
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

September 18, 2018

Compact Action

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

Treaty Indian Fisheries

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

Fall Commercial Gillnet Fishery

Season:	6 AM Wednesday September 19 to 6 PM Saturday September 22 (3½ days)
Area:	All of Zone 6.
Sanctuaries:	All standard river mouth and dam sanctuaries applicable to gillnet gear in effect, including the Spring Creek Hatchery sanctuary (1.5 miles downstream to 1 mile upstream of the hatchery ladder).
Gear:	Set and drift gillnets with an 8-inch minimum mesh size restriction 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 buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that 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:

Youngs Bay Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 70)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing period:

Period:	6 PM Sunday September 23 to Noon Wednesday October 31 (38 days)
Area:	The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as those waters of Youngs Bay southeasterly (upstream) of the Highway 101 Bridge, the Walluski River downstream of the 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 marker located at the mouth of Battle Creek Slough.

If the marker at Battle Creek Slough is not in place, the boundary is defined by a line projecting northeasterly from a point (46.10988 degrees N, -123.79501 degrees W) on the south bank of Youngs River immediately downstream of the mouth of Battle Creek Slough to a point (46.11156 degrees N, -123.79357 degrees W) located on the northern bank of Youngs River.

Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction.

Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed 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 4.

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

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

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

Periods:	Monday October 1 - Friday October 5	(4 nights)
	Monday October 8 - Friday October 12	(4 nights)
	Monday October 15 - Friday October 19	(4 nights)
	Monday October 22 - Friday October 26	(4 nights)

Areas: *Tongue Point*

The Tongue Point Area is defined as those waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker (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 300 yards northwest 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: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms.

In the Tongue Point fishing area: weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have un-stored gillnets legal for the South Channel fishing area onboard their fishing vessel.

In the South Channel fishing area: no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

See additional Gear Regulations, Allowable Sales, and Reporting Rules on page 4.

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

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

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

Period: Sunday September 23 - Friday September 28 (5 nights)

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

Periods: Monday October 1 - Friday October 5 (4 nights)

Monday October 8 - Friday October 12 (4 nights)

Monday October 15 - Friday October 19 (4 nights)

Monday October 22 - Friday October 26 (4 nights)

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: Gillnets with a 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Maximum net length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed.

See additional Gear Regulations, Allowable Sales, and Reporting Rules on page 4.

Deep River Commercial Salmon Fishery (Zone 80)

- Adopted the following commercial fishing periods:

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

Period: Sunday September 23 - Friday September 28 (5 nights)

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

Periods: Monday October 1 - Friday October 5 (4 nights)

Monday October 8 - Friday October 12 (4 nights)

Area: The Deep River fishing area includes all waters of Deep River from West Deep River Road Bridge at the town of Deep River downstream to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 projecting southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.

Gear: Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet 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 that conflict with it.

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- **The following applies to all Select Area commercial seasons adopted above:**

Gear: 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 fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.

Allowable Sales: Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of six 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 includes all Select Area fisheries.

Reporting Rules: 24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets 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.

Joint State Action

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

Select Area Recreational Salmon Fisheries

- Effective Monday September 24, 2018, Select Area recreational fisheries in Youngs Bay, Blind/Knappa sloughs, and Deep River will reopen to retention of Chinook and hatchery Coho salmon under permanent regulations.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- No additional Compact or Joint State hearings are scheduled at this time.
- For information concerning these decisions see the September 18, 2018 Fall Fact Sheets #6a and 6b at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp