
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Compact Action

Oregon State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 27, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today to review Chinook salmon stock status and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial fishing period as follows.

Season: 7 PM Sunday July 30 to 7 AM Monday July 31 (12 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5.

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries will be in effect.

Gear: 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, shad, and white sturgeon.

All sockeye and steelhead must be released immediately.

A maximum of **three** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) the fishery is open.

The retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing period as follows:

Season: 7 PM Wednesday August 2 to 7 AM Thursday August 3 (12 hrs)

7 PM Monday August 7 to 7 AM Tuesday August 8 (12 hrs)

7 PM Wednesday August 9 to 7 AM Thursday August 10 (12 hrs)

Area: (Zones 1-5).

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomina-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect.

Gear: 8" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and sturgeon.

A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

The retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all commercial fishing periods adopted above.**

Washington Reporting: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from these mainstem commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10AM 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

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- **The following commercial fisheries were adopted by Compact action.**

Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

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

Tuesday September 5 - Friday September 8	(3 nights)
Tuesday September 12 - Friday September 15	(3 nights)
Monday September 18 - Friday September 22	(4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 8 AM (16 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 25 - Friday September 29	(4 nights)
Monday October 2 - Friday October 6	(4 nights)
Monday October 9 - Friday October 13	(4 nights)
Monday October 16 - Friday October 20	(4 nights)
Monday October 23 - Friday October 27	(4 nights)

Area: **Tongue Point and South Channel areas are open entire season.**
All waters are under concurrent jurisdiction.

Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters 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 area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point through the green USCG buoy #7 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 Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

Gear: In **Tongue Point** fishing area legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, net not to exceed 250 fathoms in length, and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds of weight on any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have stored on board their boat, gill nets with leadline in excess of two pounds per fathom.

In **South Channel** fishing area, any one legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum

mesh size, net not to exceed 100 fathoms in length, and no weight restrictions on the leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Allowable Salmon and sturgeon.

Sales: A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries. **Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.**

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

- **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)

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

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

Tuesday September 5 - Friday September 8	(3 nights)
Tuesday September 12 - Friday September 15	(3 nights)
Monday September 18 - Friday September 22	(4 nights)

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

Monday September 25 - Friday September 29	(4 nights)
Monday October 2 - Friday October 6	(4 nights)
Monday October 9 - Friday October 13	(4 nights)
Monday October 16 - Friday October 20	(4 nights)
Monday October 23 - Friday October 27	(4 nights)

Area: **Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas open entire season.**

Blind Slough fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½ mile upstream of the county road bridge downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough. Concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters extend downstream of the railroad bridge. Oregon state waters extend upstream of the railroad bridge.

Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north 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. An area closure of about a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek is defined by markers. All waters are under concurrent jurisdiction.

Gear: In **both Blind Slough and Knappa Slough** fishing areas, legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, net not to exceed 100 fathoms in length, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Allowable Salmon and sturgeon.

Sales: A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries. **Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.**

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

Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

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

Monday September 4 - Friday September 8 (4 nights)

Monday September 11 - Friday September 15 (4 nights)

Monday September 18 - Friday September 22 (4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 8 AM (16 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 25 - Friday September 29 (4 nights)

Monday October 2 - Friday October 6 (4 nights)

Monday October 9 - Friday October 13 (4 nights)

Monday October 16 - Friday October 20 (4 nights)

Monday October 23 - Friday October 27 (4 nights)

Area: **Deep River** fishing area includes all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore. Concurrent waters extend downstream of the Highway 4 bridge. Washington State waters extend upstream of the Highway 4 bridge.

Gear: Legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, net not to exceed 100 fathoms in length, 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 Salmon and sturgeon.

Sales: A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries. **Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.**

Miscellaneous Special transportation permits are not required. Permanent transportation
Regulations: regulations are in effect.

- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area commercial fishing 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
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Treaty Indian Fisheries

- Adopted to continue the sale of platform and hook-and-line caught chinook and steelhead as follows:

Season: 12:01 AM Tuesday August 1 through 11:59 PM Sunday December 31.

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to the following gear types are in effect.

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, carp and shad.
Sockeye may not be sold, but may be kept for subsistence use.
Sturgeon may not be sold, **except** during open sturgeon setline fishing periods in Bonneville and The Dalles pools. Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in The Dalles and John Day pools, and sturgeon between 45-60 inches in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

Miscellaneous Rules: Fish caught during open fishing periods in the Klickitat and White Salmon rivers tributary fisheries may be sold when the sale of platform and hook-and-line fish is allowed.

Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Adopted a treaty Indian sturgeon setline season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Monday July 31 through 6 PM Tuesday August 15 or until guideline is reached.

Area: Bonneville and The Dalles pools.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to the following gear types are in effect.

Gear: Setlines with a **minimum hook size of 9/0**. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.

Allowable Sales: Sturgeon between 45-60 inches in the Bonneville Pool and 48-60 inches in The Dalles Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use. Platform hook and line caught sturgeon between 45-60 inches in Bonneville Pool and 48-60 inches in The Dalles Pool may be sold during the open setline fishery. John Day Pool remains closed, but sturgeon between 48-60 inches in John Day Pool may be kept only for subsistence purposes.

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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to both treaty Indian fisheries adopted above.**

Washington Reporting Rule WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW by 10 AM on the day after the purchase date via either:

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Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries

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

Season: 6 AM Wednesday August 2 to 6 PM Thursday August 3 (36 hours)
6 AM Wednesday August 9 to 6 PM Thursday August 10 (36 hours)
6 AM Wednesday August 16 to Noon Thursday August 17 (30 hours)
6 AM Wednesday August 23 to Noon Thursday August 24 (30 hours)
6 AM Tuesday August 29 to 6 AM Friday September 1 (3 days)
7 PM Tuesday September 5 to Noon Tuesday October 31 (56 days)

Area: Youngs Bay fishing area includes all waters from the new Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at Battle Creek Slough; except for those waters which are closed southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River). All waters are under State of Oregon jurisdiction.

Gear: Legal gear is restricted to 8-inch maximum mesh size through August 24 and 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter, a net not to exceed 250 fathoms in length and weight on the leadline not to exceed two pounds of weight on any one fathom.

Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is **not allowed** in Youngs Bay.

Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and sturgeon.

A maximum of **five** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The five sturgeon possession and sales limit includes both mainstem and Select Area fisheries.

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

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

Future Compact Hearings

- A Columbia River Compact hearing has been scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2006 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial fishing periods during the week of August 14, 2006. Time to be determined.
- A Columbia River Compact hearing has also been scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2006 to consider non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fishing periods during the weeks of August 20th or 27th, 2006. Time and place to be determined.
- **For information concerning these decisions see July 27, 2006 Fall Fact Sheet #1: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.html**
- 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>