
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 22, 2008

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing period as follows:

Season:	7 PM Sunday August 3	to	7 AM Monday August 4	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Tuesday August 5	to	7 AM Wednesday August 6	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Thursday August 7	to	7 AM Friday August 8	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Sunday August 10	to	7 AM Monday August 11	(12 hrs)
	7 PM Tuesday August 12	to	7 AM Wednesday August 13	(12 hrs)

Area: (Zones 1-5).

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

Gear: 9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh size restrictions.

Allowable Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon.

A maximum of **10** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) of the open fishing periods. The 10 sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

Miscellaneous Regulations: **Multiple Net Rule:** 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.

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:

- 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
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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 2 - Friday September 5 (3 nights)

Tuesday September 9 - Friday September 12 (3 nights)

Monday September 15 - Friday September 19 (4 nights)

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

Monday September 22 - Friday September 26 (4 nights)

Monday September 29 - Friday October 3 (4 nights)

Monday October 6 - Friday October 10 (4 nights)

Monday October 13 - Friday October 17 (4 nights)

Monday October 20 - Friday October 24 (4 nights)

Monday October 27 - Friday October 31 (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 on-board their boat, gill nets legal for the South Channel fishing area as described below.

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 Sales: Salmon and white sturgeon. A maximum of **three** white sturgeon 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 Select Area fisheries **only**.

- **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 2 - Friday September 5	(3 nights)
Tuesday September 9 - Friday September 12	(3 nights)
Monday September 15 - Friday September 19	(4 nights)

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

Monday September 22 - Friday September 26	(4 nights)
Monday September 29 - Friday October 3	(4 nights)
Monday October 6 - Friday October 10	(4 nights)
Monday October 13 - Friday October 17	(4 nights)
Monday October 20 - Friday October 24	(4 nights)
Monday October 27 - Friday October 31	(4 nights)

Area: **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 an 8-inch maximum mesh size through September 5 and a 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter, 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 white sturgeon.

Sales: A maximum of **three** white sturgeon 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 Select Area fisheries **only**.

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 1 - Friday September 5 (4 nights)
Monday September 8 - Friday September 12 (4 nights)
Monday September 15 - Friday September 19 (4 nights)

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

Monday September 22 - Friday September 26 (4 nights)
Monday September 29 - Friday October 3 (4 nights)
Monday October 6 - Friday October 10 (4 nights)
Monday October 13 - Friday October 17 (4 nights)
Monday October 20 - Friday October 24 (4 nights)
Monday October 27 - Friday October 31 (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 white sturgeon.

Sales: A maximum of **three** white sturgeon 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 Select Area fisheries **only**.

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 6	to	6 PM Thursday August 7	(36 hours)
	6 AM Wednesday August 13	to	6 PM Thursday August 14	(36 hours)
	6 AM Wednesday August 20	to	6 PM Thursday August 21	(36 hours)
	6 AM Wednesday August 27	to	6 PM Thursday August 28	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday September 2	to	Noon Friday October 31	(60 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 28 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 allowed** upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.

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 white sturgeon.

A maximum of **three** white sturgeon 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 Select Area fisheries **only**.

Miscellaneous Regulations:

Multiple net rule in effect during August 6-August 28

Multiple Net Rule: 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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Joint State hearing is scheduled for 9:00 AM Thursday July 24, 2008 via teleconference to review recreational sturgeon fisheries in the area above and below the Wauna Powerlines.
- For information concerning this hearing see the July 22, 2008 Fall Fact Sheets #1 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.