
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 13, 2016

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Summer Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6:00 AM Monday July 18 to 6:00 PM Friday July 22, 2016	(4½ days)
	6:00 AM Monday July 25 to 6:00 PM Friday July 29, 2016	(4½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.	
Gear:	Gill nets. No 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.	
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.	

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 July 14 – 7 AM Friday July 15, 2016	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 18 – 7 AM Tuesday July 19, 2016	(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 leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

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

Season: 7 PM Thursday July 14 – 7 AM Friday July 15, 2016 (12 hours)
7 PM Monday July 18 – 7 AM Tuesday July 19, 2016 (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: 9³/₄-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.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No summer Compact/Joint State hearings have been scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will schedule additional hearings as needed.
- A fall Compact hearing is scheduled for 10:00 AM Wednesday July 27, 2016 in Gaiser Hall (room 213) at Clark Community College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, Washington.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 13, 2016 Summer Fact Sheet #5 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp