
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

August 18, 2015

Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 7 PM Monday August 24 to 7 AM Tuesday August 25 (12 hours)
7 PM Wednesday August 26 to 7 AM Thursday August 27 (12 hours)

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 **6-inch** maximum mesh size. 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.

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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Oregon staff will continue to monitor landings and stock composition of the Youngs Bay commercial Chinook catch. Staff will announce Youngs Bay commercial fishing seasons for the August 31-September 6 timeframe on Friday August 28.
- The Joint Staff will plan on providing a 'Fall Update' during the week of August 17 which will include a review of on-going non-Indian fisheries.
- A Compact hearing will occur the week of September 7 via teleconference to consider treaty commercial fisheries.