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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

### Select Area Fisheries

The following fisheries were adopted by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

#### *Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Fishery*

- **Adopted** the following commercial fishing periods.

<b>Periods:</b>	7 PM Thursday July 13 to 7 AM Friday July 14	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 17 to 7 AM Tuesday July 18	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 20 to 7 AM Friday July 21	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 24 to 7 AM Tuesday July 25	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 27 to 7 AM Friday July 28	(12 hours)

**Areas:** *Blind Slough*

Open waters extend from markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek which is located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge.

*Knappa Slough*

Open waters are bounded by a line from the northerly-most marker at the mouth of Blind Slough westerly to a marker on Karlson Island downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore (fall boundary).

**Gear:** Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

#### *Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Fishery (Zone 71)*

- **Adopted** the following commercial fishing periods.

<b>Periods:</b>	7 PM Thursday July 13 to 7 AM Friday July 14	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 17 to 7 AM Tuesday July 18	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 20 to 7 AM Friday July 21	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 24 to 7 AM Tuesday July 25	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 27 to 7 AM Friday July 28	(12 hours)

**Areas:** *Tongue Point*

Open waters are bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of Mott Island, a line from a marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a marker on the northwest tip of Lois Island, and a line from a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island westerly to a marker on the Oregon shore.

*South Channel*

Open waters are bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point to a marker on the southwest end of Lois Island upstream to an upper boundary line from a marker on Settler Point northwesterly to the flashing red USCG marker #10, northwesterly to a marker on the eastern tip of Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

**Gear:** In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.  
In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

- **The following Gear, Allowable Sales and Reporting Rules applies to all Select Area commercial seasons adopted above.**

**Gear:** 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect  
Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

**Reporting Rules:** Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.  
24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180.

- All other regulation previously adopted on January 31, 2017 remain in effect
- Permanent regulations including rules related to the transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

## **Joint State Action**

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following action:

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fishery***

#### **Downstream of Bonneville Dam**

- Effective Friday July 7 through Monday July 31, 2017 the retention of hatchery adult Chinook salmon in the mainstem Columbia River from the Astoria-Megler Bridge upstream to the Bonneville Dam deadline is allowed.
- Retention of jack hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead, and sockeye remains open under previously adopted regulations, including the one hatchery steelhead daily bag limit.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the "2017 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet" remain in effect, including bag limits for jack Chinook.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No additional Compact hearings are currently scheduled.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 6, 2017 Summer Fact Sheet #3 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)