
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 29, 2014

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 3	to	6 AM Monday August 4	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 5	to	6 AM Wednesday August 6	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 7	to	6 AM Friday August 8	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Sunday August 10	to	6 AM Monday August 11	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 12	to	6 AM Wednesday August 13	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 14	to	6 AM Friday August 15	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Sunday August 17	to	6 AM Monday August 18	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Tuesday August 19	to	6 AM Wednesday August 20	(9 hrs)
	9 PM Thursday August 21	to	6 AM Friday August 22	(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: Washougal and Sandy River sanctuaries are in effect.

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: Chinook, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad.

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

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:

Season: 7 PM Tuesday August 5 to 7 AM Thursday August 7 (36 hours)
 7 PM Tuesday August 12 to 7 AM Thursday August 14 (36 hours)
 7 PM Tuesday August 19 to 7 AM Thursday August 21 (36 hours)
 7 PM Monday August 25 to 7 AM Friday August 29 (3.5 days)
 7 PM Monday September 1 to Noon Friday October 31 (60 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 River upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.

Gear: Legal gear is restricted to **9¾-inch** maximum mesh size through August 21 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 and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett 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:

Season: Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday August 25 – Friday August 29 (4 nights)
Monday September 1 - Friday September 5 (4 nights)
Monday September 8 - Friday September 12 (4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 10 AM (18 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 15 - Friday September 19 (4 nights)
Monday September 22 - Friday September 26 (4 nights)
Monday September 29 - Friday October 3 (4 nights)
Monday October 6 - Friday October 10 (4 nights)
Monday October 13 - Friday October 17 (4 nights)

Monday October 20 - Friday October 24 (4 nights)

Monday October 27 - Friday October 31 (4 nights)

Area: **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:

Season: Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday August 25 – Friday August 29 (4 nights)

Monday September 1 - Friday September 5 (4 nights)

Monday September 8 - Friday September 12 (4 nights)

Open 6 PM to 8 AM (14 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 15 - Friday September 19 (4 nights)

Monday September 22 - Friday September 26 (4 nights)

Monday September 29 - Friday October 3 (4 nights)

Monday October 6 - Friday October 10 (4 nights)

Monday October 13 - Friday October 17 (4 nights)

Monday October 20 - Friday October 24 (4 nights)

Monday October 27 - Friday October 31 (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-foot radius at the mouth of Big Creek is closed.

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:

Season: Open hours are 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) for the entire season.

Monday August 18 – Tuesday August 19 (1 night)

Thursday August 21 – Friday August 22 (1 night)

Monday August 25 – Tuesday August 26 (1 night)

Thursday August 28 – Friday August 29 (1 night)

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 1 - Friday September 5 (4 nights)

Monday September 8 - Friday September 12 (4 nights)

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 15 - Saturday September 20 (5 nights)

Monday September 22 - Saturday September 27 (5 nights)

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 29 - Friday October 3 (4 nights)

Monday October 6 - Friday October 10 (4 nights)

Monday October 13 - Friday October 17 (4 nights)

and

Monday October 20 – Tuesday October 21 (1 night)

Thursday October 23 – Friday October 24 (1 night)

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 18 through September 12 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 below.

- **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: Chinook, coho, pink, and sockeye salmon, and shad.

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- Adopted the following platform hook and line fishing season:

Season: Friday August 1 through Friday October 31, 2014.

Area: All of Zone 6.

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

Gear: Subsistence gear including hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

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

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

Yakama Nation Tributary Fisheries

- Adopted the following tributary fishing seasons:

Season: Friday August 1 through Friday October 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: Hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Gill nets may only be used in Drano Lake.

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

Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

Treaty Bank Fisheries Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Adopted the following bank fishery:

Season: Friday August 1 through Friday October 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: Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

- Gear: Subsistence gear including hoopnets, dipnets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
- Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, walleye, carp, catfish, bass, and yellow perch, may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.
- Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon 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.
- Fish landed during lawfully permitted seasons may be sold at any time.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Thursday August 7, 2014 via teleconference to consider treaty commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning this hearing see the July 29, 2014 Fall Fact Sheet #1 at http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp