
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action

Joint State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 6, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today via phone to review the ongoing recreational fishery, and Select Area commercial fisheries and took the following actions:

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- The following additional fishing periods were adopted by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon in state waters.

Blind Slough Winter Salmon Fishery (Zone 74)

- Open waters in Blind Slough up to the railroad bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction and open waters of Blind Slough above the railroad bridge are under Oregon state jurisdiction.
- Adopted additional winter commercial salmon fishing periods as follows:

Winter Fishery – Blind Slough Only

Season: 7 PM Sunday April 9 to 7 AM Monday April 10 (12 hours)
7 PM Wednesday April 12 to 7 AM Thursday April 13 (12 hours)

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

Gear: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect.
Nets restricted to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, sturgeon, and shad.
A maximum of three green or white sturgeon in the aggregate may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The three sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Special transportation permits are not required to take fish outside the fishing area. Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

- Washington Reporting Rule** WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the Select Area commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10 AM on the day after the purchase date via either:
- a. Fax transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
 - b. E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
 - c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

In joint Oregon and Washington state action the states reviewed the following mainstem Columbia sport fisheries and took the following action:

Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Sport Fishery

- No action was taken on this fishery.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Columbia River Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Tuesday April 11, 2006 via telephone to review the ongoing recreational fishery and possible fishery modifications.

For information regarding these decisions see April 6, 2006 Winter Fact Sheet #11.

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/FS/06/06_april_06wfact.pdf

- Recorded Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 392.
- Recorded Columbia River “Mainstem” Commercial Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 391.
- Recorded lower Columbia River “Select Area” Commercial Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (503) 657-2000 ext. 396.

Note: Joint Staff Reports, Fact Sheets, and Columbia River Action Notices are also available through the Internet at: <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/main.html>