
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 22, 2016

Compact Action

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

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 Monday June 27 – 7 AM Tuesday June 28 (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 23 – 7 AM Friday June 24 (12 hours)

7 PM Monday June 27 – 7 AM Tuesday June 28 (12 hours)

Area: 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 headline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the headline is allowed.

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

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| 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 635-006-210. 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:

Bonneville Pool Recreational White Sturgeon Fishery

- **Rescinded** the white sturgeon retention period scheduled for July 1, 2016 in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries. Retention of white sturgeon is prohibited for the remainder of the year.
- Catch and release is still allowed, except angling for sturgeon prohibited during May through July from The Dalles Dam downstream 1.8 miles to a line from the east (upstream) dock at the Port of The Dalles boat ramp straight across to a marker on the Washington shore.
- For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect the entire year, including catch and release angling allowed during periods closed to sturgeon retention.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A hearing is scheduled for 11:00 AM Thursday June 30 via teleconference to consider treaty mainstem commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 22, 2016 Summer Fact Sheet #2 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp