
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 25, 2013

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 11	to	6 AM Monday August 12	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 13	to	6 AM Wednesday August 14	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 15	to	6 AM Friday August 16	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Sunday August 18	to	6 AM Monday August 19	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 20	to	6 AM Wednesday August 21	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 22	to	6 AM Friday August 23	(9 hrs)

Area: 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: Elokomina-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.

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 **four** white sturgeon may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday) in the remaining openers. The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes mainstem fisheries **only**.

Miscellaneous Regulations: During August 1-31, sturgeon possession is prohibited while fishing gear is deployed in the portion of commercial Zone 5 that is upstream of Skamania Island (Navigation Marker 82 on the Oregon shore, westerly to the boundary marker on the Washington shore upstream of Fir Point). Only vessels in transit through the area may have sturgeon onboard.

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

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 July 31 to 7 PM Thursday August 1 (36 hours)
 7 AM Wednesday August 7 to 7 PM Thursday August 8 (36 hours)
 7 AM Wednesday August 14 to 7 PM Thursday August 15 (36 hours)
 7 AM Wednesday August 21 to 7 PM Thursday August 22 (36 hours)
 7 PM Monday August 26 to 7 AM Friday August 30 (3.5 days)
 7 PM Monday September 2 to Noon Thursday 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; including the lower Walluski river upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge and the lower Lewis and Clark upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.

Gear: Legal gear is restricted to **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size through August 22 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 and 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 5.

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 26 – Friday August 30 (4 nights)
 Monday September 2 - Friday September 6 (4 nights)

Monday September 9 - Friday September 13 (4 nights)

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

Monday September 16 - Friday September 20 (4 nights)

Monday September 23 - Friday September 27 (4 nights)

Monday September 30 - Friday October 4 (4 nights)

Monday October 7 - Friday October 11 (4 nights)

Monday October 14 - Friday October 18 (4 nights)

Monday October 21 - Friday October 25 (4 nights)

Monday October 28 - Thursday October 31 (3 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, un-stored 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, 250 fathoms maximum net length, and no weight restrictions on the leadline. Use of additional weights and anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

See additional gear regulations, allowable sales and Washington Reporting Rule on page 5.

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 26 – Friday August 30 (4 nights)

Monday September 2 - Friday September 6 (4 nights)

Monday September 9 - Friday September 13 (4 nights)

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

Monday September 16 - Friday September 20	(4 nights)
Monday September 23 - Friday September 27	(4 nights)
Monday September 30 - Friday October 4	(4 nights)
Monday October 7 - Friday October 11	(4 nights)
Monday October 14 - Friday October 18	(4 nights)
Monday October 21 - Friday October 25	(4 nights)
Monday October 28 - Thursday October 31	(3 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, allowable sales and Washington Reporting Rule on page 5.

Deep River Fishery (Zone 80)

- Adopted a commercial salmon season as follows:

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

Monday August 26 – Tuesday August 27	(1 night)
Thursday August 29 – Friday August 30	(1 night)
Monday September 2 - Friday September 6	(4 nights)
Monday September 9 - Friday September 13	(4 nights)
Sunday September 15 - Friday September 20	(5 nights)
Sunday September 22 - Friday September 27	(5 nights)
Monday September 30 - Friday October 4	(4 nights)
Monday October 7 - Friday October 11	(4 nights)
Monday October 14 - Tuesday October 15	(1 nights)
Thursday October 17 - Friday October 18	(1 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 26 through September 13 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, allowable sales and Washington Reporting Rule on page 5.

- **The following gear regulations, allowable sales and Washington Reporting Rule are applicable to 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 and white sturgeon (43-54 inch fork length).

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 Select Area 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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FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional hearings scheduled at this time. Staff may request a hearing in mid-August to consider additional commercial fishing seasons.
- For information concerning this hearing see the July 25, 2013 Fall Fact Sheets #1 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp