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Corps changes restricted areas for boaters, anglers at Ice Harbor and Little Goose dams

Walla Walla, Wash. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has changed the restricted area at Ice Harbor Dam to enhance safety for recreational boaters and has opened a new shoreline fishing area at Little Goose dam.

The new restricted area downstream at Ice Harbor runs from the end of the navigation guidewall straight across to the south shoreline. Upstream of the dam the line runs across the river from the south shore to the lighted red navigation buoy that marks the entrance channel to the navigation lock. For safety reasons, boats will no longer be allowed in the area by the log boom or near the mouth of the fish ladder. Fishing from the shore is still accessible.

According to Ann Glassley, navigation specialist for the Corps' Walla Walla District, the restricted waters above and below the dams are subject to dangerous currents, turbulences and whirlpools caused by the operations of spillways, power producing generators and the navigation locks.

Waters immediately above and below the dam will remain restricted areas. Restricted areas are those waters upstream and downstream of the dam where trespassing is strictly prohibited. Rangers and security guards patrol these areas and citations may be issued to individuals who enter these boundaries. The Corps is authorized by the Code of Federal Regulations to close or restrict waters that could cause harm to public health, safety or other reasons in the public interest.

Glassley said the restricted areas above the dam are indicated by buoy markers with a lighted navigation-aid buoy indicating the channel to the navigation lock. Below the dam the restricted area is depicted by a line drawn from the end of the navigation lock guidewall across the river to the opposite shore, parallel to the dam structure.

The Corps has also made changes to restricted areas at Little Goose Lock and Dam. Visitors on foot can now access shoreline fishing locations on the north shore, upstream of the dam and on the north end, upstream side of the earthen embankment. New signs are posted to direct anglers to fishing areas that are now open.

Similar changes to the restricted water areas at McNary, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams are in progress and are expected to be completed in the spring.

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