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# Columbia River Fishery Notice

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Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

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## Compact Action

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

### Select Area Fisheries

The following fisheries were considered by the Columbia River Compact 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 the following winter season periods:

**Youngs Bay** 4 PM – 8 PM Thursday April 12 (4 hours)

**Area:** Open area is Youngs Bay **upstream of the Old Youngs Bay Bridge (Alternate Highway 101 Bridge)**, Youngs River downstream of regulatory markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers, and the Walluski River downstream of the Highway 202 Bridge.

**Youngs Bay** 7 PM – 11 PM Monday April 16 (4 hours)

**Area:** Open area is Youngs Bay/River upstream of the overhead powerlines located approximately 500 yards northwesterly (downstream) of the Walluski River mouth, the Walluski River downstream of the Highway 202 Bridge, and the Youngs River downstream of the regulatory markers at the confluence of the Klaskanine and Youngs rivers (**Walluski Area**).

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

- Adopted the following winter season periods:

**South Channel** 11 PM Thursday April 12 – 3 AM Friday April 13 (4 hours)

**only** 8:30 PM Monday April 16 – 12:30 AM Tuesday April 17 (4 hours)

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

- Adopted the following winter season periods:

**Blind Slough** 7 PM Thursday April 12 – 7 AM Friday April 13 (12 hours)

**only** 7 PM Monday April 16 – 7 AM Tuesday April 17 (12 hours)

#### ***Select Area Commercial Salmon Fisheries***

- Modified the allowable sales for all Select Area sites:

Effective April 19, 2018, a maximum of **two** white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The **two** white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.

- All other regulations previously adopted on January 30, 2018 remain in effect. Permanent regulations including rules related to transportation and lighted buoys remain in effect.

## Joint State Action

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

### ***Lower Columbia River Recreational Spring Chinook Fishery***

- Adopted the following recreational fishery downstream of Bonneville Dam.

**Dates:** Saturday April 14, 2018

**Area:** Buoy 10 upstream to Beacon Rock (boat and bank) plus bank only from Beacon Rock upstream to Bonneville Dam deadline.

Legal upstream boat boundary defined as: “A deadline marker on the Oregon bank (approximately four miles downstream from Bonneville Dam Powerhouse One) in a straight line through the western tip of Pierce Island to a deadline marker on the Washington bank at Beacon Rock.”

**Catch Limits:** Two adult adipose fin-clipped salmonids (Chinook, coho, or steelhead only) per day, only one of which may be a Chinook.

**Additional Regulations:** Effective through Tuesday May 15, 2018, the mainstem Columbia River will be open for retention of adipose fin-clipped steelhead from Buoy 10 to the Highway 395 Bridge and shad from Buoy 10 to Bonneville Dam only during days and in areas open for retention of adipose fin-clipped spring Chinook.

Effective through Friday June 15, 2018, on days when the mainstem Columbia River recreational fishery below Bonneville Dam is open to retention of Chinook, the salmonid daily bag limit in Oregon and Washington Select Areas will be the same as mainstem Columbia River bag limits. On days when the mainstem Columbia River fishery is closed to Chinook retention, permanent salmonid bag limit regulations for Select Areas apply.

- All other permanent regulations in the 2018 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations pamphlet remain in effect, including catch limits for jack salmon.

### ***Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries***

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

#### **Below Wauna Powerlines**

<b>Season:</b>	Monday May 14, Wednesday May 16, Saturday May 19, 2018	3 days
	Monday May 21, Wednesday May 23, Saturday May 26, 2018	3 days
	Monday May 28, Wednesday May 30, Saturday June 2, 2018	3 days
	Monday June 4, 2018	1 day

**Area:** Mainstem Columbia River from the Wauna powerlines downstream to the mouth at Buoy 10, including Youngs Bay, and all adjacent Washington tributaries

**Allowable Catch:** Up to 2,960 white sturgeon.

Legal size: 44-inch minimum and 50-inch maximum fork length.

(Fork length is measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the fork in the caudal fin (tail) with the fish laying on its side on a flat surface, with the tape measure/ruler positioned flat under the fish).

The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish.

Retention of green sturgeon is prohibited.

**Additional Regulations:** On days open to white sturgeon retention, angling for sturgeon (including catch and release) is prohibited after **2 PM**.

### **Bonneville Pool**

- Adopted the following recreational white sturgeon fishery in the Bonneville Pool:

**Season:** Friday June 15, 2018 1 day

**Area:** Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to The Dalles Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

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.

**Allowable Catch:** White sturgeon between 38-inches and 54-inches fork length.  
The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish.

### **The Dalles Pool**

- Adopted the following recreational white sturgeon fishery in The Dalles Pool:

**Season:** Friday June 15, 2018 1 day

**Area:** Mainstem Columbia River from The Dalles Dam upstream to the John Day Dam, including adjacent tributaries.

Angling for sturgeon prohibited during May through July from John Day Dam downstream 2.4 miles to a line crossing the Columbia at a right angle to the thread of the river from the west end of the grain silo at Rufus, Oregon.

**Allowable Catch:** White sturgeon between 43-inches and 54-inches fork length.  
The daily bag limit is one fish. The annual bag limit is two fish.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

- No hearings are scheduled at this time. The Joint Staff will recommend additional hearings as needed.
- For information concerning these decisions see the April 11, 2018 Winter Fact Sheet #7 at: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp)