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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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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

- Adopted a non-Indian commercial season as follows:

**Season:** 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM Wednesday May 7, 2014 (9 hours)

**Area:** Zones 1-5.

**Sanctuaries:** Grays River, Elochoman-B, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, Lewis-B, Sandy and Washougal sanctuaries in effect.

**Allowable Sales:** Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon 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:** 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.

Drift nets only. 4¼-inch maximum mesh size. 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 knot to the inside of the opposite 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.

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-inch maximum mesh size tangle net. The excluder

panel web must be a minimum mesh size of 12-inch stretched measure when 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-inch 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 39½ 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 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 salmonid 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. Additionally, cooperation with department personnel prior to a fishing period is expected.

## **Treaty Indian Fisheries**

### ***Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries***

- Adopted the following platform hook and line fishing season:

Season: 6:00 PM Tuesday May 6, 2014 through 11:59 PM Thursday July 31, 2014

Area: All of Zone 6.

Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect.

Gear: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

### ***Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries***

- Adopted the following tributary fishing seasons:

Season 6:00 PM Tuesday May 6, 2014 through 11:59 PM Thursday July 31, 2014, and only during those days and hours when the tributaries listed below are open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.

Area Drano Lake, Wind River and Klickitat River.

Gear Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Gill nets may only be used in Drano Lake.

### **The following additional Allowable Sales and Washington Reporting Rule apply to both treaty Indian seasons adopted above.**

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass, and yellow perch, may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

White sturgeon may not be sold. White sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length harvested in The Dalles or John Day Pools and white sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length within the Bonneville Pool may be kept for subsistence purposes.

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour **quick reporting** required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

## ***Treaty Bank Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam***

- Adopted the following bank fishery:

Season: 6:00 PM Tuesday May 6, 2014 through 11:59 PM Thursday July 31, 2014 and only during those days and hours when the area is open under lawfully enacted tribal fishery regulations for enrolled tribal members in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA

Participants: Tribal members may participate under the conditions described in the 2007 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Yakama Nation (YN), in the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR), in the 2010 MOU with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Spring Reservation (CTWS), and in the 2011 MOU with the Nez Perce Tribe. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

Gear: Hoop nets, dip bag nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, or yellow perch.

White sturgeon retention is prohibited and may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

Sale of platform or hook-and-line-caught fish is allowed. Fish may not be sold on USACE Property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE Property for sale.

Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour **quick reporting** required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

### **Select Area Commercial Fisheries**

Modified the previously adopted spring commercial salmon seasons 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)***

- Modified the lower boundary for spring season fishing periods. Modification in **bold**.

Effective **Thursday May 8, 2014** 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).

#### ***Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery (Zone 71)***

- Modified the previously adopted spring season fishing period. Modification in **bold**.

**9:00 PM** Thursday May 8, 2014 – **6:00 AM** Friday May 9, 2014 (**9 hours**)

#### ***Youngs Bay Fishery (Zone 7)***

- Modified the previously adopted spring season fishing period. Modification in **bold**.

**2:00 PM – 10:00 PM** Thursday May 8, 2014 (**8 hours**)

## Joint State Action

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

### ***Mainstem Columbia River Spring Chinook Recreational Fisheries***

- Adopted the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam:

Season: Friday May 9, 2014 through Saturday May 10, 2014 (2 days)

Area: Tongue Point/Rocky Point line upstream to Rooster Rock (boat and bank) plus the Oregon and Washington banks only from Rooster Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam.

Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: "A line projected from Rooster Rock on the Oregon shore true north to the Washington shore."

Catch Limits: Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Shad and adipose fin-clipped jack Chinook may also be kept. All sockeye must be released.

Additional Regulations: 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.

All other permanent regulations remain in effect, including catch limits for jacks and the use of barbless hooks when fishing for salmon, steelhead, or trout.

### ***Bonneville Dam to Oregon/Washington Border Spring Chinook Recreational Fishery***

No action taken. The fishery remains open through Friday May 9, 2014 under previously adopted regulations.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- There are no additional Compact/Joint State hearings scheduled. A hearing may be scheduled on Tuesday May 13, 2014.
- For information concerning these decisions see the May 6, 2014 Spring Fact Sheet #2a at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)