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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 30 to 6 AM Monday August 31 (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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## Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fishery and took the following action:

### ***Buoy 10 Recreational Fishery***

- Modified the retention regulation for the ongoing Buoy 10 recreational fishery. Modification in **bold**.
  - **Effective Saturday August 29 through Wednesday September 30, retention of Chinook is prohibited.**

Area: From a true north and south line through Buoy 10 upstream to a projected line from Rocky Point of the Washington Shore through Red Buoy #44 to the navigation light at Tongue Point on the Oregon Shore.

Catch Limits: The combined daily bag limit for adult adipose fin-clipped Coho (16-inches or longer), and adipose fin-clipped steelhead is two fish.

All salmon other than adipose fin-clipped Coho must be released.

Additional Regulations: Fishers participating in the adjacent fisheries may have Chinook onboard while in transit through the Buoy 10 area per permanent regulations.

Anglers fishing for salmon, steelhead or sturgeon in the Columbia River and its tributaries are required to have a Columbia River Basin endorsement. See a [map of the Basin and get more information](#).

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.

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## Oregon State Action

The state of Oregon took the following actions:

### ***Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)***

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 7 PM Monday August 31 to 7 AM Friday September 4 (3.5 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 **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.

### ***Youngs Bay Recreational Salmon Fishery***

- Modified the retention regulation for the ongoing Youngs Bay recreational fishery season. Modification in **bold**:
  - **Effective Tuesday September 1 to Thursday October 15, retention of non-adipose fin-clipped Chinook is prohibited in the waters of Youngs Bay/River from the commercial fishing deadline at Battle Creek Slough upstream to Youngs River Falls and the Klaskanine River from the confluence with Youngs River upstream to the Youngs River Loop Bridge (Tidewater Bridge).**

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- Future Compact hearings will be scheduled as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the August 27, 2015 Fall Fact Sheet #5 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)