
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

January 30, 2018

Compact Action

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

Non-Treaty Fisheries

Mainstem Columbia River Commercial Smelt Fishery

- Adopted a season as follows:

Season: Mondays and Thursdays from 7 AM – 2 PM (7 hours) from February 1 through February 26, 2018 (8 days).

Area: Zones 1–3.

Gear: Gill net only. Specifications per permanent regulations.

Allowable Sales: Smelt

Reporting Rules: Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.

24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180.

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 7)

- Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

6 AM Monday February 5 – 6 AM Tuesday February 6	(24 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 7	(12 hours)
6 AM Thursday February 8 – 6 AM Friday February 9	(24 hours)
6 AM Monday February 12 – 6 AM Tuesday February 13	(24 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 14	(12 hours)
6 AM Thursday February 15 – 6 AM Friday February 16	(24 hours)
6 AM Monday February 19 – 6 AM Tuesday February 20	(24 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 21	(12 hours)
6 AM Thursday February 22 – 6 AM Friday February 23	(24 hours)
6 AM Monday February 26 – 6 AM Tuesday February 27	(24 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday February 28	(12 hours)
6 AM Thursday March 1 – 6 AM Friday March 2	(24 hours)

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery continued

6 AM – 6 PM Monday March 5	(12 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Wednesday March 7	(12 hours)
6 AM – 6 PM Thursday March 8	(12 hours)
4 PM – 8 PM Monday March 12	(4 hours)
5 PM – 9 PM Wednesday March 14	(4 hours)
6 PM – 10 PM Thursday March 15	(4 hours)
8 AM – noon Monday March 19	(4 hours)
9 AM – 1 PM Wednesday March 21	(4 hours)
10 AM – 2 PM Thursday March 22	(4 hours)
3 PM – 7 PM Monday March 26	(4 hours)

Spring Season

9 PM Thursday April 19 – 1 AM Friday April 20	(4 hours)
2 PM – 6 PM Tuesday April 24	(4 hours)
4 PM – 8 PM Thursday April 26	(4 hours)
7 PM – 11 PM Monday April 30	(4 hours)
8 AM – noon Wednesday May 2	(4 hours)
9 AM – 1 PM Thursday May 3	(4 hours)
Noon – 4 PM Monday May 7	(4 hours)
1 PM – 5 PM Tuesday May 8	(4 hours)
2 PM – 6 PM Wednesday May 9	(4 hours)
3 PM – 7 PM Thursday May 10	(4 hours)
Noon Monday May 14 – noon Friday May 18	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 21 – noon Friday May 25	(4 days)
Noon Monday May 28 – noon Friday June 1	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 4 – noon Friday June 8	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 11 – noon Friday June 15	(4 days)

Summer Season

Noon Monday June 18 – noon Friday June 22	(4 days)
Noon Monday June 25 – noon Friday June 29	(4 days)
Noon Monday July 2 – noon Thursday July 5	(3 days)
Noon Tuesday July 10 – noon Thursday July 12	(2 days)
Noon Tuesday July 17 – noon Thursday July 19	(2 days)
Noon Tuesday July 24 – noon Thursday July 26	(2 days)

Area: The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as those waters of Youngs Bay southeasterly of the Highway 101 Bridge, the Walluski River downstream of Highway 202 Bridge, the Lewis and Clark River downstream of the powerlines located approximately 500 feet southwesterly of Barret Slough, and the Youngs River downstream of the regulatory markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers. During the winter season, the upstream boundary in the Lewis and Clark River is the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge (Lewis and Clark Bridge).

Gear Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom.

Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.

Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed in Youngs Bay upstream of markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River, in the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge, and in the Lewis and Clark River upstream of the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge.

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

- Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Tongue Point and South Channel	Monday February 5 – Tuesday February 6	(1 night)
	Thursday February 8 – Friday February 9	(1 night)
	Monday February 12 – Tuesday February 13	(1 night)
	Thursday February 15 – Friday February 16	(1 night)
	Monday February 19 – Tuesday February 20	(1 night)
	Thursday February 22 – Friday February 23	(1 night)
	Monday February 26 – Tuesday February 27	(1 night)
	Thursday March 1 – Friday March 2	(1 night)
	Monday March 5 – Tuesday March 6	(1 night)
	Thursday March 8 – Friday March 9	(1 night)

5 PM – 9 PM Monday March 12 (4 hours)

South Channel only	Thursday March 15 – Friday March 16	(1 night)
	Monday March 19 – Tuesday March 20	(1 night)
	Thursday March 22 – Friday March 23	(1 night)

Spring Season

Tongue Point and South Channel	10 PM Thursday April 19 – 2 AM Friday April 20	(4 hours)
	3 PM – 7 PM Tuesday April 24	(4 hours)
	5 PM – 9 PM Thursday April 26	(4 hours)

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Monday April 30 – Tuesday May 1	(1 night)
Thursday May 3 – Friday May 4	(1 night)
Monday May 7 – Tuesday May 8	(1 night)
Thursday May 10 – Friday May 11	(1 night)
Monday May 14 – Tuesday May 15	(1 night)
Thursday May 17 – Friday May 18	(1 night)
Monday May 21 – Tuesday May 22	(1 night)

Tongue Point/South Channel Commercial Salmon Fishery continued

Thursday May 24 – Friday May 25	(1 night)
Monday May 28 – Tuesday May 29	(1 night)
Thursday May 31 – Friday June 1	(1 night)
Monday June 4 – Tuesday June 5	(1 night)
Thursday June 7 – Friday June 8	(1 night)
Monday June 11 – Tuesday June 12	(1 night)
Thursday June 14 – Friday June 15	(1 night)

Summer Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Monday June 18 – Tuesday June 19	(1 night)
Thursday June 21 – Friday June 22	(1 night)
Monday June 25 – Tuesday June 26	(1 night)
Thursday June 28 – Friday June 29	(1 night)

Area: The Tongue Point Select Area during the winter, spring, and summer seasons is defined as those waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a point at the end of the southern-most (upstream) pier (Pier #1) at the Tongue Point Job Corps facility projecting in a straight line through the flashing red USCG light “6” to the shore of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker (46.18270 degrees N, -123.74313 degrees W) located on the Oregon shore 500 feet north of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island.

South Channel: The South Channel Select Area is defined as those waters of South Channel bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light “10” then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.

Gear:
Tongue Point: Net restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. **Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have un-stored gillnets legal for use in South Channel onboard.**

South Channel: Nets restricted to maximum length of 250 fathoms with no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

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

- Adopted seasons as follows:

Winter Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough	Monday February 5 – Tuesday February 6	(1 night)
	Wednesday February 7 – Thursday February 8	(1 night)
	Thursday February 8 – Friday February 9	(1 night)

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery continued

Monday February 12 – Tuesday February 13	(1 night)
Wednesday February 14 – Thursday February 15	(1 night)
Thursday February 15 – Friday February 16	(1 night)
Monday February 19 – Tuesday February 20	(1 night)
Wednesday February 21 – Thursday February 22	(1 night)
Thursday February 22 – Friday February 23	(1 night)
Monday February 26 – Tuesday February 27	(1 night)
Wednesday February 28 – Thursday March 1	(1 night)
Thursday March 1 – Friday March 2	(1 night)
Monday March 5 – Tuesday March 6	(1 night)
Wednesday March 7 – Thursday March 8	(1 night)
Thursday March 8 – Friday March 9	(1 night)
Monday March 12 – Tuesday March 13	(1 night)
Wednesday March 14 – Thursday March 15	(1 night)
Thursday March 15 – Friday March 16	(1 night)
Monday March 19 – Tuesday March 20	(1 night)
Wednesday March 21 – Thursday March 22	(1 night)
Thursday March 22 – Friday March 23	(1 night)
6 PM – 10 PM Monday March 26	(4 hours)
7 PM – 11 PM Thursday March 29	(4 hours)
10 PM Monday April 2 – 2 AM Tuesday April 3	(4 hours)

Spring Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

**Blind Slough and
Knappa Slough**

Thursday April 19 – Friday April 20	(1 night)
Tuesday April 24 – Wednesday April 25	(1 night)
Thursday April 26 – Friday April 27	(1 night)
Monday April 30 – Tuesday May 1	(1 night)
Wednesday May 2 – Thursday May 3	(1 night)
Thursday May 3 – Friday May 4	(1 night)
Monday May 7 – Tuesday May 8	(1 night)
Wednesday May 9 – Thursday May 10	(1 night)
Thursday May 10 – Friday May 11	(1 night)
Monday May 14 – Tuesday May 15	(1 night)
Wednesday May 16 – Thursday May 17	(1 night)
Thursday May 17 – Friday May 18	(1 night)
Monday May 21 – Tuesday May 22	(1 night)
Wednesday May 23 – Thursday May 24	(1 night)
Thursday May 24 – Friday May 25	(1 night)
Monday May 28 – Tuesday May 29	(1 night)
Wednesday May 30 – Thursday May 31	(1 night)
Thursday May 31 – Friday June 1	(1 night)
Monday June 4 – Tuesday June 5	(1 night)
Wednesday June 6 – Thursday June 7	(1 night)
Thursday June 7 – Friday June 8	(1 night)

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Commercial Salmon Fishery continued

Monday June 11 – Tuesday June 12 (1 night)
Wednesday June 13 – Thursday June 14 (1 night)
Thursday June 14 – Friday June 15 (1 night)

Summer Season

Open 7 PM to 7 AM (12 hours) on the following nights:

Blind Slough and Knappa Slough Monday June 18 – Tuesday June 19 (1 night)
Thursday June 21 – Friday June 22 (1 night)
Monday June 25 – Tuesday June 26 (1 night)
Thursday June 28 – Friday June 29 (1 night)

Area:
Blind Slough: The Blind Slough Select Area is defined as those waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line formed by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge.

Knappa Slough: The Knappa Slough Select Area is defined as those waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a north-south line projecting through the easternmost tip of Minaker Island and markers on Karlson Island and the Oregon shore.

The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.

Beginning April 30, the lower boundary of the Knappa Slough Select Area is extended westerly (downstream) to a boundary line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore (fall boundary).

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

Note: Catch reporting codes have been established for Blind Slough and Knappa Slough to facilitate separation of landings and sampling for winter and spring fisheries.

In accordance with OAR 635-006-0210(2)(h) and WACs 220-69-2301(1)(i) and 220-22-010(9)(a-b), commercial fishers are expected, and fish dealers are required, to report landings for winter-spring fisheries in Knappa and Blind Slough separately.

Fish dealers are requested to keep harvest from these two sites separate to aid in sampling.

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

- Gear:** 7-inch minimum mesh size restriction is in effect during winter seasons.
9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction is in effect during spring and summer seasons.
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.
- Miscellaneous Regulations:** Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.
- Reporting Rules:** Oregon buyers are required to submit fish receiving tickets electronically pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210.
24-hour quick reporting is required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180 where applicable.
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Treaty Indian Fisheries

Winter Commercial Gillnet Fisheries

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Season:	6 AM Thursday February 1 through 6 PM Friday February 16 (15.5 days)
Area:	The Dalles and John Day pools only
Gear:	Gillnets (no minimum mesh restriction).
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), sturgeon, steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Only sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length may be sold or kept for subsistence use.

Platform and Hook and Line Fishery

- Allowed commercial sales of fish landed in the following fisheries:

Season:	6 AM Thursday February 1 through 6 PM Wednesday March 21 (48.5 days)
Area:	All of Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop nets, dip nets, and hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (all species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence use. Sturgeon between 43-54 inches in fork length in The Dalles and John Day pools and sturgeon between 38-54 inches in fork length in Bonneville Pool may be sold only if caught during open commercial gillnet periods for that pool, or may be kept for subsistence use.

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- **The following Sanctuaries, Allowable Sales, and Washington Reporting Rule applies to all Treaty Indian seasons adopted above:**

Sanctuaries:	Standard dam and river mouth sanctuaries applicable to the fisheries above are in effect.
Allowable Sales:	Fish landed during an open commercial period may be sold after the period concludes.
Washington Reporting Rule:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington wholesale dealers, per WAC 220-352-180 except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

Joint State Action

The states of Oregon and Washington discussed the following recreational fisheries and took the following actions:

Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

Bonneville Pool

- Effective 12:01 AM Sunday February 4, 2018 the retention of white sturgeon in the mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries, is prohibited.

John Day Pool

- Effective 12:01 AM Monday February 12, 2018 the retention of white sturgeon in the mainstem Columbia River from John Day Dam upstream to McNary Dam and adjacent tributaries is prohibited.

For all recreational sturgeon fisheries, catch limits, seasonal sturgeon spawning sanctuary closures, and other restrictions in the 2018 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 Compact hearing will likely occur during the week of February 12, 2018 via teleconference to consider Treaty winter commercial fisheries.
- A Compact/Joint State hearing is scheduled for 10 AM Wednesday February 21, 2018 at the Shilo Inn (11707 NE Airport Way, Portland, Oregon 97220) to consider Treaty winter commercial fisheries and mainstem recreational spring Chinook fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the January 30, 2018 Winter Fact Sheets #1a and 1b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp