
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 30, 2013

Compact Action

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

Non-Indian Fisheries

Winter Commercial Mainstem White Sturgeon Fishery

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:

Season: 6 PM Thursday January 31 to 6 PM Friday February 1, 2013 (24 hrs)
6 PM Monday February 4 to 6 PM Tuesday February 5, 2013 (24 hrs)
6 PM Wednesday February 6 to 6 PM Thursday February 7, 2013 (24 hrs)

Area: Zones 1 - 5.

Gear: Drift gillnet. 9" minimum and 9-3/4" maximum mesh size restrictions.
All permanent gear regulations including lighted buoys remain in effect.

Allowable Sales: White sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length) and adipose fin-clipped salmon. A maximum of **10** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) that the fishery is open.

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

Commercial Mainstem Winter/Spring Salmon Fishery

- Adopted the following 2013 Winter/Spring Pre-Season Commercial Chinook Fishing Plan:
 - ✓ Manage mainstem commercial fisheries to remain within commission allocation and catch balancing guidelines.
 - ✓ Test fishing will occur on Sundays or Tuesdays beginning in March.
 - ✓ Compact hearings to occur on Mondays and/or Wednesdays, if test fishing results are positive.
 - ✓ Full fleet fisheries are expected to occur on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays of each week, but may be scheduled on other days in order to maintain flexibility in developing fishing seasons. Results from Tuesday fisheries will determine whether fishing occurs on Thursdays.

- ✓ Fisheries may be conducted during daylight and nighttime hours, dependent upon water conditions and minimizing conflicts between user groups.
- ✓ Fisheries may occur in Zones 1-5.
- ✓ Based on test fishing results, fishing periods could begin in mid-late March, depending primarily on steelhead abundance.
- ✓ Only tanglenet gear will be used (4¼" maximum mesh size).
- ✓ Additional fishing periods may occur after run size updates are available.
- ✓ Test fishing may continue throughout the winter/spring season to collect biological data and maintain historic test fishing databases.

- Adopted the following 2013 commercial spring Chinook regulations:

Season: Individual fishing periods will not exceed 24 hours in length.

Area: Zones 1-5. Upper boundary to be determined in season.

Sanctuaries: As applicable. Grays River, Elochoman-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal sanctuaries.

Allowable Sales: Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.

Participants: Licensed Columbia River commercial fishers that have completed the required state-sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques. At least one fisher on each boat must have live capture certification.

Gear: 4¼" maximum mesh size tangle net only. Single-wall multi-filament net only.

Monofilament tangle nets are not allowed.

Mesh size is determined by placing three consecutive meshes under hand tension and the measurement is taken from the inside of one vertical knot to the outside of the opposite vertical knot of the center mesh. Hand tension means sufficient linear tension to draw opposing knots of meshes into contact.

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.

There are no restrictions on the use of slackers or stringers to slacken the net vertically. There are no restrictions on the hang ratio. The hang ratio is used to horizontally add slack to the net and is determined by the length of the web per length of the corkline.

Red corks are required at 25 fathom intervals, and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms, except under the following conditions: Tangle nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers, may extend to a maximum length of 175 fathoms.

An optional steelhead excluder mesh panel may be hung between the corkline and the 4¼" maximum mesh size tangle net. The excluder panel web must be a minimum mesh size of 12 inches when stretched taut under hand tension. Monofilament mesh is allowed for the excluder panel only. The excluder panel must be a minimum of five feet in depth and must not exceed ten feet in depth as measured from the corkline to the upper margin of the tangle net mesh as the net hangs naturally from a taut corkline. Weedlines or droppers (bobber type) may be used in place of the steelhead excluder panel. A weedline-type excluder means the net is suspended below the corkline by lines of no less than five feet in length between the corkline and the upper margin of the tangle net. A dropper-type excluder means the entire net is suspended below the surface of the water by lines of no less than five feet in length extending from individual surface floats to a submersed corkline. The corkline cannot be capable of floating the net in its entirety (including the leadline) independent of the attached floats. Weedlines or droppers, must extend a minimum of five feet above the 4¼" maximum mesh size tangle net. Tangle nets constructed with a steelhead excluder panel, weedlines, or droppers must have two red corks at each end of the net, as well as the red corks under miscellaneous regulations.

Miscellaneous Regulations:

Soak times, defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gill net web is deployed into the water until the gill net web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Recovery Box: Each boat will be required to have two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers, on board. Each chamber of the recovery box(es) must include an operating water pumping system capable of delivering a minimum flow of 16 gallons per minute, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute of freshwater per chamber. Each box and chamber and associated pump shall be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked. Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box; the inside length measurement must be at or within 39 ½ inches to 48 inches, the inside width measurements must be at or within 8 to 10 inches, and the inside height measurement must be at or within 14 to 16 inches.

Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between ¾ inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or end wall of the chamber and 1¾ inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole that is a least 1½ inches in diameter located on either the same or opposite end as the inlet. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber.

The fisher must demonstrate to WDFW and ODFW employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh river water into each chamber.

All non-legal sturgeon, non-adipose fin-clipped salmon, and steelhead must be released immediately to the river with care and with the least

possible injury to the fish, or placed into an operating recovery box.

Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recovery box prior to being released. All fish placed in recovery boxes must be released to the river prior to landing or docking.

At least 24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

Observer program: As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate with department observers or observers collecting data for the department, when notified by the observer of his or her intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery.

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

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

<u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough</u>	Monday February 11 - Tuesday February 12	(1 night)
	Thursday February 14 – Friday February 15	(1 night)
	Monday February 18 - Tuesday February 19	(1 night)
	Thursday February 21 – Friday February 22	(1 night)
	Monday February 25- Tuesday February 26	(1 night)
	Thursday February 28 – Friday March 1	(1 night)
	Monday March 4 - Tuesday March 5	(1 night)
	Thursday March 7 – Friday March 8	(1 night)
	Monday March 11 - Tuesday March 12	(1 night)
<u>Blind Slough only</u>	Thursday March 14 - Friday March 15	(1 night)
	Monday March 18 - Tuesday March 19	(1 night)
	Monday March 25 - Tuesday March 26	(1 night)
	Monday April 1 - Tuesday April 2	(1 night)

Spring Season

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

<u>Blind Slough and Knappa Slough</u>	Thursday April 18 - Friday April 19	(1 night)
	Tuesday April 23 – Wednesday April 24	(1 night)
	Thursday April 25 - Friday April 26	(1 night)
	Monday April 29 - Tuesday April 30	(1 night)
	Thursday May 2 - Friday May 3	(1 night)
	Monday May 6 - Tuesday May 7	(1 night)
	Thursday May 9 - Friday May 10	(1 night)
	Monday May 13 - Tuesday May 14	(1 night)
	Thursday May 16 - Friday May 17	(1 night)
	Monday May 20 - Tuesday May 21	(1 night)
	Thursday May 23 - Friday May 24	(1 night)
	Monday May 27 - Tuesday May 28	(1 night)

Thursday May 30 - Friday May 31	(1 night)
Monday June 3 - Tuesday June 4	(1 night)
Thursday June 6 - Friday June 7	(1 night)
Monday June 10 - Tuesday June 11	(1 night)
Thursday June 13 - Friday June 14	(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.

May 2 – June 14 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: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.

9¾-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 and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Miscellaneous Regulations: Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

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:

Winter Season

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

<u>Tongue Point</u> <u>and</u> <u>South Channel</u>	Monday February 11 - Tuesday February 12	(1 night)
	Thursday February 14 – Friday February 15	(1 night)
	Monday February 18 - Tuesday February 19	(1 night)
	Thursday February 21 – Friday February 22	(1 night)
	Monday February 25 - Tuesday February 26	(1 night)
	Thursday February 28 – Friday March 1	(1 night)
	Monday March 4 - Tuesday March 5	(1 night)
	Thursday March 7 – Friday March 8	(1 night)
	Monday March 11 - Tuesday March 12	(1 night)

Spring Season

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

Thursday April 25 - Friday April 26	(1 night)
Monday April 29 - Tuesday April 30	(1 night)
Thursday May 2 - Friday May 3	(1 night)
Monday May 6 - Tuesday May 7	(1 night)
Thursday May 9 - Friday May 10	(1 night)
Monday May 13 - Tuesday May 14	(1 night)
Thursday May 16 - Friday May 17	(1 night)
Monday May 20 - Tuesday May 21	(1 night)
Thursday May 23 - Friday May 24	(1 night)
Monday May 27 - Tuesday May 28	(1 night)
Thursday May 30 - Friday May 31	(1 night)
Monday June 3 - Tuesday June 4	(1 night)
Thursday June 6 - Friday June 7	(1 night)
Monday June 10 - Tuesday June 11	(1 night)
Thursday June 13 - Friday June 14	(1 night)

Open Area:

Tongue Point:

The winter and spring season 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 (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:

7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.

9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during the spring season.

Tongue Point:

Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.

South Channel:

Nets restricted to maximum length of 100 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

Miscellaneous Regulations:

For both the winter and spring seasons, fishers are required to call 971-230-8247 and leave a message including name, catch, and where and when the fish will be sold. Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

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) on the following nights:

Monday February 11 - Tuesday February 12	(1 night)
Thursday February 14 – Friday February 15	(1 night)
Monday February 18 - Tuesday February 19	(1 night)
Thursday February 21 – Friday February 22	(1 night)
Monday February 25- Tuesday February 26	(1 night)
Thursday February 28 – Friday March 1	(1 night)
Monday March 4 - Tuesday March 5	(1 night)
Thursday March 7 – Friday March 8	(1 night)
Monday March 11 - Tuesday March 12	(1 night)
Thursday March 14 - Friday March 15	(1 night)
Monday March 18 - Tuesday March 19	(1 night)
Monday March 25 - Tuesday March 26	(1 night)
Monday April 1 - Tuesday April 2	(1 night)

Spring Season

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

Thursday April 18 - Friday April 19	(1 night)
Tuesday April 23 – Wednesday April 24	(1 night)
Thursday April 25 - Friday April 26	(1 night)
Monday April 29 - Tuesday April 30	(1 night)
Thursday May 2 - Friday May 3	(1 night)
Monday May 6 - Tuesday May 7	(1 night)
Thursday May 9 - Friday May 10	(1 night)
Monday May 13 - Tuesday May 14	(1 night)
Thursday May 16 - Friday May 17	(1 night)
Monday May 20 - Tuesday May 21	(1 night)
Thursday May 23 - Friday May 24	(1 night)
Monday May 27 - Tuesday May 28	(1 night)
Thursday May 30 - Friday May 31	(1 night)
Monday June 3 - Tuesday June 4	(1 night)
Thursday June 6 - Friday June 7	(1 night)
Monday June 10 - Tuesday June 11	(1 night)
Thursday June 13 - Friday June 14	(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-inch minimum mesh size restriction in effect during the winter season.
9¾-inch 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 and/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 longer than three-fourths the width of the stream (WAC 220-20-015 (1)).
It shall be unlawful in any area to use, operate, or carry aboard a commercial fishing vessel a licensed net or combination of such nets, whether fished singly or separately, in excess of the maximum lawful size or length prescribed for a single net in that area, except as otherwise provided for in the rules and regulations of the department WAC 220-20-010 (17).

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 WDFW staff.

During the winter season fishers are required to call 360-795-0319 for the location and time of sampling.

During the spring season a sampling station will be established at WDFW's Oneida Road boat ramp, 0.5 miles upstream of the lower Deep River area boundary (USCG navigation marker #16).

Permanent regulations including rules related to lighted buoys remain in effect.

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

Gear: Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a 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.

**Allowable
Sales:**

Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.

Winter Season: A maximum of four white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The four white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

Spring Season: A maximum of two white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The two white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

**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
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Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

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, 2013 the permanent regulations have been modified as follows:

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Area:** Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus the Oregon and Washington banks **only** from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.
Legal upstream boundary defined as: "A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse 1) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock."
- Dates:** Open daily Friday March 1 – Friday April 5, 2013. Closed to salmon and steelhead angling on the following Tuesdays: March 26, and April 2.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only **one** of which may be a Chinook.

Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border

- Area:** Tower Island powerlines (approximately 6 miles below The Dalles Dam) upstream to Oregon/Washington border plus the Oregon and Washington banks **only** between Bonneville Dam and the Tower Island power lines.
- Dates:** Saturday March 16 – Sunday May 5, 2013.
- Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmon or steelhead per day or one of each.
- Additional Regulations For All Areas:** Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the Columbia River from the mouth upstream to the Oregon Washington border, will be restricted to barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout.
For the mainstem Columbia River salmon and steelhead fishery from the Rocky Point/Tongue Point line upstream to OR/WA border, effective February 15 through June 15, 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.

In Washington, on the mainstem Columbia River below Bonneville Dam, anglers may not possess in the field fish mutilated so that size, species or fin clip cannot be determined until the angler has reached their automobile or principle means of land transportation and has completed their daily angling.

Catch limits for jacks remain in effect per each state's permanent regulations. All other permanent regulations remain in effect, including the Sand Island closure.

- Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.

Mainstem Columbia River Steelhead and Shad Recreational Fishery

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Friday March 1 through Wednesday May 15, 2013, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead and shad only during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the Columbia River, will be restricted to barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout.

Select Area Recreational Fisheries

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Effective Friday March 1 through Saturday June 15, 2013, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits.

On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2013 the following Select Area tributaries will be restricted to barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead and trout:

- Youngs Bay/River from Hwy 101 Bridge upstream to markers at the confluence with Klaskanine River.
- Lewis and Clark River from confluence with Youngs Bay upstream to Alternate Hwy 101 Bridge.
- Walluski River from the confluence with Youngs Bay upstream to Hwy 202 Bridge.
- Gnat Creek from railroad bridge upstream to Aldrich Point Road.
- Knappa/Blind Slough select areas.

White Sturgeon Recreational Fisheries

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Above Wauna Powerlines

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) upstream to Bonneville Dam, all adjacent Washington tributaries.

- Allow retention of white sturgeon three days per week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday effective Tuesday January 1 through Saturday June 15, 2013 and Saturday October 19, through Tuesday December 31, 2013 with a 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length restriction in effect.
- Angling for white sturgeon is prohibited from Wednesday May 1 to Saturday August 31, 2013 from Bonneville Dam downstream nine miles to a line crossing the Columbia River from Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore, westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington Shore upstream of Fir Point.
- The Sandy River is closed to sturgeon retention.

Below Wauna Powerlines

In the mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines (River Mile 40) downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay; and all adjacent Washington tributaries:

- Allow retention of white sturgeon seven days per week during Tuesday January 1 through Tuesday April 30, 2013, and Saturday May 11 through Sunday June 30, 2013.
 - 38-inch minimum fork length in effect during January 1 through April 30, 2013.
 - 41-inch minimum fork length in effect during May 11 through June 30, 2013.
 - 54-inch maximum fork length in effect throughout the season.
- Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.
- For all recreational sturgeon fisheries above, catch limits and other restrictions in the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including the Sand Island closure.

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

Willamette River White Sturgeon Recreational Fishery

In the Lower Willamette River upstream to Willamette Falls, including Multnomah Channel and the Gilbert River.

- Allow retention of white sturgeon three days per week on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday effective Thursday July 11 through Saturday July 13 and Thursday July 18 through Saturday July 20. A 38-inch minimum and 54-inch maximum fork length restriction is in effect. Season modifications may be required to remain within harvest guidelines.
- For all recreational sturgeon fisheries above, catch limits and other restrictions in the 2013 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including the sturgeon fishing sanctuary from Willamette Falls downstream to the I-205 Bridge.

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

6 AM – midnight Monday February 11	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 13	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday February 14	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday February 18	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 20	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday February 21	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday February 25	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 27	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday February 28	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday March 4	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday March 6	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday March 7	(18 hours)
3:30 PM – 9:30 PM Monday March 11	(6 hours)
4:30 PM – 10:30 PM Wednesday March 13	(6 hours)
5:00 PM – 11:00 PM Thursday March 14	(6 hours)
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday March 18	(4 hours)
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM Thursday March 21	(4 hours)
4 PM – 8:00 PM Monday March 25	(4 hours)

Spring Season

Entire Youngs Bay

10:30 AM – 4:30 PM Thursday April 18	(6 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Tuesday April 23	(12 hours)
7 PM Thursday April 25 – 7 AM Friday April 26	(12 hours/1 night)
6 AM – midnight Monday April 29	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday May 1	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday May 2	(18 hours)
6 AM – midnight Monday May 6	(18 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday May 8	(12 hours)
6 AM – midnight Thursday May 9	(18 hours)
Noon Monday May 13 – noon Friday May 17	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 20 – noon Friday May 24	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 27 – noon Friday May 31	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 3 – noon Friday June 7	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 10 – noon Friday June 14	(4 days)

Summer Season

Entire Youngs Bay

6 AM Wednesday June 19 - 6 AM Friday June 21	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday June 26 - 6 AM Friday June 28	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 3 - 6 AM Friday July 5	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 10 - 6 AM Friday July 12	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 17 - 6 AM Friday July 19	(2 days)
6 AM Wednesday July 24 - 6 AM Friday July 26	(2 days)

Area: Entire Youngs Bay fishing area: defined as the waters of Youngs Bay from the Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the upper boundary markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers; except for those waters which are closed southerly of the alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark River).

Gear: 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during the winter season.
9³/₄-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 and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River.

Nets not specifically authorized for use in these areas may be onboard a 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

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon, and shad.

Winter Season: A maximum of four white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The four white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

Spring/Summer Season: A maximum of two white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). **The two white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

Miscellaneous Regulations: Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No Compact hearings have been scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 30, 2013 Winter Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp