be getting really dark. This varies from brown to olive, but the overall appearance will be anything but chrome. Bellies will be darker brown to gray, not white.
2. Spotting pattern- hopefully people can share other pics below but a Tule Salmon has a much more intense spotting pattern versus an up river bright. Tules tend to have a leopard spot vs Urbs even, spread out, small spots.
3. Very full bellies- Large hens will have their eggs just about be fully developed. Their bellies will be huge!

As a general rule, if the Salmon appears really colored up (dark), it's going to be of REAL importance to throw it back WITHOUT HARM. Hopefully there will be plenty of URB's around to not worry about it!

Fish on peeps 🎣🙏🤙





# Protect Wild Tules

This year, it is the intent of the Buoy 10 Salmon Challenge to encourage our participants to release wild Tules. Wild Tules are in trouble, and the harvest caps set to conserve them deeply constrain our access to the abundant stocks like the Upriver Brights, which are predicted to return at record high levels. It is legal to retain a wild Tule, but we ask that you do your best to let them go.

**Wild Tule identification:** Wild Tules have an adipose fin. (Do not return hatchery Tules to the water!) At Buoy 10, Tules can have a bright, or silver appearance, but they can also have more of a bronze color, as in the fish below. Tules also frequently have prominent black spots on their backs. It is likely that the teeth will be developed and protruding since Tules are lower river spawners. Additionally, as you look down at the back of a Tule it will have a more pointed back. There can also be the pink coloring you see on the dorsal fin below, although Upriver Bright Bucks can have pink there as well. Tule picture below:



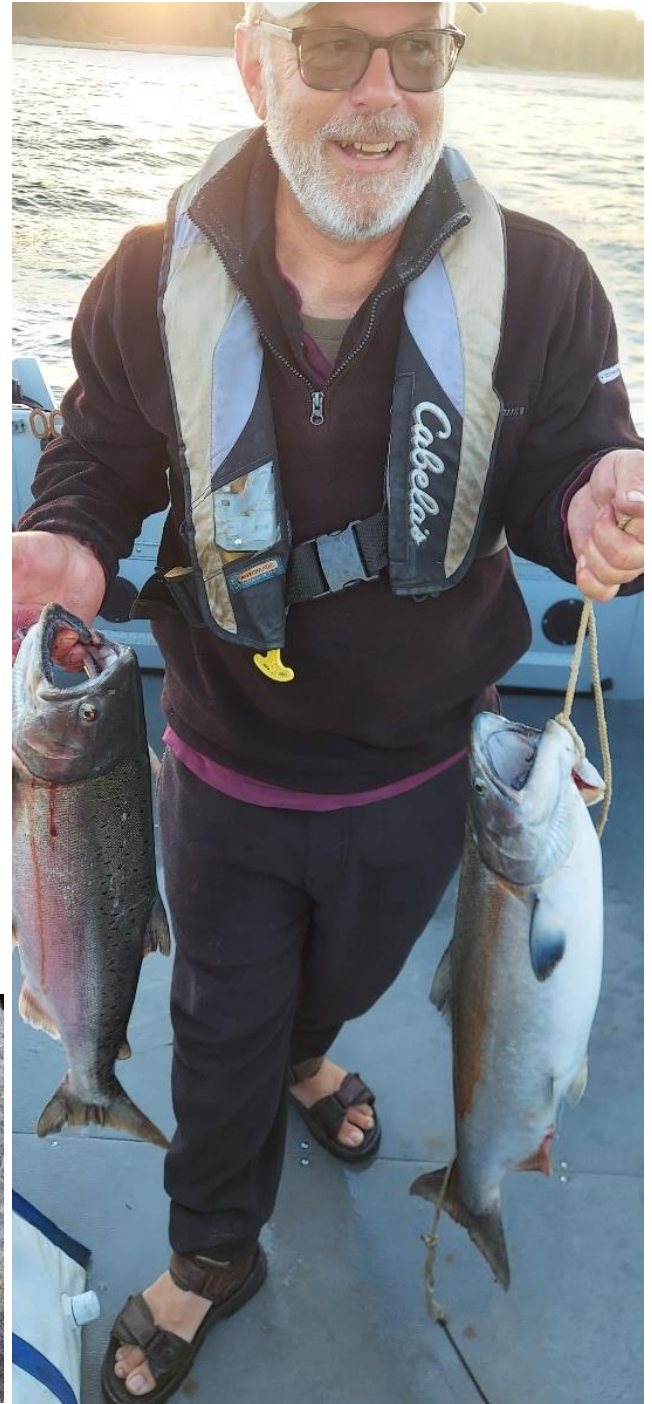
**Upriver Bright (or Bonneville Bright, or other Brights):** Brights tend to be more silver, or bright, in color. Many have a long journey before they spawn, and their teeth are not likely to be protruding. Looking down on the back of a Bright, their back is generally more rounded than a Tule. Bright picture below:



We thank you for your support in helping to avoid the weak stocks (Wild Tule) that are in the fishery in 2014. This year is the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation of returns from court-ordered spill and is predicted to be a record run.



# Member photos













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## Columbia River salmon fishing reopens from Tongue Point/Rocky Point to Warrior Rock on Sept. 17; four additional sturgeon retention days added

September 15, 2021

CLACKAMAS, Ore.—Effective Sept. 17, the Columbia River will reopen to hatchery coho retention from the Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island line, fishery managers from Oregon and Washington decided today.

The adult bag limit is two hatchery coho. All Chinook must be released and steelhead may not be retained until Nov. 1. All other previously adopted regulations remain in effect.

Salmon fishing from Tongue Point/Rocky Point upstream to Bonneville Dam closed earlier this month due to higher-than-expected impacts on lower Columbia River natural origin tule fall Chinook which are listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Based on a review of available information which included impacts accrued in ocean fisheries, fishery managers [reopened the area from Warrior Rock to Bonneville Dam on Sept. 11](#) to Chinook and hatchery coho. Although ESA-listed Snake River fall Chinook have become constraining, managers are comfortable reopening this river section to coho retention, which are returning in good numbers.

Also today, four additional sturgeon retention days were added in the mainstem Columbia from the Wauna Powerlines upstream to Bonneville Dam, including the Cowlitz River. Anglers can now retain white sturgeon in this area on Saturday, Sept. 18, Sunday Sept. 19, Wednesday Sept. 22, Saturday Sept. 25, and Wednesday Sept. 29.

Last Saturday, anglers harvested an estimated 347 legal-sized sturgeon which is less than expected, allowing additional days to be added. The harvest guideline for this fishery is 1,230 white sturgeon.

The daily bag limit is one legal-sized white sturgeon, with a statewide annual bag limit of two fish. Legal-size white sturgeon are those measuring a minimum of 44 inches and a maximum of 50 inches fork length, which is measured in a straight line under the fish from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal (tail) fin with the fish laying on a flat surface. Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited and single point barbless hooks are required when angling for sturgeon.

Always check the latest Columbia River regulations before fishing by visiting <https://myodfw.com/recreation-report/fishing-report/columbia-zone>.

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### White sturgeon is the largest freshwater fish species found in North America.

**Features:** There's no mistaking a sturgeon. This primitive looking fish has large bony plates running down its back, a long flat snout, and a deeply-forked tail. It's also covered in rough, scale-less skin, similar to a shark. Though they can reach lengths of 20 feet, most white sturgeon rarely get over 10-feet long, which seems plenty long to us. Some populations migrate between the ocean and freshwater, but not necessarily with the same consistency as salmon or steelhead. These prehistoric fish may live well over 100 years, and may not mature until they are 25-years-old.



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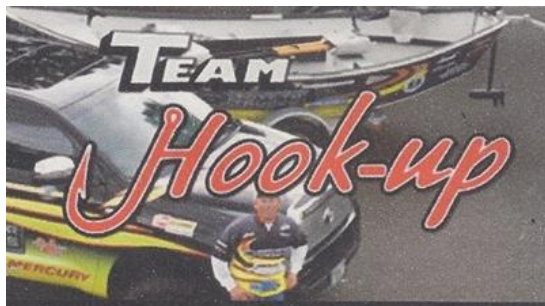
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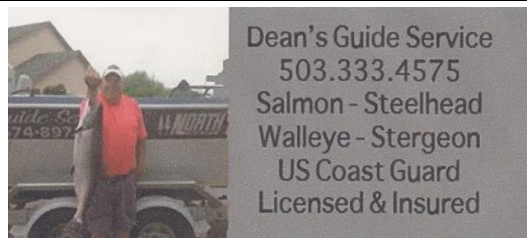
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