
Columbia River Action Notice

Compact Action

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

April 24, 2008

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area Commercial Salmon Fishery

- All open waters are under concurrent Oregon and Washington jurisdiction.
- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

Spring Season

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

<u>and</u>	Monday April 28 - Tuesday April 29	(1 night)
<u>South Channel</u>	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:

Tongue Point: The **reduced** Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southern most) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to 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: The 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:

Tongue Point: 8-inch maximum 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.

South Channel: 8-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect.
Nets restricted to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.

Multiple Net Rule: It will be legal to have onboard a commercial vessel more than one net provided the nets are of mesh size legal for the fishery, or the net has a minimum mesh size of 9 inches, and the length of any one net does not exceed 1,500 feet in length.

Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater

Miscellaneous Regulations: During April 28 through May 9, transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful until ODFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches. A sampling station will be established at the MERTS dock during the first four fishing periods (April 28-May 9).

After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.

Beginning May 12, fishers are required to call 503-325-3418 and leave a message including name, catch, and where and when the fish will be sold.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact/Joint State hearings have been scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will continue to monitor progress of the spring Chinook run and provide updates and schedule hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 24, 2008 Spring Fact Sheet #2 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/fish/OSCRP/CRM/index.asp>