
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 26, 2012

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 Sunday August 5	to	6 AM Monday August 6	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Sunday August 12	to	6 AM Monday August 13	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 14	to	6 AM Wednesday August 15	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 16	to	6 AM Friday August 17	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Sunday August 19	to	6 AM Monday August 20	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 21	to	6 AM Wednesday August 22	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 23	to	6 AM Friday August 24	(9 hrs)

Area: **August 5-6, 2012:** Zones 1-5.

August 12-24, 2012: 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: 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.

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.

August 5-6, 2012:

Multiple Net Rule in effect. 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 12-24, 2012:

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

Allowable Sales:	Salmon and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length). A maximum of seven white sturgeon in the August 5-6 fishing period and a maximum of three white sturgeon in the August 12-24 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 only . 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 crfishtickets@dfw.wa.gov c) Telephone to 1-866-791-1281

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Fall Season Sturgeon Setline Fishery

- Adopted a sturgeon setline fishing season as follows:

Season:	6 AM Monday July 30 to 6 PM Saturday August 11	12½ days
Area:	The Dalles Pool only.	
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 Day 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 Friday July 27, 2012 until further notice.	
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, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line. 5-inch minimum mesh size restriction.	
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, coho, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sockeye may not be sold or 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 kept for subsistence use.

Legal size white sturgeon in The Dalles Pool may be sold **only if caught during the allowed time period for setline fishing.**

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam

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

Season: 6 AM Friday July 27, 2012 until further notice.

Area: Below Bonneville Dam, as prescribed in tribal MOUs/MOAs and all other tribal regulations.

Gear: Hoopnets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
5-inch minimum mesh size restriction.

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

White sturgeon retention is prohibited. Sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence use.

Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.

Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

- Effective 6 AM Friday July 27, 2012, sales of sockeye salmon are allowed in the Icicle Creek Yakama Nation tributary fishery.

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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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.

Youngs Bay Fishery (Zone 7)

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

Seasons: 7 AM Wednesday August 1 to 7 PM Thursday August 2 (36 hours)
 7 AM Wednesday August 8 to 7 PM Thursday August 9 (36 hours)
 7 AM Wednesday August 15 to 7 PM Thursday August 16 (36 hours)
 7 AM Wednesday August 22 to 7 PM Thursday August 23 (36 hours)
 7 PM Monday August 27 to 7 AM Friday August 31 (3.5 days)
 7 PM Monday September 3 to Noon Wednesday October 31 (59 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 and are open to Oregon and Washington fishers who possess the appropriate licenses.

Gear: Legal gear is restricted to **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size through August 23 and **6-inch** maximum mesh size thereafter, 250 fathoms maximum net length, and weight on the leadline not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough. Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.

See additional gear regulations and allowable sales on page 7.

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:

Monday August 27 – Friday August 31 (4 nights)
Monday September 3 - Friday September 7 (4 nights)
Monday September 10 - Friday September 14 (4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 10 AM (18 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday September 17 - Friday September 21 (4 nights)
Monday September 24 - Friday September 28 (4 nights)
Monday October 1 - Friday October 5 (4 nights)
Monday October 8 - Friday October 12 (4 nights)
Monday October 15 - Friday October 19 (4 nights)
Monday October 22 - Friday October 26 (4 nights)

Area: 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, 250 fathoms maximum net length, and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds 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, legal gear is restricted to 6-inch maximum mesh size, 100 fathoms maximum net 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 7.

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
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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 27 – Friday August 31 (4 nights)
Monday September 3 - Friday September 7 (4 nights)
Monday September 10 - Friday September 14 (4 nights)

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

Monday September 17 - Friday September 21 (4 nights)
Monday September 24 - Friday September 28 (4 nights)
Monday October 1 - Friday October 5 (4 nights)
Monday October 8 - Friday October 12 (4 nights)
Monday October 15 - Friday October 19 (4 nights)
Monday October 22 - Friday October 26 (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. The area within a 100' radius at the mouth of Big Creek is closed. 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 for the entire season, 100 fathoms maximum net 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 7.

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
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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) nightly during the following periods:

Monday August 13 – Tuesday August 14	(1 night)
Wednesday August 15 – Thursday August 16	(1 night)
Monday August 20 - Tuesday August 21	(1 night)
Wednesday August 22 – Thursday August 23	(1 night)

Open 7 PM to 9 AM (14 hours) nightly during the following weeks:

Monday August 27 – Friday August 31	(4 nights)
Monday September 3 - Friday September 7	(4 nights)
Monday September 10 - Friday September 14	(4 nights)

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

Monday September 17 - Friday September 21	(4 nights)
Monday September 24 - Friday September 28	(4 nights)
Monday October 1 - Friday October 5	(4 nights)
Monday October 8 - Friday October 12	(4 nights)
Monday October 15 - Friday October 19	(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 from August 13 through September 14 and **6-inch** maximum mesh size thereafter. Maximum net length not to exceed 100 fathoms, no weight restriction on leadline, and use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets may not be tied off to stationary structures and cannot 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 7.

Washington Reporting Rule

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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.

Joint State Action

In joint Oregon and Washington state action; the states discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Recreational Fisheries

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Tongue/Rocky Point to Warrior Rock

Modified the previously adopted season as follows:

- Effective **12:01 AM Monday September 10, 2012 through 11:59 PM Sunday September 16, 2012 (7 days)** the retention of adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon is allowed from the Tongue/Rocky Point line upstream to the Warrior Rock line (a line from the Warrior Rock Lighthouse on the Oregon shore through red buoy #4 to the orange marker atop the dolphin on the Washington shore).
- The daily bag limit is two adult salmon/steelhead in combination, only **one** may be an adult Chinook. All Chinook (including jacks), coho and steelhead must be adipose fin-clipped.
- Chinook retention in this river section will close effective Monday September 17, 2012 through Sunday September 30, 2012 but is scheduled to re-open effective Monday October 1 through Monday December 31, 2012 as previously adopted. Retention of adipose fin-clipped coho and steelhead will remain open during the Chinook closure.

Upstream of Bonneville Dam

The Dalles Pool White Sturgeon Fishery (The Dalles to John Day Dam)

Modified the ongoing retention season as follows:

- Retention of white sturgeon allowed seven days per week through Saturday, August 4, 2012.
- Effective 12:01 am Sunday August 5, 2012 retention of white sturgeon allowed Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until further notice.
- Daily limit of one sturgeon. Allowable size limit: 43 – 54 inch fork length.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the “2012 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet” remain in effect for both recreational fisheries above.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning this hearing see the July 26, 2012 Fall Fact Sheets #1a and #1b http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp