
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 9, 2016

Compact Action

The Columbia River Compact agencies of Oregon and Washington met today and took the following actions:

Non-Indian Fisheries

Mainstem Columbia River Summer Chinook Commercial Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: 9:00 PM Thursday June 16 to 5:00 AM Friday June 17, 2016 (8 hours)

Area: Zones 1-5

Sanctuaries: Elokomin-A, Cowlitz River, Kalama-A, Lewis-A, Washougal, and Sandy River sanctuaries in effect.

Gear: Drift gill nets. 8-inch minimum mesh size.

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.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, sockeye, and shad.

Washington Reporting Rule: 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.

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Summer Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season: 6:00 AM Thursday June 16 to 6:00 PM Saturday June 18, 2016 (2½ days)

6:00 AM Monday June 20 to 6:00 PM Thursday June 23, 2016 (3½ days)

6:00 AM Monday June 27 to 6:00 PM Thursday June 30, 2016 (3½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Gear: Gill nets. 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect.

Summer Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

Season: 6:00 AM Thursday June 16 through 11:59 PM Sunday July 31, 2016.

Area: All of Zone 6

- Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
- Sanctuaries: Standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gears, except the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary is not in effect.

The following additional Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule apply to the above treaty Indian fisheries.

- Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool and sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools may be kept for subsistence use.
Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.
- Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240, except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Yakama Nation Zone 6 Commercial Tributary Fisheries

- Season: 6:00 AM Thursday June 16, 2016 through 11:59 PM Sunday July 31, 2016, 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: Wind River, Drano Lake, Icicle Creek, Klickitat River and Yakima River.
- Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.
Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
- Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, carp, catfish, walleye, bass, and yellow perch may be sold or retained for subsistence use.
Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool tributaries may be kept for subsistence use.
Fish landed during open fishing periods may be sold after the period concludes.
- Washington Reporting Rule: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240, except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Summer Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Fishery Downstream of Bonneville Dam

- Season: 6:00 AM Thursday June 16 through 11:59 PM Sunday July 31, 2016 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.
- Area: As defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
- Gear: Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.
- Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence.
Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

Sale of fish is not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale.

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

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

Select Area Fisheries

- Adopted fishing periods by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

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

Season: 7 PM Thursday June 16 – 7 AM Friday June 17 (12 hours)
7 PM Monday June 20 – 7 AM Tuesday June 21 (12 hours)
7 PM Thursday June 23 – 7 AM Friday June 24 (12 hours)

Area: Blind Slough and Knappa Slough areas are open.

In Blind Slough, open waters extend from markers at the mouth of Blind Slough upstream to markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek which is located approximately ½ mile upstream of the county road bridge.

In Knappa Slough, open water are bounded by a line from the northerly most 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 (fall boundary).

Gear: Nets restricted to 100 fathoms in length with no weight restriction on headline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the headline is allowed.

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

Season: 7 PM Thursday June 16 – 7 AM Friday June 17 (12 hours)
7 PM Monday June 20 – 7 AM Tuesday June 21 (12 hours)

Area:
Tongue Point: The spring season Tongue Point fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line extended from the upstream (southernmost) pier (#1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility through navigation marker #6 to 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: The South Channel area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker on John Day Point 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 the eastern tip of Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

Gear: In the Tongue Point fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom.

In the South Channel fishing area, gear restricted to a maximum net length of 250 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

- **The following Gear, Allowable Sales and Reporting Rules applies to all Select Area commercial seasons adopted above.**

Gear:	9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect 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.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon and shad. Retention and sale of sturgeon is prohibited.
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.

- All other regulations (including gear, transportation, lighted buoys, and reporting rules) as previously adopted on January 27, 2016 remain in effect.

Joint State Action

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

Lower Columbia River Recreational Salmon Fishery

- **Modified** the ongoing recreational salmon fishery downstream of Bonneville to allow boat angling for salmonids from the Beacon Rock line upstream to the Bonneville Dam boat deadline effective Friday, June 10, 2016.
- Current daily bag limits in effect through June 15 remain unchanged at two adult salmonids per day, only one of which may be a Chinook. Retention of jacks is allowed. Only adipose fin-clipped fish may be kept. All sockeye must be released.
- All other permanent regulations in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- Additional Compact/Joint State hearings addressing summer season fisheries will be scheduled as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 9, 2016 Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp