
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action

Joint State Action

Oregon State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 15, 2006

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today via phone to consider non-Indian commercial fishing options and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Spring Chinook Commercial Salmon Fishery

- No action was taken on this fishery. The fishery remains closed at this time.
- Test fishing will be conducted Tuesday March 21, 2006.

Commercial Mainstem Smelt Fishery

- No action was taken on this fishery. All previously adopted regulations and fishing periods remain unchanged.

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- The following fishery modifications 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 March 19 to 7 AM Monday March 20 (12 hours)

7 PM Wednesday March 22 to 7 AM Thursday March 23 (12 hours)

Open Area: 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.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

The state of Oregon took the following action:

Non-Indian Commercial Fisheries

Youngs Bay Select Area (Zone 7) Commercial Salmon Fisheries

- Open waters in Youngs Bay are under Oregon State jurisdiction.
- Adopted the following area modification for the previously adopted fishing period as follows. Modification in **bold**.

Winter Season: 6 AM to 10 AM Thursday March 16 (4 hours)

Area: **Entire Youngs Bay fishing area with upper boundary at the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.**

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Columbia River Compact hearing is scheduled for 2:00 PM Wednesday March 22, 2006 via telephone to review the ongoing winter commercial salmon fishery and consider additional fishing options.

For information regarding these decisions see March 15, 2006 Winter Fact Sheet #8.

http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/FS/06/06_march_15wfact.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>