
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

May 10, 2010

Compact Action

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

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:

<u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough</u>	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Tuesday May 11 – Wednesday May 12	(1 night)
	Thursday May 13 - Friday May 14	(1 night)
	Monday May 17 - Tuesday May 18	(1 night)
	Thursday May 20 - Friday May 21	(1 night)
	Monday May 24 - Tuesday May 25	(1 night)
	Thursday May 27 - Friday May 28	(1 night)
	Monday May 31 - Tuesday June 1	(1 night)
	Thursday June 3 - Friday June 4	(1 night)
	Monday June 7 - Tuesday June 8	(1 night)
Thursday June 10 - Friday June 11	(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: **May 11 – June 11** 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: **9¾-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: Permanent transportation rules are in effect.

Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)

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

<u>Tongue Point and South Channel</u>	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:	
	Tuesday May 11 – Wednesday May 12	(1 night)
	Thursday May 13 - Friday May 14	(1 night)
	Monday May 17 - Tuesday May 18	(1 night)
	Thursday May 20 - Friday May 21	(1 night)
	Monday May 24 - Tuesday May 25	(1 night)
	Thursday May 27 - Friday May 28	(1 night)
	Monday May 31 - Tuesday June 1	(1 night)
	Thursday June 3 - Friday June 4	(1 night)
	Monday June 7 - Tuesday June 8	(1 night)
	Thursday June 10 - Friday June 11	(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 (new spring lower deadline), 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: 9³/₄-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: 9³/₄-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: **Through May 14**, transportation or possession of fish outside the fishing area is unlawful until ODFW staff has biologically sampled individual catches at the sampling station established at the MERTS dock. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.

Beginning May 17, fishers are required to call 503-428-0518 and leave a message including name, catch, and where and when the fish will be sold.

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:

Spring Season Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

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

Area: **Deep River** is open to fishing from the markers at USCG navigation marker #16 upstream to the Highway 4 Bridge.

Gear: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect.

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 biologically sampled individual catches. After sampling, fishers will be issued a transportation permit by agency staff.

A sampling station will be established at the boat ramp off of Miller Point on the east bank of Deep River Slough.

- The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all non-Indian Select Area 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
- c. Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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:

Spring Season

<u>Entire Youngs Bay</u>	7 PM Tuesday May 11 – noon Friday May 14	(3 days)
	Noon Monday May 17 – noon Friday May 21	(4 days)
	Noon Monday May 24 – noon Friday May 28	(4 days)
	Noon Monday May 31 – noon Friday June 4	(4 days)
	Noon Monday June 7 – noon Friday June 11	(4 days)

Area: Youngs Bay fishing area with upper boundary at a line from the posted sign on the shore of the Youngs River to the point of land at the confluence of the Youngs and Klaskanine rivers to the posted sign on the shore of the Klaskanine River.

Gear: 9¾-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.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Spring Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a commercial fishing season as follows:

Season: 6 AM Tuesday May 11, 2010 to 6 PM Friday May 14, 2010 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries in effect, except no Spring Creek sanctuary.

Gear: No minimum mesh size restriction in effect.

Allowable: Chinook, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, and carp may be

Sales: sold or retained for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold at any time.

Sturgeon may not be sold. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes. Live release of all oversize and undersize sturgeon is required.

Washington Reporting Rule: WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from the treaty Indian 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

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 May 10, 2010 Spring Fact Sheet #6 and 6a at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp
- 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>
- 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.