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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Non-Indian Fisheries

#### ***Commercial Mainstem Winter/Spring Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted the following 2009 Winter/Spring Pre-Season Commercial Fishing Plan:
  - ✓ Test fishing below the mouth of the Willamette River to occur weekly during March to maintain a historical database 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. Test fishing may be conducted after the season is complete in an effort to continue to collect data that will contribute to the existing database.
  - ✓ Full fleet fishery will occur upstream of the Willamette River, and will most likely occur on Tuesdays (between Monday night and Wednesday morning) each week, but may be scheduled on other days in order to maintain flexibility in developing fishing seasons.
  - ✓ Fisheries may be conducted during daylight and nighttime hours.
  - ✓ Manage mainstem commercial fisheries to remain within commission allocation guidelines.
  - ✓ Additional fisheries may occur after run size updates are available.

## 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:

Wednesday February 18 – Thursday February 19	(1 night)
Sunday February 22 - Monday February 23	(1 night)
Wednesday February 25 – Thursday February 26	(1 night)
Sunday March 1 - Monday March 2	(1 night)
Wednesday March 4 – Thursday March 5	(1 night)
Sunday March 8 - Monday March 9	(1 night)
Wednesday March 11 – Thursday March 12	(1 night)
Sunday March 15 - Monday March 16	(1 night)
Wednesday March 18 – Thursday March 19	(1 night)
Sunday March 22 - Monday March 23	(1 night)
Wednesday March 25 – Thursday March 26	(1 night)
Sunday March 29 - Monday March 30	(1 night)
Sunday April 5 - Monday April 6	(1 night)

#### **Spring Season** (*April portion only*)

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

<b><u>and Knappa</u></b>	Thursday April 16 - Friday April 17	(1 night)
<b><u>Slough</u></b>	Monday April 20 - Tuesday April 21	(1 night)
	Thursday April 23 - Friday April 24	(1 night)
	Monday April 27 - Tuesday April 28	(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:** 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.

<b>Gear:</b>	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.
<b>Allowable Sales:</b>	Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). <b>The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.</b>
<b>Miscellaneous Regulations:</b>	Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

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***Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area Full Fleet Commercial Test Fishery (Zone 71)***

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

***Spring Season*** (April portion only)

<b><u>Tongue Point and South Channel</u></b>	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) nightly during the following weeks:
	Monday April 20 - Tuesday April 21 (1 night)
	Thursday April 23 - Friday April 24 (1 night)
	Monday April 27 - Tuesday April 28 (1 night)

**Open Area:**

**Tongue Point:** The 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. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

**Allowable Sales:** Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

**Miscellaneous Regulations:** 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 three fishing periods (April 20-April 28).

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

***Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)***

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

**Winter Season**

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

Monday February 16 – Tuesday February 17	(1 night)
Monday February 23 – Tuesday February 24	(1 night)
Monday March 2 – Tuesday March 3	(1 night)
Monday March 9 – Tuesday March 10	(1 night)

**Spring Season (April portion only)**

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

Wednesday April 15 - Thursday April 16	(1 night)
Sunday April 19 - Monday April 20	(1 night)
Wednesday April 22 - Thursday April 23	(1 night)
Sunday April 26 - Monday April 27	(1 night)
Wednesday April 29 - Thursday April 30	(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. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The five 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 season arrangements must be made with Jeremy Wilson by calling 360-795-0319 for the location and time of sampling.**

**During the spring season a sampling station will be established downstream of the Highway 4 Bridge at Stephen's dock.**

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- **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area winter and spring salmon seasons adopted above.**

**Washington Reporting Rule**

WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the commercial Select Area 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](mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov)

c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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## 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***

- The mainstem Columbia River from the mouth at Buoy 10 upstream to the I-5 Bridge is currently open under permanent regulations.
- Effective March 1, 2009 the permanent regulations have been modified as follows:

#### Below Hayden Island powerlines (west towers)

- Area:** Buoy 10 to Hayden Island powerlines (west towers).
- Dates:** Seven days per week from Sunday March 1 – Sunday March 15, 2009.  
Three days per week (Thursday – Saturday) from March 19 – April 18, 2009.
- Catch Restrictions:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only **one** of which may be a Chinook.

#### Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) upstream to Bonneville Dam

- Area:** Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) to Bonneville Dam.
- Dates:** Seven days per week from Sunday March 1 – Sunday March 22, 2009.  
Four days per week (Wednesday – Saturday) March 25 – April 22, 2009.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only **one** of which may be a Chinook.

#### 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 – April 30, 2009.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day.

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- Additional Regulations For All Areas:** 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, 2009 "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".

Catch limits for jacks remain in effect per each state's permanent regulations.

All other permanent regulations remain in effect.

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### ***Mainstem Steelhead and Shad Recreational Fishery***

- Adopted the following sport rule change:

Through Friday, May 15, 2009, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad only 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 Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery***

- The Willamette River downstream of Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel and the lower Clackamas River downstream of Highway 99 Bridge) is currently open under permanent regulations.
- Effective March 1, 2009 the permanent regulations for Chinook have been modified as follows:

**Area and Dates:** Downstream of Willamette Falls (including Multnomah Channel and the lower Clackamas River downstream of Highway 99 Bridge)

Retention of adipose fin-clipped Chinook allowed:

Seven days per week from Sunday March 1 – Sunday March 15, 2009.

Three days per week (Thursday – Saturday) from March 19 – April 30, 2009.

Retention of Chinook is prohibited:

May 1 through August 15, 2009.

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

All other permanent regulations remain in effect, including open for adipose fin-clipped steelhead entire year.

### ***Select Area Recreational Fisheries***

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

When the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below the Hayden Island powerlines (west towers) is open to retention of Chinook, the daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas may not include more than one adipose fin-clipped Chinook.

All other permanent regulations apply, including retention of up to two adipose fin-clipped Chinook in Select Areas on days when the mainstem fishery is closed to Chinook retention.

# 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 February 15 – 6 AM Monday February 16	(18 hours)
Noon Wednesday February 18 - 6 AM Thursday February 19	(18 hours)
Noon Sunday February 22 – 6 AM Monday February 23	(18 hours)
Noon Wednesday February 25 - 6 AM Thursday February 26	(18 hours)
Noon Sunday March 1 – 6 AM Monday March 2	(18 hours)
Noon Wednesday March 4 - 6 AM Thursday March 5	(18 hours)
Noon Sunday March 8 – 6 AM Monday March 9	(18 hours)

#### Upstream of old Youngs Bay Bridge

6 PM Wednesday March 11 – 6 AM Thursday March 12	(12 hours)
6 PM Sunday March 15 – 6 AM Monday March 16	(12 hours)
6 PM Sunday March 22 – 6 AM Monday March 23	(12 hours)
9 AM – 1 PM Monday March 30	( 4 hours)
4 AM – 8 AM Monday April 6	( 4 hours)

### ***Spring Season (April portion only)***

#### Entire Youngs Bay

6 PM Thursday April 16 – 6 AM Friday April 17	(12 hours)
6 PM Monday April 20 – 6 AM Tuesday April 21	(12 hours)
6 PM Thursday April 23 – 6 AM Friday April 24	(12 hours)
6 PM Monday April 27 - noon Tuesday April 28	(18 hours)
6 PM Thursday April 30 - noon Friday May 1	(18 hours)

### ***Summer Season***

#### Entire Youngs Bay

6 AM Wednesday June 17 - 6 AM Friday June 19	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday June 24 - 6 AM Friday June 26	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 1 - 6 AM Friday July 3	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 8 - 6 AM Friday July 10	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 15 - 6 AM Friday July 17	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 22 - 6 AM Friday July 24	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 29 - 6 AM Friday July 31	(2 days)



- Area:** **February 15 through March 9 and April 16 through July 31:**  
Youngs Bay fishing area with upper boundary at the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers.
- March 11 through April 6**  
Old Youngs Bay Bridge 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.
- Allowable Sales:** Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of five white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The five white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**
- 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 11, 2009 Winter Fact Sheet #3 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](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>