
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action Joint State Action Oregon State Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

February 15, 2008

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Commercial Mainstem Winter Salmon Fishery

- Adopted the following 2008 Winter Pre-Season Commercial Fishing Plan:
 - ✓ Test fishing below the mouth of the Willamette River to occur weekly during March to maintain a historical data base and provide information on run strength and stock mix.
 - ✓ Test fishing above the mouth of the Willamette River to occur prior to all full fleet fisheries to evaluate abundance of steelhead and spring Chinook and mark rate of spring Chinook.
 - ✓ Full fleet fishery to occur upstream of the Willamette River on Tuesdays during March 25-April 29. Commercial fishing may occur anytime from Monday night through Wednesday morning each week.
 - ✓ Fishing may be conducted during both daylight and nighttime hours depending on fishery performance. The fishery will be focused during daylight hours if possible.
 - ✓ Manage mainstem commercial fisheries up to 76% of impact allocation prior to May 1 or a run size update (late April- early May).
 - ✓ Additional fisheries may occur after run size updates are available.

- Adopted the following 2008 commercial spring Chinook regulations:

Season: Individual fishing periods will not exceed 24 hours in length.

Area: Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) upstream to the upper commercial fishing deadline at Beacon Rock.

Sanctuaries: Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries will be in effect.

Gear: 8" minimum and 9-¾" maximum mesh size restrictions in effect during large mesh fishery. Use of monofilament nets is allowed.

4¼" 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 excluder 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, white sturgeon, and shad.

Participants:

Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that have attended and completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques.

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.

24-hour Quick Reporting Rule in effect for Washington buyers.

Commercial Mainstem Sturgeon Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:

Season:	6 PM Thursday February 21 to noon Friday February 22, 2008 (18 hrs)
	6 PM Tuesday February 26 to noon Wednesday February 27, 2008 (18 hrs)
	6 PM Thursday February 28 to noon Friday February 29, 2008 (18 hrs)
Area:	Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) upstream to the upper boundary of Zone 5 (Beacon Rock).
Sanctuaries:	Sandy and Washougal River sanctuaries are in effect.
Gear:	9" minimum and 9-3/4" maximum mesh size restrictions.
Allowable Sales:	Sale of white sturgeon, adipose fin-clipped 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) FAX transmission to (360) 906-6776 or (360) 906-6777b) E-mail to crfishtickets@dfw.wa.govc) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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 12 to Friday May 16 (5 days)
	Monday May 19 to Friday May 23 (5 days)
	Tuesday May 27 to Friday May 30 (4 days)
	Monday June 2 to Friday June 6 (5 days)
	Monday June 9 to Friday June 13 (5 days)
	Monday June 16 to Friday June 20 (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 salmonids, walleye, and sturgeon must be immediately returned to the water unharmed.

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 Season

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

Sunday March 2 - Monday March 3	(1 night)
Wednesday March 5 – Thursday March 6	(1 night)
Sunday March 9 - Monday March 10	(1 night)
Wednesday March 12 – Thursday March 13	(1 night)
Sunday March 16 - Monday March 17	(1 night)
Wednesday March 19 – Thursday March 20	(1 night)
Sunday March 23 - Monday March 24	(1 night)
Wednesday March 26 – Thursday March 27	(1 night)
Sunday March 30 - Monday March 31	(1 night)
Sunday April 6 - Monday April 7	(1 night)

Spring Season

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

<u>and Knappa</u>	Thursday April 17 - Friday April 18	(1 night)
<u>Slough</u>	Monday April 21 - Tuesday April 22	(1 night)
	Thursday April 24 - Friday April 25	(1 night)
	Monday April 28 - Tuesday April 29	(1 night)
	Thursday May 1 - Friday May 2	(1 night)
	Monday May 5 - Tuesday May 6	(1 night)
	Thursday May 8 - Friday May 9	(1 night)
	Monday May 12 - Tuesday May 13	(1 night)
	Thursday May 15 - Friday May 16	(1 night)
	Monday May 19 - Tuesday May 20	(1 night)
	Thursday May 22 - Friday May 23	(1 night)
	Monday May 26 - Tuesday May 27	(1 night)
	Thursday May 29 - Friday May 30	(1 night)
	Monday June 2 - Tuesday June 3	(1 night)
	Thursday June 5 - Friday June 6	(1 night)
	Monday June 9 - Tuesday June 10	(1 night)
	Thursday June 12 - Friday June 13	(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 17 – April 29** 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 13 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 (fall boundary).

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 season.
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, white sturgeon, and shad.

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 full-fleet commercial salmon fishery as follows:

Winter Season

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

Monday March 3 – Tuesday March 4 (1 night)
Monday March 10 – Tuesday March 11 (1 night)

Spring Season

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

Thursday April 17 - Friday April 18 (1 night)
Monday April 21 - Tuesday April 22 (1 night)
Thursday April 24 – Friday April 25 (1 night)
Monday April 28 - Tuesday April 29 (1 night)
Thursday May 1 - Friday May 2 (1 night)
Monday May 5 - Tuesday May 6 (1 night)
Thursday May 8 - Friday May 9 (1 night)
Monday May 12 - Tuesday May 13 (1 night)

Thursday May 15 - Friday May 16	(1 night)
Monday May 19 - Tuesday May 20	(1 night)
Thursday May 22 - Friday May 23	(1 night)
Monday May 26 - Tuesday May 27	(1 night)
Thursday May 29 - Friday May 30	(1 night)
Monday June 2- Tuesday June 3	(1 night)
Thursday June 5 - Friday June 6	(1 night)
Monday June 9 - Tuesday June 10	(1 night)
Thursday June 12 - Friday June 13	(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 season.
 8" maximum mesh size restriction in effect during the spring season.
 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, white sturgeon, and shad.

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 season arrangements must be made by calling 360-906-6709 for the location and time of sampling.

During the spring season a sampling station will be established upstream of the Highway 4 Bridge at the upper pen site at Stephen's dock.

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 Recreational Fishery

- Effective 12:01 AM Monday February 25 the mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge will be closed to angling for salmon and steelhead.
- Modified the ongoing spring Chinook recreational fishery as follows:

Below Hayden Island powerlines (west towers)

Area: Buoy 10 to Hayden Island powerlines (west towers).

Dates: Monday March 24 – Friday April 4, 2008.

Catch Restrictions: **Oregon:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.

Washington: One adult adipose fin-clipped 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.

Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) upstream to Bonneville Dam

Area: Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) to Bonneville Dam.

Dates: March 16 – April 30, 2008.

Catch Restrictions: Closed to angling (both catch-and-release and retention) for all species between one hour after sunset on Monday through one hour before sunrise on Wednesday from March 24 through April 30.

Catch Limits: **Oregon:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.

Washington: One adult adipose fin-clipped 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 powerlines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to McNary Dam plus the Oregon **and** Washington banks between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.
- Dates:** March 16 – May 10, 2008.
- Catch Limits:** **Oregon:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmon **or** adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day.
- Washington:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped 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 June 15, 2008 "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".
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Mainstem Steelhead and Shad Recreational Fishery

- Adopted the following sport rule change:

Prior to May 16, 2008, 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 and closed for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad during seasons closed for adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

Willamette River and Tributary Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective March 1, 2008, the daily bag limit in the Willamette River and tributaries including the Clackamas River upstream to North Fork Dam will be two adult salmonids per day only one of which may be a Chinook, with the exception that one additional adipose fin-clipped steelhead may be retained per day in the Willamette Basin above Willamette Falls. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.

Select Area Recreational Fisheries

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

During March 24 through April 4, 2008, the daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as the daily salmonid bag limit for the mainstem Columbia River downstream of Hayden Island powerlines (west towers). Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All other permanent regulations apply.

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

Entire Youngs Bay

Noon Sunday March 2 - 6 AM Monday March 3	(18 hours)
Noon Wednesday March 5 - 6 AM Thursday March 6	(18 hours)
Noon Sunday March 9 – 6 AM Monday March 10	(18 hours)
10 AM to 2 PM Wednesday March 12	(4 hours)

Upstream of old Youngs Bay Bridge

Noon Sunday March 16 – 6 AM Monday March 17	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Tuesday March 18	(12 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Thursday March 20	(12 hours)
Noon Sunday March 23 – 6 AM Monday March 24	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Tuesday March 25	(12 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Thursday March 27	(12 hours)

Walluski Area

Noon Sunday March 30 to 6 AM Monday March 31	(18 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Tuesday April 1	(12 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Thursday April 3	(12 hours)
Noon Sunday April 6 to 6 AM Monday April 7	(18 hours)
6 AM to 6 PM Tuesday April 8	(12 hours)

Spring Season

Entire Youngs Bay

6 PM Thursday April 17 – 6 AM Friday April 18	(12 hours)
6 PM Monday April 21 – 6 AM Tuesday April 22	(12 hours)
6 PM Thursday April 24 – 6 AM Friday April 25	(12 hours)
6 PM Monday April 28 - noon Tuesday April 29	(18 hours)
6 PM Thursday May 1 - noon Friday May 2	(18 hours)
Noon Monday May 5 - noon Friday May 9	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 12 - noon Friday May 16	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 19 - noon Friday May 23	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 26 - noon Friday May 30	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 2 - noon Friday June 6	(4 days)
Noon Tuesday June 10 - noon Friday June 13	(3 days)

Summer Season

Entire Youngs Bay

6 AM Wednesday June 18 - 6 AM Friday June 20	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday June 25 - 6 AM Friday June 27	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 2 - 6 AM Friday July 4	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 9 - 6 AM Friday July 11	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 16 - 6 AM Friday July 18	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 23 - 6 AM Friday July 25	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 30 - 6 PM Thursday July 31	(36 hours)

Area:

March 2 through March 12 and April 17 through July 31:

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

March 16 through March 27

Old Youngs Bay Bridge upstream to the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.

March 30 through April 8:

Markers directly under the first powerlines downstream of the 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 markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.

Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.

Allowable Sales:

Miscellaneous Regulations:

Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact or Joint State Hearings have been scheduled at this time.
- Additional Compact hearings will be held beginning in late March to consider commercial salmon fishing periods.
- For information concerning these decisions see the February 15, 2008 Winter Fact Sheet #3 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- 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>