
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

June 28, 2018

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 fishery:

Summer Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season: 6:00 AM Monday July 2 to 6:00 PM Friday July 6 (4½ days)

Area: All of Zone 6.

Gear: Set and drift gill nets. 7-inch 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 (all species), 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 220-352-180, except landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

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:

Blind Slough (Zone 74) and Knappa Slough (Zone 73) Commercial Fisheries

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Monday July 2 to 7 AM Tuesday July 3	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 5 to 7 AM Friday July 6	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 9 to 7 AM Tuesday July 10	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 12 to 7 AM Friday July 13	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 16 to 7 AM Tuesday July 17	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 19 to 7 AM Friday July 20	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 23 to 7 AM Tuesday July 24	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 26 to 7 AM Friday July 27	(12 hours)

Areas: *Blind Slough*

The Blind Slough 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 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 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.

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

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 Fishery (Zone 71)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

Periods:	7 PM Monday July 2 to 7 AM Tuesday July 3	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 5 to 7 AM Friday July 6	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 9 to 7 AM Tuesday July 10	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 12 to 7 AM Friday July 13	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 16 to 7 AM Tuesday July 17	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 19 to 7 AM Friday July 20	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday July 23 to 7 AM Tuesday July 24	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday July 26 to 7 AM Friday July 27	(12 hours)

Areas: *Tongue Point*

The Tongue Point Area is defined as those waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker (located at 46.20863 degrees N, -123.75944 degrees W) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light "3" on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island 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 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: 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 applies to all Select Area commercial seasons adopted above:

Gear: 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction.

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.

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of **three** 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 white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

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

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

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

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 7)

- Effective July 2, 2018 modified the allowable sales for the Youngs Bay Select Area Fishery (modification in **bold**):

Allowable Sales: Salmon, white sturgeon and shad. A maximum of **three** 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 white sturgeon possession and sales limit applies to all Select Area fisheries.

Joint State Action

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

Mainstem Columbia River Recreational Fishery

- Modified the following ongoing summer recreational fisheries (modifications in **bold**):

Downstream of Bonneville Dam

Dates: Sunday July 1, 2018 through Tuesday July 31, 2018

Area: Mainstem Columbia River from the Astoria Megler Bridge upstream to Bonneville Dam

Catch Limits: **Retention of adult Chinook is prohibited. Retention of sockeye is allowed.** The daily bag limit is two adult fish (hatchery steelhead and sockeye). All sockeye are considered adults and must be recorded as adults on the combined angling tag.

Bonneville Dam upstream to Oregon/Washington Border

- Dates:** Sunday July 1, 2018 through Tuesday July 31, 2018
- Area:** Mainstem Columbia River from Bonneville Dam upstream to the OR/WA Border (upstream of McNary Dam).
- Catch Limits:** **Retention of sockeye is allowed.** The daily bag limit is two adult fish (hatchery Chinook, hatchery steelhead, and sockeye). All sockeye are considered adults and must be recorded as adults on the combined angling tag.

All other permanent angling regulations described in the "2018 Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations Pamphlet" remain in effect, including bag limits for hatchery jack Chinook.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact hearings are currently scheduled.
- For information concerning these decisions see the June 28, 2018 Summer Fact Sheet #1 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp