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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 28, 2011

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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

#### ***Fall Chinook Commercial Fishery***

- Adopted non-Indian commercial fishing periods as follows:

Season:	9 PM Thursday August 4	to	6 AM Friday August 5	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 16	to	6 AM Wednesday August 17	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 18	to	6 AM Friday August 19	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Sunday August 21	to	6 AM Monday August 22	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 23	to	6 AM Wednesday August 24	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 25	to	6 AM Friday August 26	(9 hrs)

Area: **August 4-5, 2011:** Zones 1-5.

**August 16-26, 2011:** Zones 4-5. The deadline at the lower end of Zone 4 is defined as a straight line projected from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore easterly through the green navigation Buoy #1 and continuing to the Washington shore.

Sanctuaries: Grays River, Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect as applicable.

Gear: Drift gillnets only. 9-inch minimum and 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restrictions.

**August 4-5, 2011:**

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.

**August 16-26, 2011:**

Multiple Net Rule **not** applicable, nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery **are prohibited** to be onboard the vessel.

**For both fishing periods above:**

Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have **lighted buoys** on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat.

If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length). A maximum of <b>ten</b> white sturgeon in the <b>August 4-5</b> fishing period and a maximum of <b>three</b> white sturgeon in the <b>August 16-26</b> fishing periods may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries <b>only</b> . Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.
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 <a href="mailto:crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov">crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov</a> c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

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### Treaty Indian Fisheries

#### ***Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery***

- Adopted a sturgeon setline fishing season as follows:
 

Season:	6 AM Monday August 1 to 6 PM Saturday August 13	12½ days
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Sanctuaries:	All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect, except the Spring Creek Sanctuary will not be in effect.	
Gear:	Setlines with a minimum hook size of 9/0. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.	
Allowable Sales:	White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length caught in The Dalles and John Day Pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.	

#### ***Platform and Hook and Line Fishery***

- Adopted a platform hook and line fishing season as follows:
 

Season:	6 AM Monday August 1 to 6 PM Saturday August 13	12½ days
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Sanctuaries:	All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect, except the Spring Creek Sanctuary will not be in effect.  Sturgeon retention is not allowed on the Oregon shore between Covington Point and the Dalles Dam	
Gear:	Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence use.  White sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length caught in The Dalles and John Day Pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use <b>if caught during the allowed time period for setline fishing only.</b>	

***Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries***

- Continue to allow sales in Oregon of fish caught in Yakama Nation Washington tributary fisheries when sales of fish caught in mainstem Zone 6 treaty fisheries are allowed. This applies only during those days and hours when these tributaries are open under Yakama Nation rules and regulations and for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

***Commercial Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted a commercial gillnet fishing season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Monday August 22 to 6 PM Thursday August 25	3½ days
	6 AM Tuesday August 30 to 6 PM Friday September 2	3½ days
	6 AM Tuesday September 6 to 6 PM Friday September 9	3½ days

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: All standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries are in effect including the standard Spring Creek Sanctuary.

Gear: Gill nets. 8 inch minimum mesh size restriction.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, coho, steelhead, walleye, shad, yellow perch, bass, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sockeye may not be sold, but may be retained for subsistence use.

White sturgeon may not be sold. White Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools, and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence use.

**The following Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all treaty Indian seasons adopted above.**

Allowable Sales: Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold at any time.

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:

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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.

**See additional gear regulations and allowable sales on page 8.**

Washington Reporting Rule WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial Select Area fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via:

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### ***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:

Monday August 29 – Friday September 2	(4 nights)
Monday September 5 - Friday September 9	(4 nights)
Monday September 12 - Friday September 16	(4 nights)

**Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery**

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

- Monday September 19 - Friday September 23 (4 nights)
- Monday September 26 - Friday September 30 (4 nights)
- Monday October 3 - Friday October 7 (4 nights)
- Monday October 10 - Friday October 14 (4 nights)
- Monday October 17 - Friday October 21 (4 nights)
- Monday October 24 - Friday October 28 (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 **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size in effect for the entire season, 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.

**See additional gear regulations and allowable sales on page 8.**

Washington Reporting Rule WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial Select Area fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via:

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

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

Seasons: Open 7 PM to 9 AM (14 hours) during the following nights and weeks:

Monday August 15 – Tuesday August 16	(1 night)
Thursday August 18 – Friday August 19	(1 night)
Monday August 22 - Tuesday August 23	(1 night)
Thursday August 25 – Friday August 26	(1 night)
Monday August 29 – Friday September 2	(4 nights)
Monday September 5 - Friday September 9	(4 nights)
Monday September 12 - Friday September 16	(4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 9 AM (17 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 19 - Friday September 23	(4 nights)
Monday September 26 - Friday September 30	(4 nights)
Monday October 3 - Friday October 7	(4 nights)
Monday October 10 - Friday October 14	(4 nights)
Monday October 17 - Friday October 21	(4 nights)
Monday October 24 - Friday October 28	(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 **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size in effect August 15 through September 16 and 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter. 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.

It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations in conflict with it. All other provisions of the permanent regulation remain in effect (WAC 220-20-015 (1))

**See additional gear regulations and allowable sales on page 8.**

Washington Reporting Rule WDFW adopted a regulation requiring all Washington wholesale buyers purchasing fish from commercial Select Area fisheries to send a report of their landings to WDFW within 24 hours of the closure of the fishery via:

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- **The following gear regulations and allowable sales are applicable to all non-Indian Select Area fall salmon seasons adopted above.**

Gear:           **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.

Nets that are fished at any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have **lighted buoys** on both ends of the net unless the net is attached to the boat. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the opposite end of the net from the boat is required.

Allowable Sales:   Salmon. Sales of white sturgeon from fall Select Area fisheries is prohibited.

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1:00 PM Thursday August 25, 2011 via teleconference to consider late-August non-Indian and treaty Indian commercial fisheries. The State of Oregon will announce additional fall fishing seasons in the Youngs Bay Select Area from September 5 through October 31, 2011.
- For information concerning this hearing see the July 28, 2011 Fall Fact Sheets #1a and 1b [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.