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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

#### ***Fall Chinook Commercial Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	9 PM Sunday August 9	to	6 AM Monday August 10	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 11	to	6 AM Wednesday August 12	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 13	to	6 AM Friday August 14	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 16	to	6 AM Monday August 17	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 18	to	6 AM Wednesday August 19	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 20	to	6 AM Friday August 21	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 23	to	6 AM Monday August 24	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 25	to	6 AM Wednesday August 26	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 27	to	6 AM Friday August 28	(9 hours)

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.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

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

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## Select Area 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 Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)***

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season:      7 PM Tuesday August 4      to      7 AM Thursday August 6      (36 hours)  
                 7 PM Tuesday August 11      to      7 AM Thursday August 13      (36 hours)  
                 7 PM Tuesday August 18      to      7 AM Thursday August 20      (36 hours)  
  
                 7 PM Monday September 7      to      Noon Friday October 30      (53 days)

**Note: Fishing periods during the August 24-September 6 timeframe will be adopted in mid-August.**

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 20 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 in Youngs Bay between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough, in the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge, 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, allowable sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5.**

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

- Adopted a 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 24 - Friday August 28      (4 nights)  
                 Monday August 31 - Friday September 4      (4 nights)  
                 Monday September 7 - Friday September 11      (4 nights)

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

Monday September 14 - Friday September 18 (4 nights)

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

Sunday September 20 - Friday September 25 (5 nights)

Sunday September 27 - Friday October 2 (5 nights)

Sunday October 4 - Friday October 9 (5 nights)

Sunday October 11 - Friday October 16 (5 nights)

Sunday October 18 - Friday October 23 (5 nights)

Sunday October 25 - Friday October 30 (5 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 Reporting Rules on page 5.**

### ***Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Salmon Fishery***

- Adopted a 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 24 - Friday August 28 (4 nights)

Monday August 31 - Friday September 4 (4 nights)

Monday September 7 - Friday September 11 (4 nights)

Open 6 PM to 10 AM (16 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following week:

Monday September 14 - Friday September 18 (4 nights)

Open 6 PM to 10 AM (16 hours) on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Sunday September 20 - Friday September 25 (5 nights)

Sunday September 27 - Friday October 2 (5 nights)

Sunday October 4 - Friday October 9 (5 nights)

Sunday October 11 - Friday October 16 (5 nights)

Sunday October 18 - Friday October 23 (5 nights)

Sunday October 25 - Friday October 30 (5 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 Reporting Rules on page 5.**

### ***Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)***

- Adopted a season as follows:

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

Monday August 17 - Friday August 21 (2 nights)

Monday August 24 - Friday August 28 (2 nights)

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

Monday August 31 - Friday September 4 (4 nights)

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

Monday September 7 - Saturday September 12 (5 nights)

Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 14 - Saturday September 19 (5 nights)

Monday September 21 - Saturday September 26 (5 nights)

Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 28 - Friday October 2 (4 nights)

Monday October 5 - Friday October 9 (4 nights)

Monday October 12 - Friday October 16 (4 nights)

Monday October 19 - Tuesday October 20 (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 17 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 Reporting Rules below.**

- **The following Gear, Allowable Sales and Reporting Rules apply to all Select Area commercial 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.

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

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

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## **Oregon State Action**

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

### **Treaty Indian Fisheries**

**Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:**

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

Season: August 1 through October 31, 2015.

Area: All of Zone 6.

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

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

Season: August 1 through October 31, 2015, 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 nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.  
Gill nets may only be used in Drano Lake.

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- **The following Sanctuaries, Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:**

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

**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, Drano Lake, Wind River, and Klickitat River may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold after the period concludes.

**Washington Reporting Rule:** 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240. Landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

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

**Season:** August 1 through October 31, 2015, and only during those days and hours when the area is open under lawfully enacted tribal fishery regulations in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA with the states of Oregon and Washington.

**Participants:** Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes. 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 as identified in tribal rules.

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

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

Legal fish landed during an open commercial period are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM Tuesday August 11, 2015 via teleconference to consider non-Indian commercial seine fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 29, 2015 Fall Fact Sheet #1 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)