
Columbia River Fishery Notice

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

March 28, 2019

Compact Action

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

Select Area Fisheries

Select Area Commercial Salmon Fisheries

- Modified the allowable sales for all Select Area sites effective **April 1, 2019**. Modification in **bold**:

Allowable Sales: Salmon (except chum) and shad. **A maximum of four 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 four white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.**

Blind Slough (Zone 74) Commercial Salmon Fishery

- Modified previously adopted winter season periods for April 1-12 in Blind Slough. Modifications in **bold** as follows:

Blind Slough only	7 PM Monday April 1 – 7 AM Tuesday April 2	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday April 4 – 7 AM Friday April 5	(12 hours)
	7 PM Monday April 8 – 7 AM Tuesday April 9	(12 hours)
	7 PM Thursday April 11 – 7 AM Friday April 12	(12 hours)

- All other regulations previously adopted on January 29, 2019 remain in effect, including open dates and hours for the Knappa Slough commercial salmon fishery. 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:

Recreational White Sturgeon Fisheries

- Modified the permanent regulations as follows:

Below Wauna Powerlines

Season:	Monday May 13, Wednesday May 15, Saturday May 18, 2019	3 days
	Monday May 20, Wednesday May 22, Saturday May 25, 2019	3 days
	Monday May 27, Wednesday May 29, Saturday June 1, 2019	3 days
	Monday June 3, Wednesday June 5, 2019	2 days

- 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**.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing is scheduled for 1 PM April 1, 2019 via teleconference to consider Select Area commercial fisheries.
- For information concerning these decisions see the March 28, 2019 Winter Fact Sheet #8 at: http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/fact_sheets.asp