
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

July 27, 2016

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 7	to	6 AM Monday August 8	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 9	to	6 AM Wednesday August 10	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 11	to	6 AM Friday August 12	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 14	to	6 AM Monday August 15	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 16	to	6 AM Wednesday August 17	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 18	to	6 AM Friday August 19	(9 hours)
	9 PM Sunday August 21	to	6 AM Monday August 22	(9 hours)
	9 PM Tuesday August 23	to	6 AM Wednesday August 24	(9 hours)
	9 PM Thursday August 25	to	6 AM Friday August 26	(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** in effect. 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. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

24-hour quick reporting will be required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-69-240.

Select Area Fisheries

- The following fisheries were adopted by Compact action in concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters and by the state of Oregon or Washington in state waters.

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	7 PM Tuesday August 2	to	7 AM Thursday August 4	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 9	to	7 AM Thursday August 11	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 16	to	7 AM Thursday August 18	(36 hours)
	7 PM Tuesday August 23	to	7 AM Thursday August 25	(36 hours)
	7 PM Monday August 29	to	7 AM Tuesday August 30	(1 night)
	7 PM Tuesday August 30	to	7 AM Wednesday August 31	(1 night)
	7 PM Wednesday August 31	to	7 AM Thursday September 1	(1 night)
	7 PM Monday September 5	to	Noon Monday October 31	(56 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: Gillnets with a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size through August 25 and 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter, 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.

See additional gear regulations, allowable sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5 and 6.

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

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season:	Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights during the following weeks:	
	Wednesday August 24 - Thursday August 25	(1 night)
	Monday August 29 - Thursday September 1	(3 nights)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following week:

Monday September 5 - Friday September 9 (4 nights)

Open 4 PM to 10 AM (18 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 12 - Friday September 16 (4 nights)

Monday September 19 - Friday September 23 (4 nights)

Monday September 26 - Friday September 30 (4 nights)

Monday October 3 - Friday October 7 (4 nights)

Monday October 10 - Friday October 14 (4 nights)

Monday October 17 - Friday October 21 (4 nights)

Monday October 24 - Friday October 28 (4 nights)

Area: **Tongue Point** fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from a marker midway between the red USCG navigation light #2 at the tip of Tongue Point and the downstream (northern most) pier (#8) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility, to the flashing green USCG navigation light #3 on the rock jetty at the west end of 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 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 Burnside Island defining the upstream terminus of South Channel.

Gear: In the Tongue Point fishing area, gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size, 250 fathoms maximum net length, and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds on any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have on-board their boat, un-stored gillnets legal for the South Channel fishing area as described below.

In the South Channel fishing area, gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size, 250 fathoms maximum net length, and no weight restrictions on the leadline. Use of additional weights and anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

See additional gear regulations, allowable sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5 and 6.

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

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights during the following weeks:

Wednesday August 24 - Thursday August 25 (1 night)

Monday August 29 - Thursday September 1 (3 nights)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following week:

Monday September 5 - Friday September 9 (4 nights)

Open 6 PM to 10 AM (16 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 12 - Friday September 16 (4 nights)

Monday September 19 - Friday September 23 (4 nights)

Monday September 26 - Friday September 30 (4 nights)

Monday October 3 - Friday October 7 (4 nights)

Monday October 10 - Friday October 14 (4 nights)

Monday October 17 - Friday October 21 (4 nights)

Monday October 24 - Friday October 28 (4 nights)

Area: **Blind Slough** fishing area includes all waters from markers at the mouth of Gnat Creek located approximately ½-mile upstream of the county road bridge downstream to markers at the mouth of Blind Slough. Concurrent OR/WA jurisdiction waters extend downstream of the railroad bridge. Oregon state waters extend upstream of the railroad bridge.

Knappa Slough fishing area includes all waters bounded by a line from the north 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. The area within a 100-foot radius at the mouth of Big Creek is closed.

Gear: In both Blind Slough and Knappa Slough fishing areas, gillnets with a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size for the entire season, 100 fathoms maximum net length, and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

See additional gear regulations, allowable sales, and Reporting Rules on page 5 and 6.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday August 1 - Friday August 5 (2 nights)

Monday August 8 - Friday August 12 (2 nights)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday August 15 - Friday August 19 (4 nights)

Monday August 22 - Friday August 26 (4 nights)

Monday August 29 - Friday September 2 (4 nights)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights during the following week:

Monday September 5 - Saturday September 10 (5 nights)

Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 12 - Saturday September 17 (5 nights)

Monday September 19 - Saturday September 24 (5 nights)

Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights during the following weeks:

Monday September 26 - Friday September 30 (4 nights)

Monday October 3 - Friday October 7 (4 nights)

Monday October 10 - Friday October 14 (4 nights)

Open 6 PM to 9 AM (15 hours) on Monday and Tuesday nights during the following week:

Monday October 17 - Wednesday October 19 (2 nights)

Area: **Deep River** fishing area includes all waters downstream of the town of Deep River to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore. Concurrent waters extend downstream of the Highway 4 Bridge. Washington State waters extend upstream of the Highway 4 Bridge.

Gear: Gillnets with a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size from August 1 through September 10 and 6-inch maximum mesh size thereafter. Maximum net length not to exceed 100 fathoms, no weight restriction on leadline, and use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets may not be tied off to stationary structures and cannot fully cross the navigation channel.

It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gill net gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. "River, stream, or channel width" is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations in conflict with it. All other provisions of the permanent regulation remain in effect (WAC 220-20-015 (1)).

See additional gear regulations, allowable sales, and Reporting Rules below.

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

Gear: **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. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

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:

Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line

Season: 12:01 AM Monday August 1 through 6:00 PM Saturday December 31, 2016.

Area: All of Zone 6.

Gear: Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line.

Sanctuaries: All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to these gear types are in effect, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder).

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

Sturgeon may not be sold. **Except:** Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length caught in the Bonneville Pool may be sold only if caught when the Bonneville Pool set line fishery is open.

Sturgeon between 43-54 inches fork length harvested in The Dalles or John Day Pools and sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length within the Bonneville Pool, may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

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

Yakama Nation Commercial Fisheries in Zone 6 Tributaries

Season: 12:01 AM Monday August 1 through 6:00 PM Saturday December 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, and Klickitat 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, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

Sturgeon may not be sold. **Except:** Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length may be sold only if caught when the Bonneville Pool set line fishery is open.

Sturgeon between 38-54 inches fork length may be kept for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

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

Treaty Commercial Platform and Hook and Line Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Season: 12:01 AM Monday August 1 through 11:59 PM Monday October 31, 2016, and only during those days and hours when the area is open under lawfully enacted tribal fishery regulations in accordance with each tribe's MOU/MOA with the states of Oregon and Washington.

Participants: Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.

Gear: Subsistence gear including hoop nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook-and-line as identified in tribal rules.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence purposes.

Fish may not be sold on USACE property below Bonneville Dam, but may be caught and transported off USACE property for sale.

Legal fish landed during an open commercial period are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.

Sturgeon retention is prohibited; sturgeon may not be sold or retained for ceremonial or subsistence purposes.

Treaty Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery

Season: 6:00 AM Monday August 1 to 6:00 PM Saturday August 13, 2016

Area: Bonneville Pool.

Sanctuaries: Standard sanctuaries applicable to setline gear.

Gear: Setline gear. Fisheries are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks.

It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.

Allowable Sales: Sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence use.

Sturgeon within the legal size limit, and caught in the Zone 6 platform and hook and line fishery or Yakama Nation tributary fisheries, may be sold if caught when the Bonneville Pool setline fishery is open.

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

Per OAR 635-041-0060: Sturgeon must be delivered to wholesale fish dealers, canners, or fish buyers undressed (in the round), and it is unlawful to:

- Remove eggs from the body cavity of sturgeon until the fish is sold;
- Purchase from commercial fisher's sturgeon eggs which have been removed from the body cavity prior to sale.

• **The following Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:**

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

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

Columbia River Fall Chinook Recreational Fisheries

- Effective August 1 through December 31, 2016 in the mainstem Columbia River from Buoy 10 upstream to Bonneville Dam, and when Chinook mark-selective regulations are in place: a hatchery Chinook is defined as having a clipped adipose fin or a clipped left ventral fin. Either clip must have a healed scar at the location of the clipped fin.
- All other permanent regulations in the 2016 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 11 AM Tuesday August 9, 2016 via teleconference to consider treaty Indian fisheries. A Compact hearing may be scheduled the week of August 15 to consider non-Indian commercial seine fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the July 27, 2016 Fall Fact Sheets #1 and #1a at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp