

News Release

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Summer recreational vessel lockage schedule begins May 15

Walla Walla, Wash., – The Walla Walla District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has announced the summer schedule for recreational vessels through Columbia and Snake river dams.

Beginning May 15, upstream lockages will be at 9 a.m., noon, 3 p.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., with downstream lockages at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite navigation locks on the Snake River; McNary navigation lock on the Columbia River. The schedule will remain in effect until Sep. 15.

Recreational vessel operators have precedence over commercial vessels during the designated times. At other times, recreational vessels may be allowed to lock through with commercial craft, at the discretion of the lockmaster.

Consideration will be given to special lockages for flotillas or other organized events sponsored by yacht clubs, marinas, and other groups, provided 24-hour advance arrangements are made with the appropriate location.

Points of contact for the Corps' dams are:

McNary Lock and Dam (541) 922-2251
Ice Harbor Lock and Dam (509) 543-3251
Lower Monumental Lock and Dam (509) 282-7251
Little Goose Lock and Dam (509) 399-2233, Ext. 251
Lower Granite Lock and Dam (509) 843-1493, Ext. 251

Summer recreational vessel lockage schedules and the Corps brochure "How To Lock Through," which vessel operators also should refer to, are available on the Internet at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil/html/offices/op/t/navdata/default.html. All vessel owners and operators lock through at their own risk, and must comply with the Corps' longstanding safe lockage policy.

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