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# Columbia River Action Notice

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## Joint State Agreements Compact Action Joint State Action Oregon State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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### Joint State Agreements

The states of Oregon and Washington announced today the following joint state agreements:

- A 2006-2007 agreement to allocate the non-treaty upriver spring Chinook impact (currently 2% based on preseason run forecasts) 57% to recreational and 43% to commercial fisheries.
  - An agreement to enlarge the current sturgeon spawning sanctuary below Bonneville Dam by two miles with the lower boundary moved to Navigation Marker 85 during May 1-July 31.
  - An agreement to implement a new sturgeon spawning sanctuary below McNary Dam (McNary Dam downstream to Highway 395 Bridge) during May 1-July 31.
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### Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, and smelt stock status and consider non-Indian and treaty Indian fishing options and took the following actions:

#### Non-Indian Fisheries

##### ***Commercial Mainstem Sturgeon Fishery***

- Modified the previously adopted non-Indian commercial season as follows. Changes to the previously adopted season are in **bold**.

<b>Season:</b>	6 PM	Tuesday January 10	to	6 PM	Wednesday January 11	(24 hrs)
	6 PM	Tuesday January 17	to	6 PM	Wednesday January 18	(24 hrs)
	6 PM	Tuesday January 24	to	6 PM	Wednesday January 25	(24 hrs)
	6 PM	Tuesday January 31	to	6 PM	Wednesday February 1	(24 hrs)
	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Thursday February 2</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>6 AM</b>	<b>Friday February 3</b>	<b>(12 hrs)</b>
	6 PM	Tuesday February 7	to	6 PM	Wednesday February 8	(24 hrs)
	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Thursday February 9</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>6 AM</b>	<b>Friday February 10</b>	<b>(12 hrs)</b>
	6 PM	Tuesday February 14	to	6 PM	Wednesday February 15	(24 hrs)
	<b>6 PM</b>	<b>Thursday February 16</b>	<b>to</b>	<b>6 AM</b>	<b>Friday February 17</b>	<b>(12 hrs)</b>
	6 PM	Tuesday February 21	to	6 PM	Wednesday February 22	(24 hrs)

**Area:** Zones 1 - 5.

**Sanctuaries:** Sandy River sanctuary is in effect.  
**Gear:** 9" minimum and 9-3/4" maximum mesh size restrictions.  
**Allowable Sales:** Sale of sturgeon and adipose fin-clipped salmon allowed.

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### ***Commercial Mainstem Winter Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted the following 2006 Winter Season Commercial Fishing Plan:
  - ✓ Test fishing occurs on Sunday.
  - ✓ Compact to occur Monday afternoon.
  - ✓ Full fleet fishery may occur Tuesday depending on results from test fishing on Sunday.
  - ✓ Use Tuesday full fleet fishery as test fishery or conduct test fishing on Tuesday.
  - ✓ Compact to occur Wednesday afternoon.
  - ✓ Full fleet fishery may occur Thursday depending on results from previous full fleet fishery or test fishing on Tuesday.
  - ✓ Commercial fisheries to be managed conservatively with a 25% management buffer for upriver spring Chinook impact guidelines (inseason guidelines of 0.545% for mainstem and 0.100% for SAFE commercial fisheries with buffer).

- Adopted the following regulations for the 2006 winter/spring commercial salmon fishing season:

**Season:** Individual fishing periods will not exceed 24 hours in duration during large mesh fisheries and will not exceed 16 hours in duration during small mesh fisheries.

**Area:** Mouth to Kelley Point (Zones 1 - 4) likely for the majority of the fishery.

**Sanctuaries:** Grays River, Elokomin-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B sanctuaries will be in effect.

**Gear:** 8" minimum and 9-3/4" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect during large mesh fishery. Use of monofilament nets is allowed.  
4 1/4" maximum mesh size during tangle net fishery. Use of monofilament nets is prohibited.

Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms. Net length can increase from 150 to 175 fathoms for nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers.

Optional use of a steelhead excluding panel hung between the cork line and the tangle net mesh. Excluder panel must be a minimum of 5' in depth and not exceed 10' in depth with a 12" minimum mesh size (mono or multifilament) restriction in effect.

Use of weedlines or droppers, used in smelt bobber nets, are allowed in place of a steelhead excluder panel. Weedlines or droppers must extend a minimum of 5' above the tangle net mesh.

**Allowable Sales:** Adipose fin-clipped chinook salmon, sturgeon, and shad. Sturgeon possession and sales restrictions to be determined based on gear type and number of fish remaining on guideline.

**Participants:** Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended a state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in this fishery.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** Owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with Department observers or observers collecting data for the Department, when notified by the observer of their intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

Soak times, defined as time elapsed from when the first mesh enters the water to when the last mesh leaves the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Red corks are required at 25 fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net. Two red corks are required on each end of nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers.

Use of recovery boxes will be required on all lethargic or bleeding salmon or steelhead.

Each vessel participating in this fishery is required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers in place. Operable recovery boxes require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to each chamber of the box(es). Each box must be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

Lighted buoys are required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise.

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## ***Columbia River Mainstem Shad Fishery***

### **Area 2S Shad Fishery**

- Adopted the following commercial shad fishing periods:

**Season:** Open 3 PM to 10 PM daily during the following weeks:

Monday May 15 to Friday May 19 (5 days)

Monday May 22 to Friday May 26 (5 days)

Tuesday May 30 to Friday June 2 (4 days)

Monday June 5 to Friday June 9 (5 days)

Monday June 12 to Friday June 16 (5 days)

Monday June 19 to Friday June 23 (5 days)

**Area:** True north/south line through Light #50 near the mouth of the Sandy River upstream to the commercial fishing boundary near Beacon Rock.

**Gear:** Single-wall, unslackened, floater gill net, 5-3/8" minimum and 6-1/4" maximum mesh size restrictions, 10-lb breaking strength, net may not exceed 150 fathoms in length nor 40 meshes in depth.

**Allowable Sales:** Only shad may be kept and sold. All salmon, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian commercial sturgeon, salmon, and shad seasons adopted above.**

**Washington Reporting Rule**      WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the commercial Select Area 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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)
- c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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### **Select Area Commercial 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/Knappa Slough Fishery (Zone 74)***

- Open waters in Knappa Slough and 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 commercial salmon seasons as follows:

#### **Winter Fishery – Blind Slough Only**

**Season:**                      Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Wednesday February 22 – Thursday February 23	(1 night)
Sunday February 26 - Monday February 27	(1 night)
Wednesday March 1 – Thursday March 2	(1 night)
Sunday March 5 - Monday March 6	(1 night)
Wednesday March 8 – Thursday March 9	(1 night)
Sunday March 12 - Monday March 13	(1 night)

#### **Spring Fishery – Blind Slough and Knappa Slough**

**Season:**                      Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Thursday April 20 - Friday April 21	(1 night)
Monday April 24 - Tuesday April 25	(1 night)
Thursday April 27 - Friday April 28	(1 night)
Monday May 1 - Tuesday May 2	(1 night)
Thursday May 4 - Friday May 5	(1 night)
Monday May 8 - Tuesday May 9	(1 night)
Thursday May 11 - Friday May 12	(1 night)
Monday May 15 - Tuesday May 16	(1 night)
Thursday May 18 - Friday May 19	(1 night)
Monday May 22 - Tuesday May 23	(1 night)
Thursday May 25 - Friday May 26	(1 night)
Monday May 29 - Tuesday May 30	(1 night)

Thursday June 1 - Friday June 2	(1 night)
Monday June 5 - Tuesday June 6	(1 night)
Thursday June 8 - Friday June 9	(1 night)
Monday June 12 - Tuesday June 13	(1 night)
Thursday June 15 - Friday June 16	(1 night)

**Open Area:**

**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:** **April 20 – 28th** is open to fishing in all waters bounded by a line from the northerly most marker at the mouth of Blind Slough westerly to a marker on Karlson Island downstream to a north-south line defined by a marker on the eastern end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.

**May 1 – June 16** the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough fishing area is extended downstream to boundary lines defined by markers on the west end of Minaker Island to markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter fishery.  
8-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring fishery.  
Nets restricted to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on headline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the headline 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.

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***Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)***

- Open waters in Deep River up to the Highway 4 Bridge are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

**Winter Fishery** Open 6 PM to 8 AM (14 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

<b>Seasons:</b>	Monday February 20 – Tuesday February 21	(1 night)
	Monday February 27 – Tuesday February 28	(1 night)
	Monday March 6 – Tuesday March 7	(1 night)
	Monday March 13 – Tuesday March 14	(1 night)

**Spring Fishery** Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

<b>Seasons:</b>	Thursday April 20 - Friday April 21	(1 night)
	Monday April 24 - Tuesday April 25	(1 night)

Thursday April 27 – Friday April 28	(1 night)
Monday May 1 - Tuesday May 2	(1 night)
Thursday May 4 - Friday May 5	(1 night)
Monday May 8 - Tuesday May 9	(1 night)
Thursday May 11 - Friday May 12	(1 night)
Monday May 15 - Tuesday May 16	(1 night)
Thursday May 18 - Friday May 19	(1 night)
Monday May 22 - Tuesday May 23	(1 night)
Thursday May 25 - Friday May 26	(1 night)
Monday May 29 - Tuesday May 30	(1 night)
Thursday June 1 - Friday June 2	(1 night)
Monday June 5- Tuesday June 6	(1 night)
Thursday June 8 - Friday June 9	(1 night)
Monday June 12 - Tuesday June 13	(1 night)
Thursday June 15 - Friday June 16	(1 night)

**Area:** **Deep River** is open to fishing from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

**Gear:** 7" minimum mesh size restriction in effect during the winter fishery.  
8" maximum mesh size restriction in effect during the spring fishery.  
Net restricted to a maximum length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.  
Nets are not allowed to be tied off of any stationary structures.  
Nets are not allowed to fully cross the navigation channel.

**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:** Transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area (except to the sampling station) is unlawful until WDFW staff has sampled individual catches for biological information. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.

- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area winter and spring salmon seasons adopted above.**

**Washington Reporting Rule** WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the commercial Select Area 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  
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## Treaty Indian Fisheries

### ***Mainstem Winter Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted a treaty Indian commercial season as follows:

<b>Season:</b>	12 noon Wednesday February 1 to 6 PM Tuesday March 21
<b>Area:</b>	All of Zone 6.
<b>Sanctuaries:</b>	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries are in effect except for no Spring Creek sanctuary.
<b>Gear:</b>	No mesh size restrictions.
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Chinook salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, and carp.
<b>Miscellaneous Rules:</b>	Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in length in The Dalles and John Day pools and sturgeon between 45-60 inches in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Sale of platform caught fish is allowed during open commercial gillnet season.
<b>Washington Reporting Rule:</b>	WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian mainstem winter commercial fishery to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10AM on the day after the purchase date via either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777</li><li>b. E-mail to <a href="mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov">crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov</a></li><li>c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281</li></ul>

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## Joint State Action

**In joint Oregon and Washington state action after the Compact adjourned; the states discussed the following mainstem Columbia sport fisheries and took the following actions:**

### Non-Indian Sport Fisheries

#### ***Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Sport Fishery***

- Adopted the following sport fishing plan for the 2006 spring season:
  - ✓ Fishery checkpoints will occur one or two days per week during April.
  - ✓ Fishery checkpoints will be used to monitor progress towards the adopted upriver spring Chinook impact guideline and modify the ongoing fishery as needed.
  - ✓ Increase opportunity in fisheries below Bonneville Dam if possible.
  - ✓ Manage the fishery in the lower Columbia River to maintain opportunity fairness with fishery above Bonneville Dam.
  - ✓ Sport fisheries to be managed conservatively with a 25% management buffer for upriver spring Chinook guidelines (inseason guidelines of 0.641% for below Bonneville, 0.071% Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam, and 0.143% above McNary Dam fisheries with buffer).

- Modified the ongoing sport salmon season from Columbia River mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge as follows:

### **Buoy 10 to I-5 Bridge**

**Area:** Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge.  
**Dates:** January 1 – April 19, 2006  
**Catch Restrictions:** **Oregon:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon **or** adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day.

**Washington:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon **and** two adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day.

All non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead must be released immediately unharmed.

Catch limits for jacks remain in effect as per permanent regulations.

### **Bonneville Dam to McNary Dam**

**Area:** Tower Island power lines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to McNary Dam plus the Oregon bank between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.  
**Dates:** March 16 – April 30, 2006.  
**Catch Restrictions:** **Oregon:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon **or** adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day.

**Washington:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon **and** two adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day.

All non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and non-adipose fin-clipped steelhead must be released immediately unharmed.

Catch limits for jacks remain in effect as per permanent regulations.

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** For the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery upstream of the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line to McNary Dam effective during February 15 through May 15, 2006 "It is unlawful when fishing from vessels which are less than 30 feet in length, substantiated by Coast Guard documentation or Marine Board registration, to totally remove from the water any salmon or steelhead required to be released".

### ***Mainstem Steelhead and Shad Sport Fishery***

- Adopted the following sport rule change:

The mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad during open seasons for adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

# Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

## Non-Indian Commercial Fisheries

### *Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries*

- Open waters in Youngs Bay are under Oregon State jurisdiction.
- Adopted commercial salmon seasons as follows:

### Winter Season

6 PM Wednesday February 15 - 6 AM Thursday February 16	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Sunday February 19 - noon Monday February 20	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(18 hours)
6 PM Wednesday February 22 – 6 AM Thursday February 23	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Sunday February 26 - noon Monday February 27	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(18 hours)
6 PM Wednesday March 1 - 6 AM Thursday March 2	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Sunday March 5 - noon Monday March 6	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(18 hours)
6 PM Wednesday March 8 - 6 AM Thursday March 9	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Sunday March 12 – 6 AM Monday March 13	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 AM to 10 AM Thursday March 16	(Upstream of old Youngs Bay Bridge)	(4 hours)
Noon to 4 PM Thursday March 23	(Upstream of old Youngs Bay Bridge)	(4 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Monday March 27	(Upstream of Walluski River)	(12 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Thursday March 30	(Upstream of Walluski River)	(12 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Monday April 3	(Upstream of Walluski River)	(12 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Thursday April 6	(Upstream of Walluski River)	(12 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Monday April 10	(Upstream of Walluski River)	(12 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Thursday April 13	(Upstream of Walluski River)	(12 hours)

### Spring Season

9 AM to 1 PM Monday April 17	(Upstream of old Youngs Bay Bridge)	(4 hours)
6 PM Thursday April 20 - 6 AM Friday April 21	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Monday April 24 - 6 AM Tuesday April 25	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Thursday April 27 - 6 AM Friday April 28	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(12 hours)
6 PM Monday May 1 - noon Tuesday May 2	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(18 hours)
6 PM Thursday May 4 - noon Friday May 5	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(18 hours)
Noon Monday May 8 - noon Friday May 12	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 15 - noon Friday May 19	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 22 - noon Friday May 26	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 29 - noon Friday June 2	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 5 - noon Friday June 9	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(4 days)
Noon Tuesday June 13 - noon Friday June 16	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(3 days)

## Summer Season

Noon Wednesday June 21- noon Friday June 23	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(2 days)
Noon Wednesday June 28- noon Friday June 30	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(2 days)
Noon Wednesday July 5- 6 PM Thursday July 6	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(1 day)
Noon Wednesday July 12- 6 PM Thursday July 13	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(1 day)
Noon Wednesday July 19- 6 PM Thursday July 20	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(1 day)
Noon Wednesday July 26- 6 PM Thursday July 27	(Entire Youngs Bay)	(1 day)

**Area:** February 15 through March 13 and April 20 through July 27:  
Entire Youngs Bay fishing area with upper boundary at the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.

March 16, March 23, and April 17:  
Old Youngs Bay Bridge upstream to the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.

March 27 through April 13:  
Markers at mouth of Walluski River upstream to the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.

**Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.  
8-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring and summer seasons.  
Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.  
Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.  
Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.

**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.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact or Joint State Hearings have been scheduled at this time.

For information concerning these decisions see the January 26, 2006 Winter Fact Sheet #2 and Tribal Supplement: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/FS/06/06\\_jan\\_26\\_wfact.pdf](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/FS/06/06_jan_26_wfact.pdf)  
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