
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action Oregon State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 24, 2008

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Mainstem Sturgeon Fishery

- Modified the existing non-Indian commercial season to include additional fishing periods as follows:

Season: 6 PM Thursday January 31 to noon Friday February 1, 2008 (18 hrs)
6 PM Thursday February 7 to noon Friday February 8, 2008 (18 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 white sturgeon, adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and shad allowed.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either:

- FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777
- E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov
- Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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 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 a commercial salmon season as follows:

Winter Fishery – (February portion of winter season only)

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

Wednesday February 20 – Thursday February 21, 2008 (1 night)
Sunday February 24 - Monday February 25, 2008 (1 night)
Wednesday February 27 – Thursday February 28, 2008 (1 night)

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.

Blind Slough:

Gear: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter 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, white sturgeon, and shad.
A maximum of three 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 white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)

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

Winter Fishery – (February portion of winter season only)

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

Monday February 18 –Tuesday February 19, 2008 (1 night)
Monday February 25 – Tuesday February 26, 2008 (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.
Net restricted to a maximum length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on headline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the headline 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, white sturgeon, and shad.
A maximum of three 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 white 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.

During the winter test season mandatory arrangements are required for the location and time of sampling by contacting Marc Miller with WDFW at 360-244-9125

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Mainstem Winter Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a treaty Indian commercial season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Friday February 1 to 6 PM Friday March 21, 2008
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries are in effect except for no Spring Creek sanctuary.
Gear:	No mesh size restrictions.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook salmon, steelhead, sturgeon, shad, walleye, and carp. Sturgeon between 48-60 inches in length in The Dalles and John Day pools and white sturgeon between 42-60 inches in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.
Miscellaneous Rules:	Sale of platform and hook-and-line caught fish is allowed during open commercial gillnet seasons.
Washington Reporting Rule:	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 within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via either: <ol style="list-style-type: none">FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.govTelephone to 1-866-791-1281

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

Adopted the following non-resident commercial fishing and boat license requirements for Youngs Bay.

- Effective February 13, 2008, non-resident commercial fishing and boat licenses will not be required of Washington fishers participating in Youngs Bay commercial fisheries. A valid fishing and boat license issued by the state of Washington will be considered adequate for participation in this fishery. The open area for non-resident commercial fishers includes all areas open for commercial fishing.

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 Fishery – (February portion of winter season only)

Season: Open noon to 6 AM (18 hours) nightly during the following periods:

Noon Wednesday February 13 - 6 AM Thursday February 14	(18 hours)
Noon Sunday February 17 - 6 AM Monday February 18	(18 hours)
Noon Wednesday February 20 - 6 AM Thursday February 21	(18 hours)
Noon Sunday February 24 - 6 AM Monday February 25	(18 hours)
Noon Wednesday February 27 - 6 AM Thursday February 28	(18 hours)

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

Gear: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect.

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 markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.

A maximum of three 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 white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Friday, February 15, 2008 at the Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver WA to review stock status, management guidelines, 2007 fishery reviews, 2008 spring Chinook, shad, and the Select Area fisheries.

For information concerning these decisions see the January 24, 2008 Winter Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.html

- Recorded Mainstem Commercial, Select Area Commercial, and Sport Fishery Updates and Action Notices can be accessed by calling (971) 673-6000 and following recorded instructions.
- 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>